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GOOD MORNING!!

With this issue THE PIONEER steps into the journalistic arena and bids the craft and the public a pleasant GOOD MORNING. We don't come to fill a long felt want, but with us this is purely a business venture. We have not taken this step on account of our health, as we were enjoying the best of health prior to this time. Our aim is to be fair and impartial with all, not forgetting our friends, or, enemies either if we have any of the latter. In politics we shall be Republican but not hide bound. We shall hew to line let chips fall where they may.

We shall use political parties as [a club] to beat down the prejudices in our way, should we have to resort to "13 inch guns" to accomplish the desired end. We believe in the present Single Gold Standard and are opposed to the free and unlimited coinage of silver at the ratio of 16 to 1.

To the brethren of the Craft, Let us dwell together in peace and harmony, and work for the [upbuilding] of our city and Territory[.] p. 2 col. 1



"Milly Francis was the daughter of the Creek chief Hillis Hadjo. During the Florida War of 1817 fifteen year old Milly by her pleas saved the life of a young military officer Duncan McKrimmon whom they were about to kill. She later declined his offer of marriage. Congress by special act in 1844 awarded her a pension and a medal. She came with the Creeks to this country. She died in poverty in 1848 and is buried somewhere in the vicinity. In appreciation of her compassion and humanity this stone is erected by the senior class of 1933."

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Francis Donelson of the Bacone College Library

*Francis family***Milly Francis**

Submitted by Linda Stout

Malee "Milly" Francis is one of history's unsung heroines. She was the daughter of Josiah Francis, also known as Hillis Harjo, or the Creek Prophet. He was forced to leave his home in the Alabama Territory at the end of the Creek War of 1813-1814 and established a new town on the Wakulla River near Fort St. Marks in Florida. It is said that his mother was Creek and his father was a white man but he always considered himself to be Indian and was an advocate of war against the white man.

In 1818 Andrew Jackson led his army into Spanish Florida to campaign against the Seminoles. While near Fort Gadsden in the spring of that year one of his soldiers, a young Georgia militia private named Duncan McKrimmon, got lost while fishing. He was captured by members of the Prophet's group and taken to their town to be executed. The Prophet's daughter, Milly, took pity on him and pled for mercy from her father. He reluctantly agreed and instead of being killed, Private McKrimmon was sold to the Spaniards for seven and a half gallons of rum and later released.

The Prophet was captured by General Jackson's forces and hanged in April of 1818. The rest of his band, including Milly, became refugees at Fort Gadsden. Private McKrimmon traveled there to offer marriage in gratitude for saving his life, but she would not accept his proposal. She and her family were eventually removed to the west during the Trail of Tears and found themselves near Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, in January, 1837.

Col. Ethan Allen Hitchcock was visiting the Creeks and Cherokees in 1842 for the purpose of investigating frauds. He had heard Millie's story and was able to locate and interview her prior to her death. By that time she was widowed with only three of her eight children still living, and was destitute. Col. Hitchcock was convinced of the truth of the stories he had heard about Millie and solicited the U. S. House of Representatives to grant her a \$96 annual pension for the remainder of her life. The House finally passed the legislation and also authorized a gold medal for Millie to commemorate her deeds in saving Pvt. McKrimmon. She was the first woman voted a special Medical of Honor by the U. S. Congress. Unfortunately, it took four years for the pension to be issued and she received it on her deathbed. The medal was never struck.

Millie died in 1848 and is buried in an unmarked grave, possibly in the Jobe family plot north of Muskogee. Bacone College has a commemorative stone marker on their grounds placed there by the students May 7, 1934. The inscription reads:

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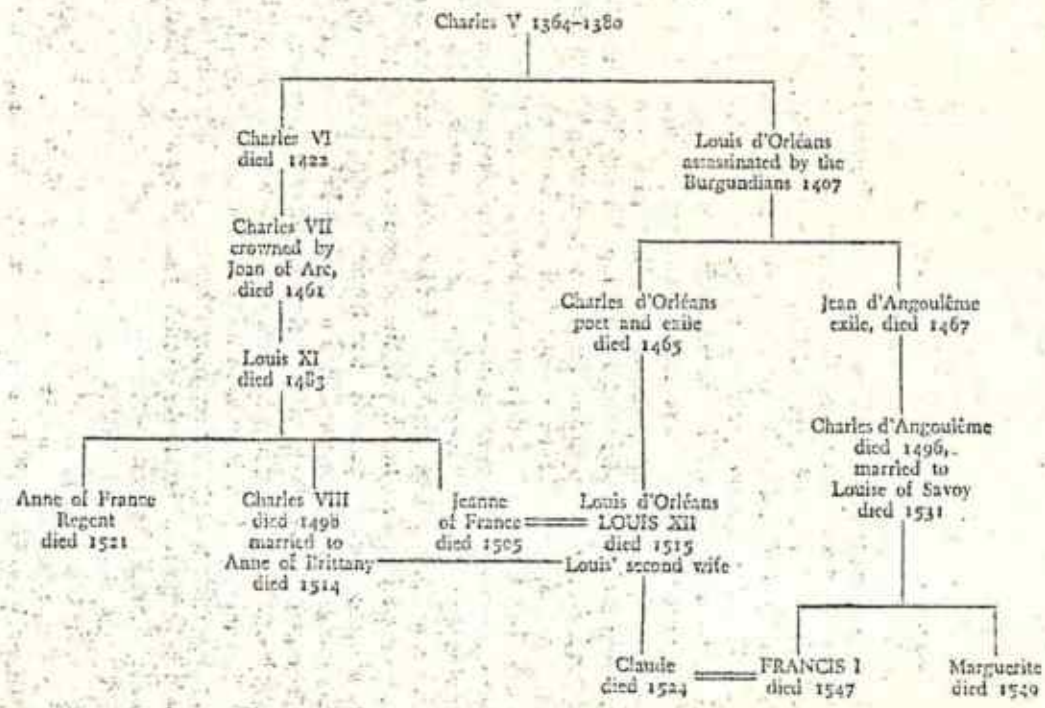
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By Francis Hackett



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A ridge runs through French history between yesterday and today. On the far side the Norman Kings, the Hundred Years' War, and Joan of Arc. On the near side is the national military state. It was Louis XI who made the watershed.

The national state, what Machiavelli was to call the Principality, the thing formed by a prince, was destined to come into existence everywhere. Once a keen observer saw the first ridge formed by Louis XI he might have foreseen Maximilian and Ferdinand. The core in each case was a dynast, stimulating war and promoting martial efficiency. But where France would become as true a national state as Spain or England, sprouting its national literature, growing its national army, and in a sense budding a national Church, the condition east of the Rhine was so complicated by the Holy Roman Empire that the Habsburgs opposed to France not a true national state, but a congeries of alliances. One glance at the Habsburg family tree shows the nature of the difficulties that would surround Francis I.

