

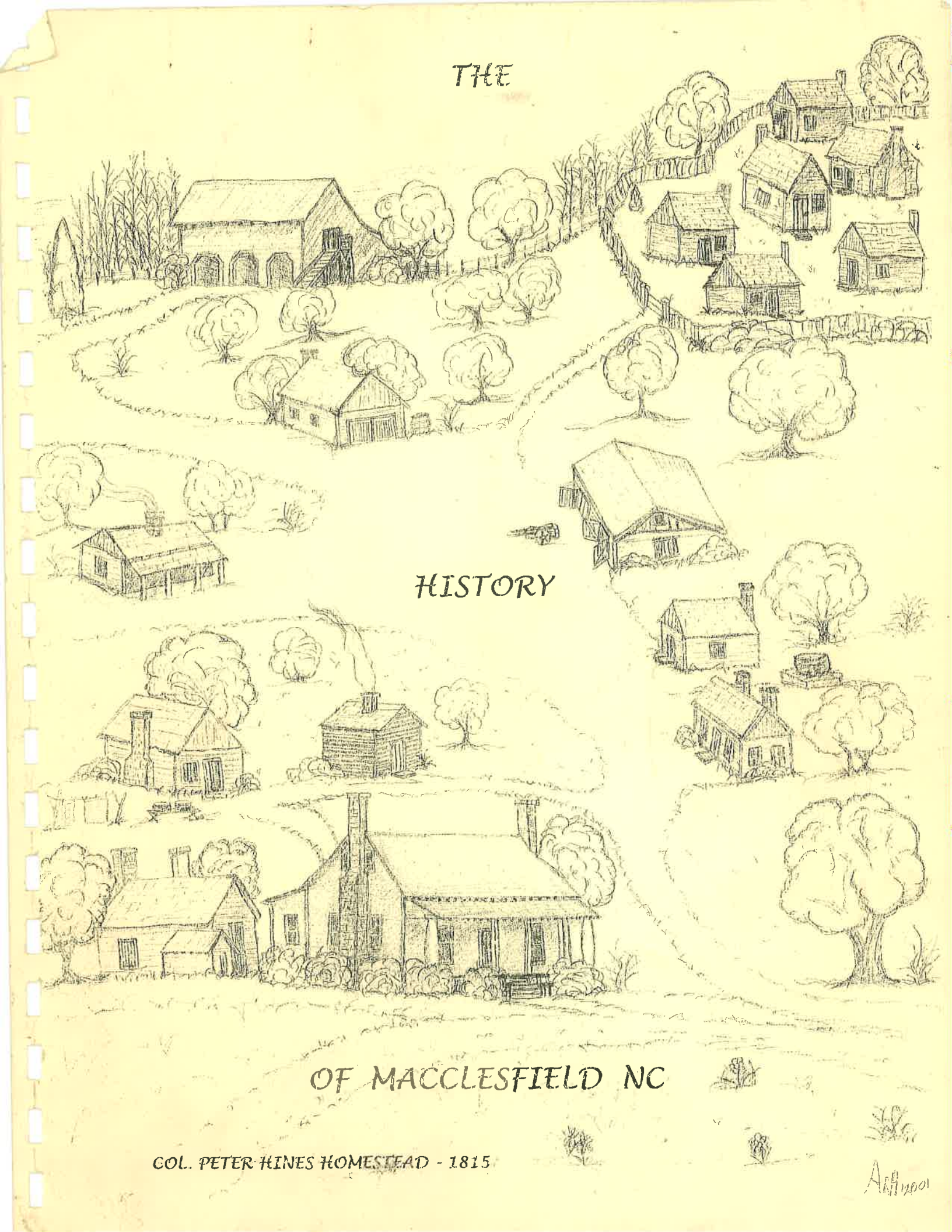
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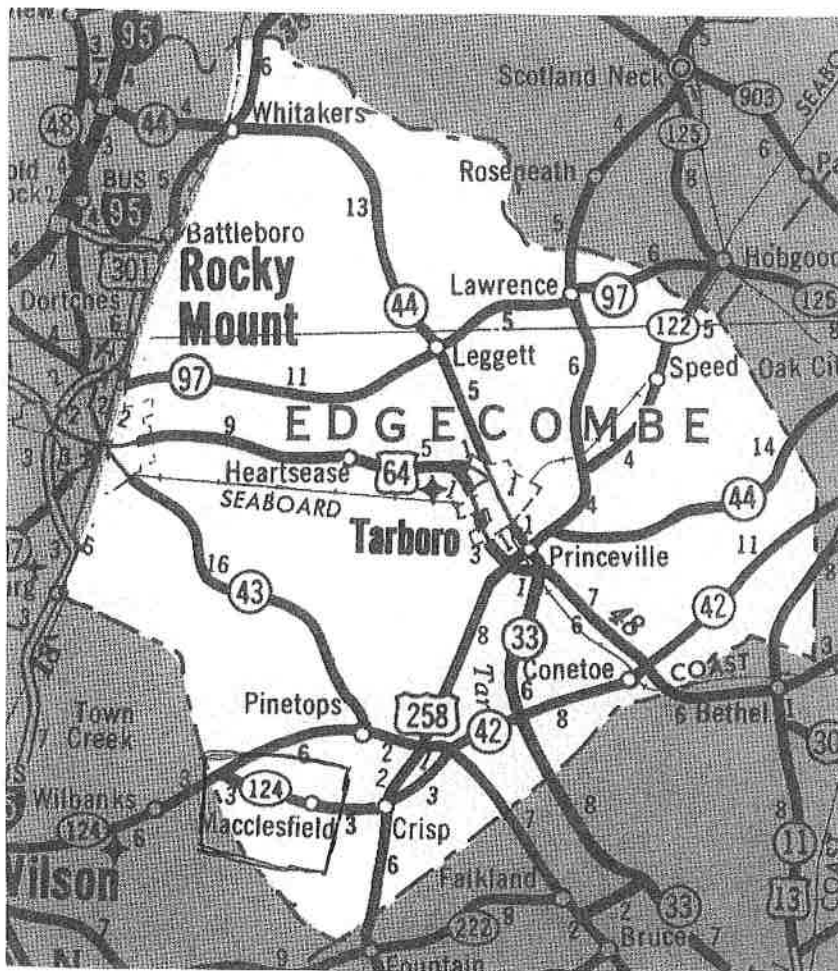


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## DEDICATION

We would like to dedicate this book to all of our Ancestors, who have lived in Macclesfield and the surrounding community.

It is hard to prepare a history without going back to the early settlers in this area. I am impressed anew with the people in the great movement in history and the importance of our free world. Not only the Declaration of Independence and the War of the Revolution, but of our early settlers who struggled in the wilderness because they were determined to be free, thereby giving us a better land and life.

The early churches of our country also played an important part in our struggle for liberty, and although many of their preachers had little education, they were devout and their patriotism firm. They kept the fires of independence aflame, for they realized that there could be no freedom of religion without political freedom and the two must go hand in hand.

The earlier churches in this area were, one on Toisnot established in 1757 and one on Lower Town Creek established in 1777, and another on Autrey's Creek in 1805.

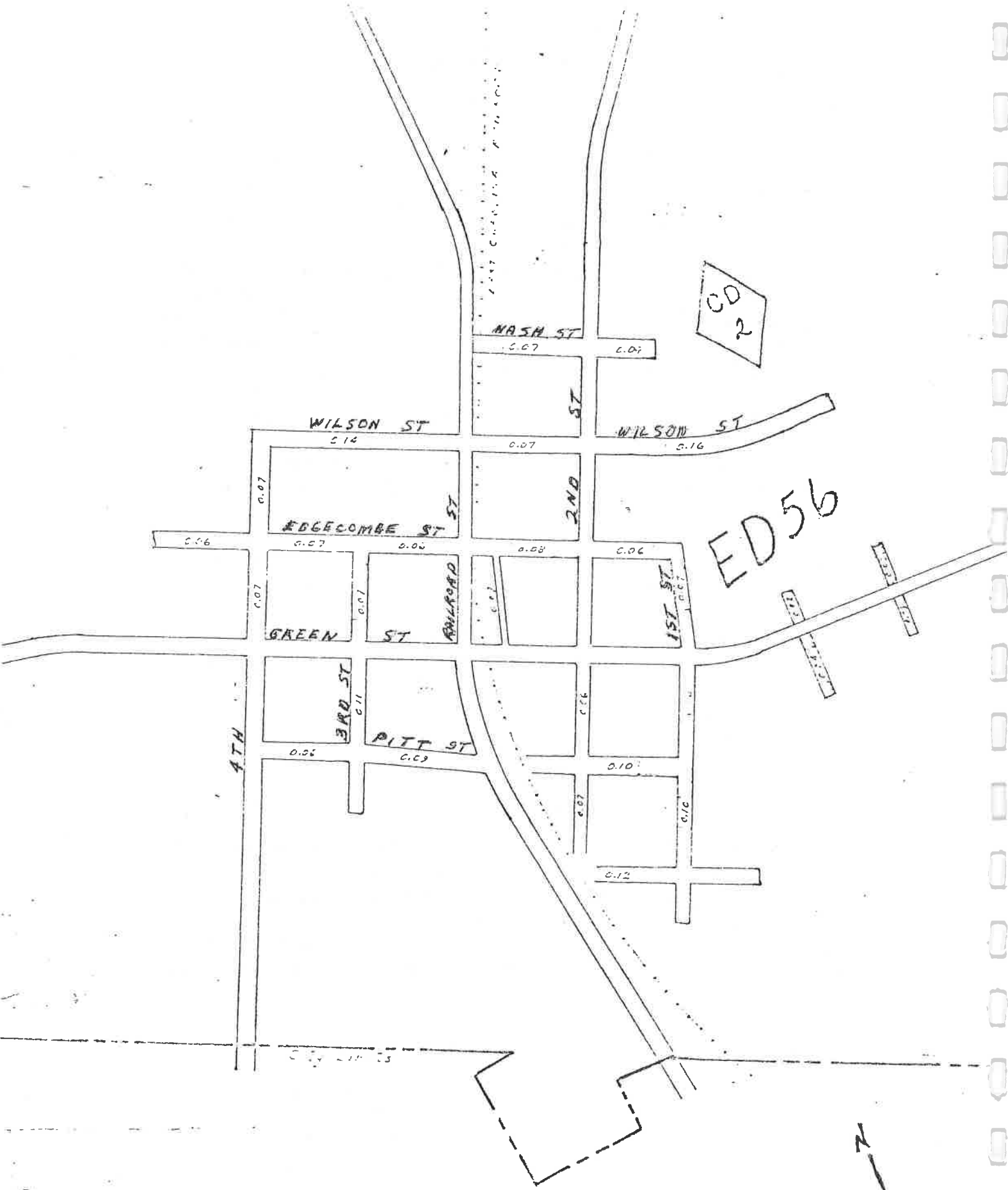
So be proud of your ancestors. Be proud of their ambitions and integrity, whatever trade they chose, for they were patriots who made this country and nation great.

### Appreciation

We would like to express our sincerest thanks and appreciation to the many people who have helped us with this book. To those who furnished pictures, written articles, proof-read, provided funding and have given us information, cooperation and encouragement; your help and support has made our task much easier.

We have tried to provide the most accurate information that was available. If we have made any mistakes they were unintentional. We have enjoyed bringing this book to you and hope that you get much enjoyment from it.

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**“ The First Hundred Years “**

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1749 - John Stokes and Jacob Evans received land grants that took up the land where Macclesfield is situated today.

1763 - John Stokes purchased more land in the surrounding area of the present Macclesfield Community. His land totaled about 2000 acres, stretching from present day 124 highway west to Bynum Mill Swamp, south to Handy Corner, east to Autrey's Creek on the Fountain highway, north east to Lucille Lamb's farm on Webb's Chapel road between Handy Corner and Crisp NC. He lived on what is the Lamb farm today.

1776 - Revolutionary War and Independence Day for the Colonies. Several of the settlers that came to live in the community fought in the Revolutionary War before they came here. One of those settlers was John Webb and another was William Owens. John Stokes also had several sons to fight in the Revolution.

1783 - Richard Webb bought land near the junction of present day highway 124 and highway 42, becoming the first Webb to enter the area.

1790 - 1803 - Several of the founding fathers of the community entered the area and purchased their first land. John Webb in 1790 purchased land on Autry's Creek near what today is called the "Mills Tail". Solomon Phillips purchased his land near present day Maccripine Country Club, in 1796. James Lewis purchased his land near the present day Fountain highway between Macclesfield and Fountain in the 1790's. Samuel Harrell entered the area in 1801 and purchased his land near present day Handy Corner. Arthur Forbes came along in 1803 and purchased his first land near present day Lewis Road and Hurricane Branch.

1807- Peter Hines purchased land in what is present day Macclesfield. He then moved from Old Sparta into the community.

1810 - The road to be called the Old Wilson Road was constructed by many of the community settlers leading from the Roberson Plantation by the Col. Peter Hines Plantation passed the Miles Reid homeplace by the land of the Isaac Carter Plantation leading to the homeplace of Elisha Ellis and in as straight a line as possible to the road called Pender. This road runs through Macclesfield and is called Wilson Street today.

1811-1815 - Peter Hines constructed his home in what is present day Macclesfield. It is the house known as the Barley Lewis home. It is located on Wilson Street.

1850- April 1, 1850, Peter Hines dies at his home in Edgecombe County. His land encompassed all the land lying between Bynum Mill Swamp and Briery Branch. He also had several hundred acres that lay south of Briery Branch. He owned all the land that lies

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in the city limits of Macclesfield and several hundred acres that lies in the Macclesfield Community. It was a true plantation with tar and pitch gathering, along with farming being their main money makers. There were 30 slaves listed in his estate.

1860- The county is embroiled in the growing sentiment of secession from the union. Tarboro's newspaper is filled with the ever growing anger against the United States of America and the North. Lincoln takes the office of President and the fate of the nation is sealed.

1861- Civil War is declared by the shots on Fort Sumter SC, and the fate of many men from the South and the North are sealed. Though Edgecombe County was eager to go the state was not so eager, being the last in the south to enter the Civil War. Many men from Edgecombe left home and hearth with as many as eleven companies serving. The area known as Macclesfield was no different, giving many of their favorite sons to the cause. (See Military section.)

1865- The Civil War is over, the Confederacy is lost. Many men from North Carolina, Edgecombe County, and the area known as Macclesfield today lost their lives. The area is left without men, money, and only the women and children to work the fields and many of both races without food and shelter because of raids on their homes by both Confederate and Union forces.

1870- The time of Reconstruction is in full swing. Chaos in government and in the country side is everywhere in the South and Edgecombe County. Money is scarce and taxes are high. During this time land was lost and Marshall law was the rule of the day. Patrollers from each neighborhood patrolled the roads and communities at night to keep things in order.

Joseph Cobb and wife Catherine sell the Peter Hines home and land to Barley Lewis.

1880-1898 The Community works at recovering from the Civil War and farming is beginning to be profitable again. Barley Lewis sells the Peter Hines tract to Robert Walston. The adjoining land is owned by Wiley Gray Webb and Joseph Cobb. There are twelve farmhouses located on the land of these three men. Many are tenant farmers of both races.

1899- Mr. Henry Clark Bridgers founded East Carolina Railroad to run from Tarboro to Farmville.

1900- Mr. Bridgers' Railroad reached Macclesfield, a small town that was springing up along the route of the East Carolina Railroad. The layout of Macclesfield was founded on land owned by the Macclesfield Company bought from Robert Walston, Wiley Gray Webb, and Sheriff Joseph Cobb.

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March 11, 1901- The town of Macclesfield was incorporated. It got its name from the ancestral home of Henry Clark Bridgers' ancestors in England. He was named first mayor though he never actually lived in Macclesfield.

During 1900 and 1901 the first house was built by Mr. Levi F. Walston and his child, Mark became the first child to be born in the new town. Two stores were also built and owned by Will Windly and R. B. Peters.

1902- Blanch Owens became the second child born in Macclesfield, to Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Owens Sr. He also built one of the first stores, a barroom, and it is said that business was done in the store before it had a floor or permanent walls.

The first post office was started and Mr. K.C. Lewis, one of the first residents, was appointed postmaster. The post office was located in the store owned by Cobb & Walston.

Mr. Jackson E.W. Glover became the second mayor.

The first barber shop opened and was run by a black man C. Driver. The second barber shop was run by W.W. Pittman.

The first policeman was John Baker.

Many new businesses were started including the brick mill, and the logging company. Tom Harris, J. W. Forbes, J.E. Glover, J.W. Peebles, J.E. Warren, W.P. Harris, Dow Webb, J.S. and E.G. Howard, J.H. Corbett, Sr. and C.E. Gardner were all business men who came to the new town to open various business establishments.

1903- Mr. Jim Ward, Mr. Hill, Mr. Tom Savage and Mr. Joe Drew came and opened a logging company with a tram-road that lead right into town for the purpose of loading logs directly onto the train. Camps for the workers were laid all along the road bringing much business to the town. The company left in 1907.

1904- Two rural mail routes were established with two carriers being named for the job. They were Jackson Glover and C.E. Gardner. Mail was carried by horse and buggy but in bad weather it was often carried all the way on foot.

Wiley Mears was named as the second policeman.

The first school was held by Mrs. Sue Cobb Moore who taught three students in her home. They were Charlie Walton, Harry Walton, and Bettie Lewis.

1905- First Public School for the town was opened, \$150 was secured to purchase land and \$400 for the building was appropriated by the county. Mamie Moore and a Mr. Cameron were the first teachers.

1906- Mr. J.T. Winstead and C.S. Winstead moved to town and opened a business, Macclesfield Supply Company.

Two wells were dug to water shopper's horses.

Harvey Webb gave timber and contracted the building of the Christian Church, first church for the town. The preacher was A.F. Leighton who also taught at the first school.

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1908-1909- First brick buildings were built, with A.B. Felton, J.T. Winstead, Gray Ellis & Son, Barney Phillips and Dr. C. B. Walton being the owners, thus main street was established. A third room was added to the public school and another teacher employed.

1912- Macclesfield State High School was opened, with A.F. Leighton and Robert Hoke being largely responsible, along with local civic-minded citizens of the town, including W.M. Moore, J.A. Forbes, and Harvey Webb. Boarding students from Pinetops, Crisp and Fountain helped it to succeed.

A bottling company was also started in 1912, the Mint Cola Plant, it was established by Jackson Glover. It was located on the corner of Edgecombe and Railroad Street near the site of the Southern Bank today. It closed in 1917, partly because of transportation problems and partly because of WW I.

1914- The Bucket Brigade, for fire protection, was established by the town, purchasing, two dozen twelve-quart buckets. This made up the fire department.

1915- Merchants and Farmers Bank arrived in this year and became the first permanent bank, although there was another bank earlier, it did not last but several months. J.S. Howard was the new bank's president.

1916-1917- Ladies Community Club, "Get Together Club", Redman and Woodmen of America were some of the Civic Clubs that were being formed in the new town. The Macclesfield Concert Band was also started, directed by Robert Hoke. A band stand was built and a concert was played every Sunday morning. Businesses in town in 1917: Mitchell Drug Company, B.F. Pittman Grocery, J.A. Forbes Live Stock Co., J.G. Stanfield Live Stock Co., Macclesfield Supply Co., Corbett & Moore General Merchandise, Merchants & Farmers Bank, J.T. Winstead General Merchandise.

1918- Dr. Y.M. Barber came to replace Dr. Mitchell who had left in 1917 to join the war effort. Before Dr. Mitchell was Doctors C.B. Walton and J. Jenkins.

1919- The Post Office was moved into J.T. Winstead's store and he became the postmaster.

1921- The Episcopal Church was started by St. Johns Episcopal Church of Tarboro.

1923- City Electric Power arrived for the town. A new brick school building was erected. Bonds for electric lights were sold and \$40,000 was raised for the school building. Reverend L.J. Echols established the Presbyterian Church.

1924- The new brick school burned to the ground. The grammar grades were housed in the churches and the high school used rooms in Crisp School.

1925- Another new school was erected and it opened in the fall.



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1926- R.T. Eason opened a movie theater in town. Macclesfield High School was consolidated with Crisp and Pinetops High Schools and a central building was built near the intersection of the roads leading from Macclesfield and Crisp, near Pinetops. It was named South Edgecombe High School and the first principal was N.E. Gresham.

1929- The town became widely known for its League Baseball Team. People came from several surrounding counties to watch the games.

1931- The town cemetery was started with the death of Battle Pittman. The land was purchased from the Pittman family, a short distance from the school on the Fountain road.

1935- The first hard surface road reached Macclesfield, the hard surface part of the Crisp-Macclesfield road reached into town, stopping at Railroad Avenue.

1938- Paved roads were extended through town and extended to join the Wilson and Pinetops Highway at Pages Store,( highway 124 today).

1939- First bus line came through using Felton's Service Station as a bus station.

1940- The Water Works Municipal Bill was passed and two recreational parks were built for children.  
In 1940 there were 14 brick stores, 3 modern service stations, 2 beauty shops, one cotton gin and a radio shop.

1941- World War II began and many of Macclesfield's young men went off to war, some to never return. The home front helped by selling bonds and collecting scrap metal. The Macclesfield Elementary School received many awards for these efforts. First organized fire fighting effort was made by purchasing several five-gallon back pack cans.

1942-1946- More roads were paved in the area, making travel to and through the town much better.

1949- Better Homes and Gardens Award was received by the town for its beautification efforts. The town was given a complete face lift, encouraged by the Woman's Club, by all the citizens and received \$2,000 for its efforts, plus a town they could be proud of. The town floated a bond issue of \$90,000 to install a new water and sewage system. A 60,000 gallon water tank was erected on 4th Street. The Macclesfield Fire Department was formed with 20 members and the first fire trucks were purchased.

1950- Two new fire trucks were purchased, this added to the protection of both town and rural areas.

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1951- Dr. Wright left Macclesfield and in the next several years the town was periodically without a doctor.

1952-1960- During this time Macclesfield began a decline with many vacant stores and no dependable doctor. The drug store had also closed. People were going to larger town such as Tarboro and Wilson to their shopping.

1961- Dr. Edwin Drew started a practice in Macclesfield, in what had been the old bank building, purchased by the Macclesfield Corporation. The Corporation was started to promote industry and business in the community.

1962- The first police car was purchased for the policeman, who at that time was Rudolph Wallace.

Macclesfield Elementary School closed and consolidated with Crisp and Pinetops, at its new location beside the already consolidated South Edgecombe High School.

1963- A new town hall was built to house the town clerk and police station. The town offices were moved from the old train depot.

1965- The train ran its last run in this year and ceased the transportation of goods to Macclesfield by rail. It was a sad day for many people who had grown up with the memories of that train.

1966-1982- During this time, businesses came and went and people did the same. The life of a small town continued on at a slow pace. The town did not grow, it continued to stay about the same population with little change in the numbers of businesses.

1983- Right-of-way was cleared for the Water and Waste Treatment Plant on Sept. 7, 1983. Up until this was started, the town sewage went into a "lagoon", which was disposed of when the new plant started accepting sewer. The town's water system was completely upgraded also in this year.

1985- The new Water Waste Treatment Plant opened for operation on January 22, 1985.

1986- Under CDBG Grant money spot rehabbing was done to several houses in town. Curbing was also put in on N. Railroad and Wilson Street. At this time sewer lines were provided to N. Railroad and Wilson St., with the installation of two new lift stations. The old community building was also torn down and the new community building was constructed at 205 W. Green St. with more of CDBG money.

1990- The electric system was upgraded from 2,400 volts to 13,200 volts over a period of five years, beginning in 1990 and being completed in 1995. The total cost of this upgrade was approximately \$150,000. No new debt was acquired for this project as it was paid for as each phase was completed. A new shop was constructed on the site of the old one on

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Third St. In 1994 a new equipment shelter was added to this site to house the town's equipment.

The first Zoning Ordinances for the town were officially adopted.

1991- The town started computerized utility billing in November 1991. Up until this time all utility bills were manually computed and handwritten.

1993- The town purchased their 12 lighted, pole attached Christmas decorations, at a cost of \$1000. Every three years an additional 12 lighted decorations will be added. At this time we have 36 decorations.

1996- The town discontinued garbage pickup services, which at that time was contracted to Waste Industries.

1998- The Board of Commissioners conducted a "LOGO" contest to come up with a logo that represented our town. The contest featured a \$100 Savings Bond and \$50 Cash prize to the winner. The Norris Harrell family won this contest with their depiction of the "Gazebo", with the Town's Charter date incorporated into the "LOGO".

2000- At the suggestion of Joey Minner, a Christmas Decorating Contest was conducted for all residents who wished to enter within the Macclesfield Fire District. This contest was sponsored by JSA DJ Services, The Macclesfield Woman's Club and the Town. Three winners were chosen to receive a \$100 cash prize in the following categories:

Best Overall: Ronnie and Betty Cooke  
Most Creative: Wiley and Katherine Ford  
Most Traditional: Ray and Barbara Vainwright

2001- Within the community of Macclesfield there are today many businesses: a doctor's office, grocery store, beauty shop, post office, a bank, one full service gas station, two convenient stores, a restaurant, two gas companies, two garages, used car dealer, one landscaping company, two construction companies, a plumbing company, and three logging and tree removal companies. The small business man is alive and well in the small town of Macclesfield.

## Early Land Owners and Where They Lived



**Key to Map:**

- 1. John Stokes Plantation - 1749
- 2. James-John Permenter - 1755
- 3. Solomon Phillip - 1786

- 4. John Webb - 1790
- 5. Dempsey Stokes - 1790
- 6. Samuel Harrel - 1800

## Peter Hines and his Connection to Macclesfield

Colonel Peter Hines was an affluent land owner who bought land and built his home in the area of southern Edgecombe County.

He was born to Henry Hines, of the Old Sparta area, in the late 1760's and had four brothers, Henry, Jr., William, Benjamin, and Robert. (DB 8/618) Peter married Prudence Johnson the daughter of Jonas Johnson in 1795 and they had three children, Catherine, who married Benjamin Bynum, William, and Peter E., who later became a minister and the mayor of the city of Wilson

After the death of Henry Hines, Peter's father, Peter bought part of the inheritance of land that his brothers, Henry, Jr., William and Benjamin had received from their father. Peter inherited the home place of his father, on which the town of Old Sparta is situated today. In December of 1806 Peter sold the majority of the land at the "mouth of Town Creek" to Peter Hines Jr., who was a cousin and a ward of Peter from the death of his uncle Peter Hines.

Also on December 21, 1806, Col. Peter Hines bought from William Phillips (D.B.12/225) *a certain tract or parcel of land lying and being situated on the south side of the said Beaverdam Swamp, beginning as follows. In the said Beaverdam Swamp at the mouth of the Cornfield Branch, then running up said branch, to a poplar an agreed corner, between the said Phillips and Miles Read, then along a line of marked trees being an agreed line between said Phillips and said Read, to a lightwood stake formally a corner in Dempsey Stokes's line, then along a line of marked trees called Harrells line, to the run of Briery Branch, then down the courses of said branch to the mouth of the Horsepen Branch, then up the various courses of said branch to the dividing line between the said Phillips and Dempsey Stokes then east along said Stokes's line to a corner pine, then south to another corner pine, then East to the aforementioned Briery Branch, then down the various courses of the branch to the Beaverdam Swamp, then up the courses of the said swamp to the beginning. Containing by estimation 603 1/3 acres.*

This is the land that the town of Macclesfield sits on today. Macclesfield is bound on the north by Beaverdam and the south by Briery Branch and the Horsepen Branch runs through the town.

From all evidence he moved onto the land soon after the purchase. A petition to built what is now called the Old Wilson Road was placed into records about 1810. (C.R.

Misc.Edgecombe Road Papers. Box 1 folder 1) read as follows:

*Beginning as follows, at Evans Road near the Plantation of said Elijah Roberson, from thence by Col. Peter Hines, Miles Read, Isaac Carter Sen. Dennis Ellis, and Elisha Ellis Sen. and from thence the most direct and convenient way into the Road commonly called Penders Road.*

Peter Hines built the house known as the "Barley Lewis House" sometime between 1810 and 1815. The plantation that surrounded it stretched to encompass what is now the town of Macclesfield and beyond.

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Peter farmed and collected turpentine from the vast piney woods that surrounded him and the road that was cut through (Old Wilson Road) was instrumental in getting his products to market. He probably had no trouble getting the road petition approved as he was related to some of the most influential families in Edgecombe County, the Johnsons, Evans, Maunds, Wilkins, and Battles.

In most of the records Peter Hines is referred to by Colonel. He was too young to have served in the Revolutionary War, but he did serve in the NC State Militia and this is where he achieved the rank of Colonel. He was known by Colonel Peter Hines for the rest of his life.

On April 1, 1850, Peter Hines died and his estate passed to his wife and his children. At the time of his death an inventory was taken of his belongings. Here is a short version of that inventory. The original document is three large pages long. (Estate Records Vol. 25, Edgecombe C. - Archives Doc. CR 037.501.25) Among the inventory of Peter Hines:

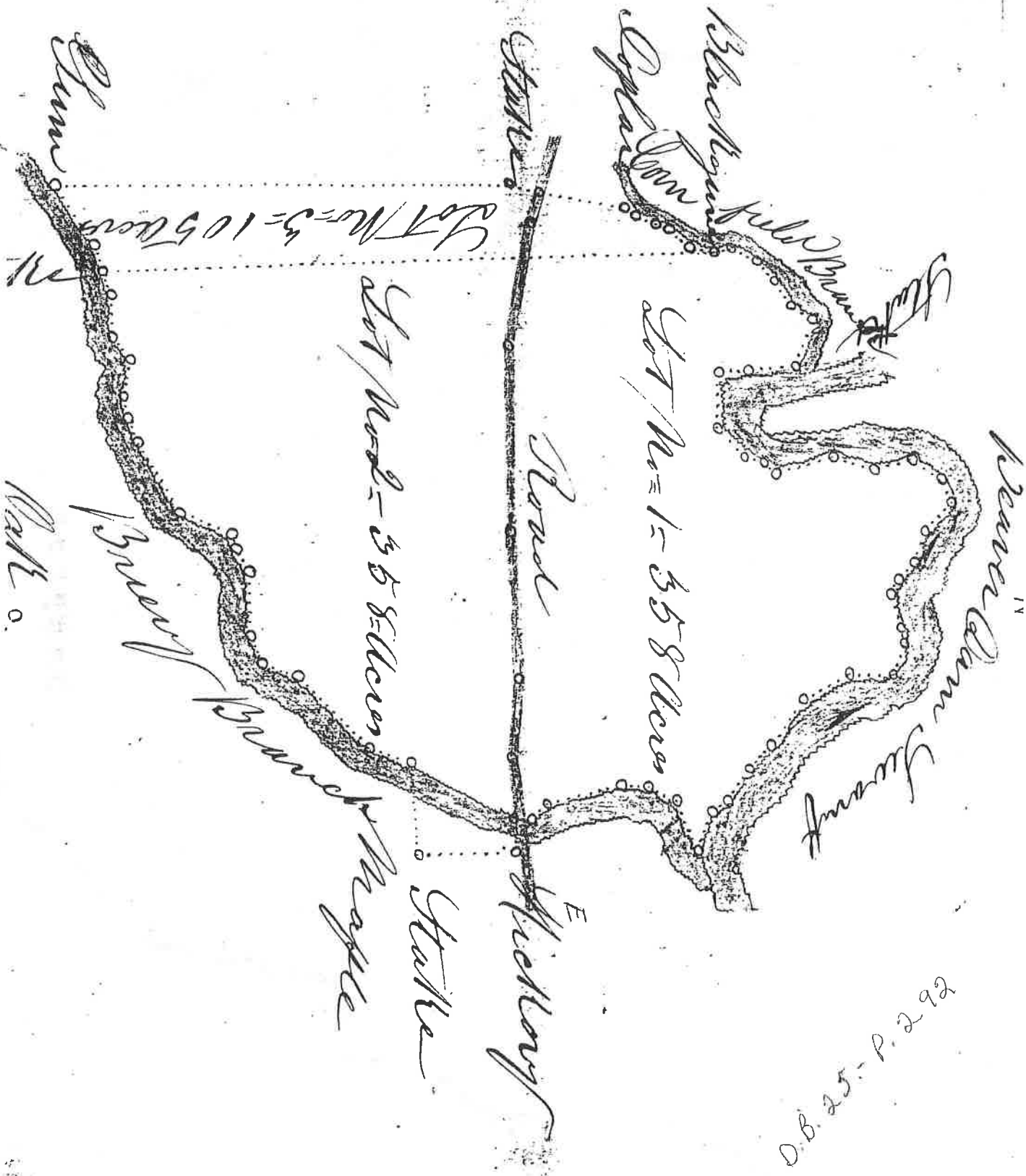
30 slaves - 2000 lb. of bacon - 14 stave chairs - 11 split bottom chairs - 26 panes of glass - 12-40 lb. of wool - 40 lb. of picked cotton - 10 lb. of tallow - 18 lb. of soap - 20 lb. of lard - 1 years crop of turpentine - 40-50 barrels of cider - 1 barrel of vinegar - 2 looms - 2 sulkies (covered carriages) - 1 lot of farming tools - 2 yoke of oxen - 2 ox carts - 3 horse carts and wheels - 23 head of cattle - 100 head of hogs and pigs - 8 head of sheep - 7 head of horses - 1 lot of tubs and pails - 1 set of cooper tools - 1 silver watch - 1 side board - 3 desk and bookcases - several bridles and saddles - 1 mahogany table - 2 walnut dining tables - 1 easing chair - 1 shot gun & shot bag - 5 chest & 2 trunks - 1 set of plates & dishes - 1 lot of knives & forks - 1 lot of earthen bowls - cups and saucers - set of silver dining spoons - 11 silver tea spoons - 7 table cloths & 7 face towels - 1 brandy case - 100 chickens young & old - 6 head of geese - 2 pairs of medical scales & weights - 1 side saddle - years crop of corn, fodder, potatoes, cotten, brandy etc. - 1 lot of books.

This inventory was taken Aug. 6, 1850 and it was only about a sixth of the full inventory that was described. From the items that were listed it is evident that Peter Hines owned and operated a large plantation.

Some of the people that bought at the estate sale were his friends, family and neighbors. Some of them were: Dempsey Webb, William Webb, widow Prudence Hines, Thomas Felton, William Felton, Richard T. Eagles, John Hearne, John H. Hines, James Eason, William Harrell, William Varnell, Peter E. Hines, William Phillips, Benjamin Bynum, Wiley Harrell, Elisha Harrell, Joel Gardner, Dempsey Baker, Jacob Byrum, Kinchen Varnell, Auther Reid, William Walston, and Stephen Wooten. Many of these family names are still present today in the Macclesfield Community.

Peter Hines' land was divided between his three children, Catherine, Peter E. and the heirs of William. On the following page is the map that adjoined the deed or division of the land.

Prudence continued to live on the plantation until her death in 1855, when her daughter Catherine moved back to the plantation after the death of her husband Benjamin Bynum. Catherine died and left the land to her three daughters. One of Catherine's daughters, who also happened to be a Catherine, received the house and 376 acres of land. She was married to Joseph Cobb.

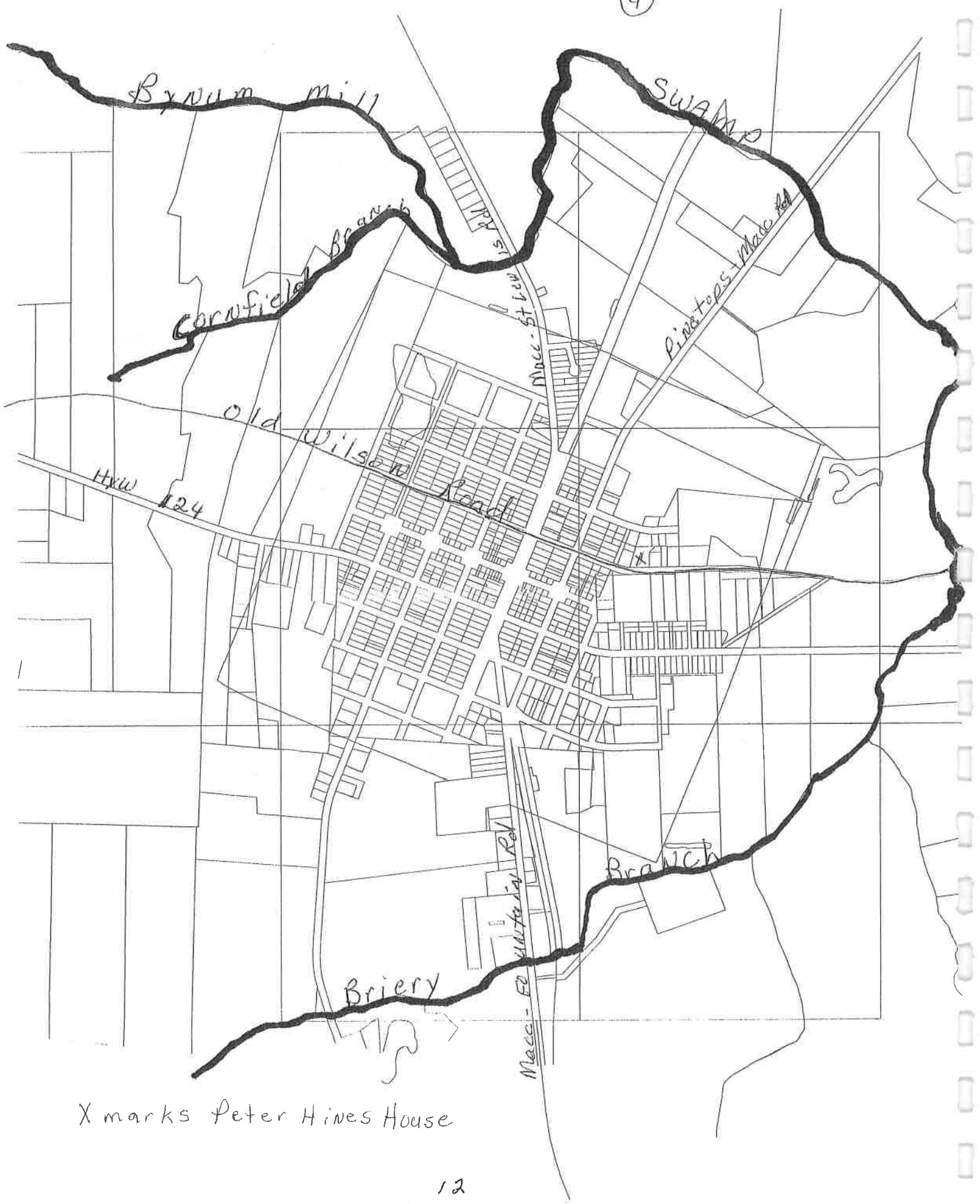


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Peter Hines Division of Land - 1850

Macclesfield

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X marks Peter Hines House



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In the 1870's Catherine and Joseph Cobb sold the land and house to Barley Lewis. Thus it became the Barley Lewis house to all that could remember the founding of Macclesfield. About the time that Macclesfield was becoming a town in 1900 the house and land was sold to Robert Walston which soon sold it to an agent of the Macclesfield Company. It was soon broken up into smaller pieces and town lots in which many were bought by J. B. Bridgers.

The house and part of the land today belongs to Dean Webb, who has done a wonderful job of preserving the house and retaining its original beauty. Many lots in Macclesfield today rest on the land that once was the plantation of Colonel Peter Hines.

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## Early Land Owners and Where They Lived 1820 - 1860



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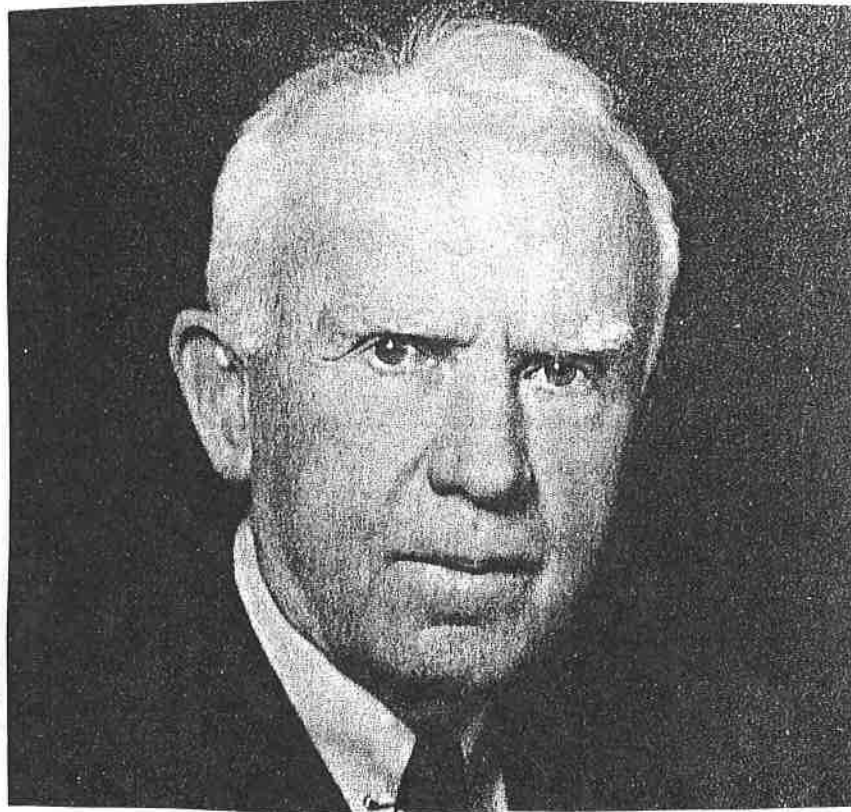
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|---------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Col. Peter Hines             | 9. Benjamin Pittman | 17. Kinchen Lewis                | 25. Jackson Corbett |
| 2. David Phillips               | 10. Samuel Harrell  | 18. James Lewis                  | 26. James Bridgers  |
| 3. William B. Phillips          | 11. Elisha Harrell  | 19. Elisha Webb                  | 27. Garrot Webb     |
| 4. John Webb, Sr - David Webb   | 12. Miles Reid      | 20. Thomas Felton - John Wallace |                     |
| 5. Dempsey Webb - Cullen Webb   | 13. William Varnell | 21. Ellis Meeting House Church   |                     |
| 6. John Webb, Jr.               | 14. John Carter     | 22. Jobe Felton                  |                     |
| 7. Bennett Webb                 | 15. David Harrell   | 23. Dempsey Gay                  |                     |
| 8. William Webb-William F. Webb | 16. Arther Forbes   | 24. James Scarborough Eason      |                     |

## Mayors of Macclesfield

1901 - Henry C. Bridgers	1902 - J. W. Glover	1903 - 1906 Records lost
1907 - J. T. Harris	1908-09 - Dr. C.B. Walton	
1910-12 - W. M. Moore	1913 - J.G. Ellis	1914 - W.M. Moore
1915 - J.S. Howard	1916-17 - W.M. Moore	1918 - No records
1919 - W.P. Harris	1920 - J.S. Howard	1921-22 - W.M. Moore
1923 - W.M. Moore dies and J.W. Glover Mayor Pro Tem	1924-26 - J.W. Glover	1927-28 - W.E. Ellington
1929-33 - Dr. Y.M. Barber	1934-35 - C.K. Griffin	1936-42 - G.W. Peebles
1943-45 - J.H. Norville	1946-48 - J.W. Martin	1949-57 - A.F. Felton
1958-59 - D.F. Batts	1960-62 - Floyd Herndon	1963-64 - D.F. Batts
1965 - Jon Felton	1966-70 - Van E. Lewis	1971-76 - Paul D. Etheridge
1977 - Dan Allen	1978-79 - James W. Johnson	
1980-83 - Dudley Etheridge	1984-96 - Wm. C. Dilda	

The present mayor is Mike Keel who has served from 1997-2001.

Following is pictures of some of the mayors that have served Macclesfield so well.



Henry Clark Bridgers the founder of East Carolina Railroad and the town of Macclesfield became the first mayor.

## Mayors of Macclesfield



J.W. Glover, 2nd Mayor and the first to actually live in the town. 1902 and 1924-1926



J.S. Howard, served 1915 and 1920. He was a successful business man and built his home on 2nd street.



A.F. Felton served nine year, 1949 -1957, the second longest term as mayor.



Floyd Herndon served from 1960 - 1962.

## Mayors of Macclesfield



Jon Felton served as mayor for 1965.



Van E. Lewis served from 1966-70.

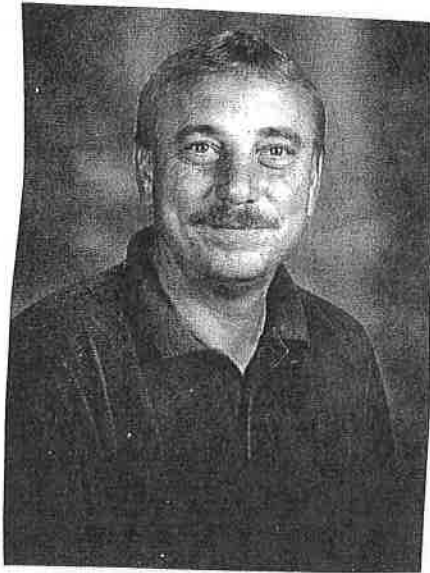


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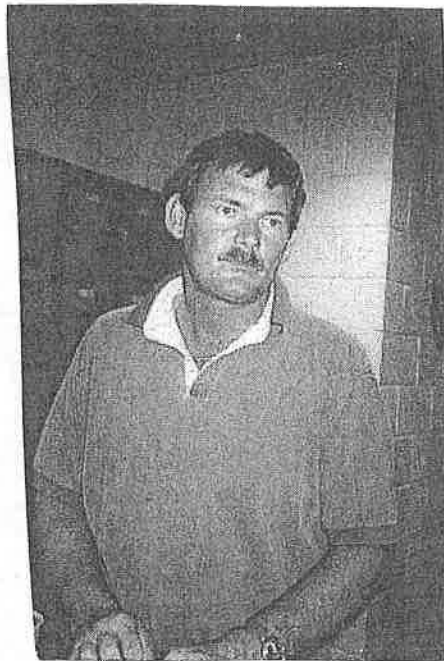
## Mayors of Macclesfield



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William C. Dilda served as mayor for twelve years, from 1984 to 1996. The longest term as mayor in Macclesfield history.



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## Mayors of Macclesfield



Town Board and visitors in 1949. Pictured from left to right; Alfonza Felton (mayor), E.G. Narron, Dr. J.E. Wright, Dorphy Felton, Mamie Pittman, Beatrice Corbett, Betty Norville.



Macclesfield Town Commissioners, from left to right; Carol Phillips, R.B. Owens, Mike Keel (present mayor), Harold Stallings, and Charles Lewis (first African American Commissioner).

## Washington Branch Baptist Church History

Looking back ninety-nine years, Washington Branch Baptist Church has become a telling community force, and a place of high honor of God in Christ through worship and service. Many souls have been saved, nurtured and edified during this period and the town of Macclesfield has felt its influence and challenge.

The Washington Branch Baptist Church was founded in the year of 1900, by a consecrated saint, the late Rev. S. B. Bemen, who felt the need of kingdom building. A plot was purchased near the Wilson highway from Mr. William Reid of Macclesfield, N.C. When the church was moved from its first location into Macclesfield is unknown.

The pastors succeeding the founder were Rev. Joe Brown, Rev. George Hinton, Rev. Robert Walston, Rev. W. G. Edmondson, Rev. G. L. Whitley, Rev. J. H. Graham, Rev. J. H. Dixon, Rev. Robert L. Watson, Rev. A. L. Bell, Rev. W. R. Burston, Rev. Joseph Braswell. The present pastor is Elder Robert Williams of Pinetops.

Early deacons were Shade Williams, Willie Williams, Johnnie Williams, Garfield Perkins and Eddie Williams. Later deacons were Charlie Everett, Walter Edwards, Walter Johnson, Fred Horne, Ted Edwards, Ernest Cobb, Thomas Dawes and Charlie Streeter.

Deacons now serving are Brothers Willie Frank Battle, James Noble, Matthew Dickens, David Battle, Elton Battle, Warren Freeman and Dorsey Birth.

The first choir was organized under the leadership of Rev. J. H. Dixon by Sister Hattie Williams and Mrs. Willie Reynolds. Later, Sister Hattie William, with the assistance of Sister Rena Battle and Ellen Morgan from Reids Chapel Baptist Church organized the Missionary Circle.

After the church building had been used for nearly a half century there was a need to construct a new building. In 1956 under the leadership of Rev. A. L. Bell the project got under way. It was necessary to abolish the old building to provide more space for the new structure. We were without a church home for nine months, at which time, worship services were held in the auditorium of Living Hope School.

The new building was dedicated on the 13th day of May, 1962 in a afternoon service.

Rev. Bell was elected Pastor of Washinton Branch while he was a student at Shaw University. He was dedicated, caring, and a progressive pastor. One program he introduced to us was Vacation Bible School and we are still carrying it on today. On the first day there were only six children, four adults and one visitor present, but Rev. Bell was determined that the studies would begin that day so he served as director. The late Mrs. Annie Johnson sat in as chairperson and I was secretary. Teachers were the late Sister Ellen Horne Battle, Sister Shirley Cobb Brown and Sister Creacy Horne. Since then the Vacation Bible School has grown tremendously. This year Pastor Williams invited two



## Washington Branch Baptist Church History

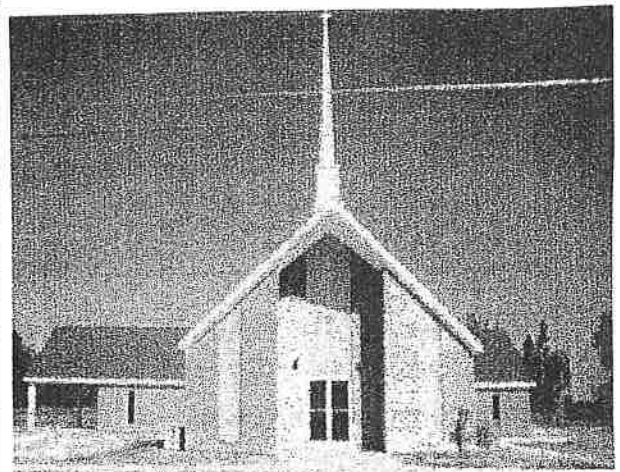
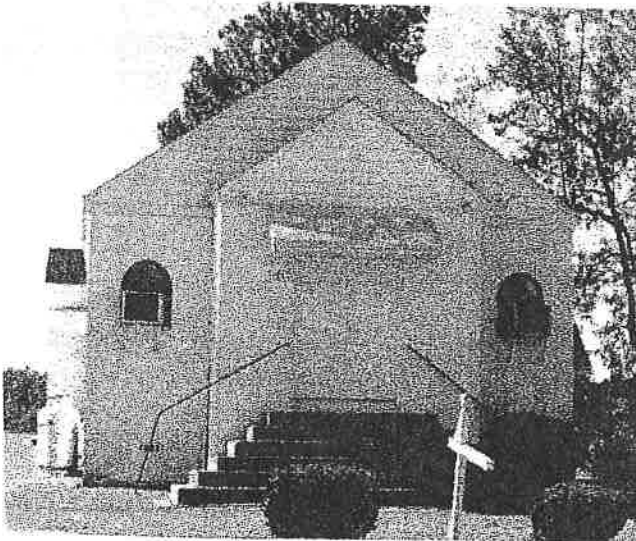
neighboring churches to join us in study, St. Luke and Bynum Chapel, and the enrollment was larger than ever.

Rev. Joseph Braswell became our pastor in July 1981 and under his leadership a trustee board was organized by Brother Ted Edwards in 1983. Due to the shortage of male members, four ladies were added to the trustee board. They were yours truly, Cora Wooten, Ada Meeks, and the late Sister Lucille Sharpe. We served four years. During that period the Lord blessed us with more male members and in 1987 the trustee board became all male. Trustee Board members now serving are Brothers Roy King, Essie Gray Moore, Marvin Taylor, John Dickens, Billy Johnson and James Williams.

In 1988 the church voted to purchase land for a future church home. The land was purchased from Barney Phillips. The location is about four hundred feet north of the old building. Ten years and six months later, on January 30, 1999, a ground breaking service was held under the leadership of Pastor Robert Williams.

On October 8, 1993 Elder Robert Williams was elected Pastor of Washington Branch Church and under his leadership a male chours was organized plus the layman league was reorganized. He also organized a young peoples Bible study class and right now under his leadership we are under construction of a new sanctuary. To God be the glory, great things he has done.

Written by a member of the Washington Branch Baptist Church.



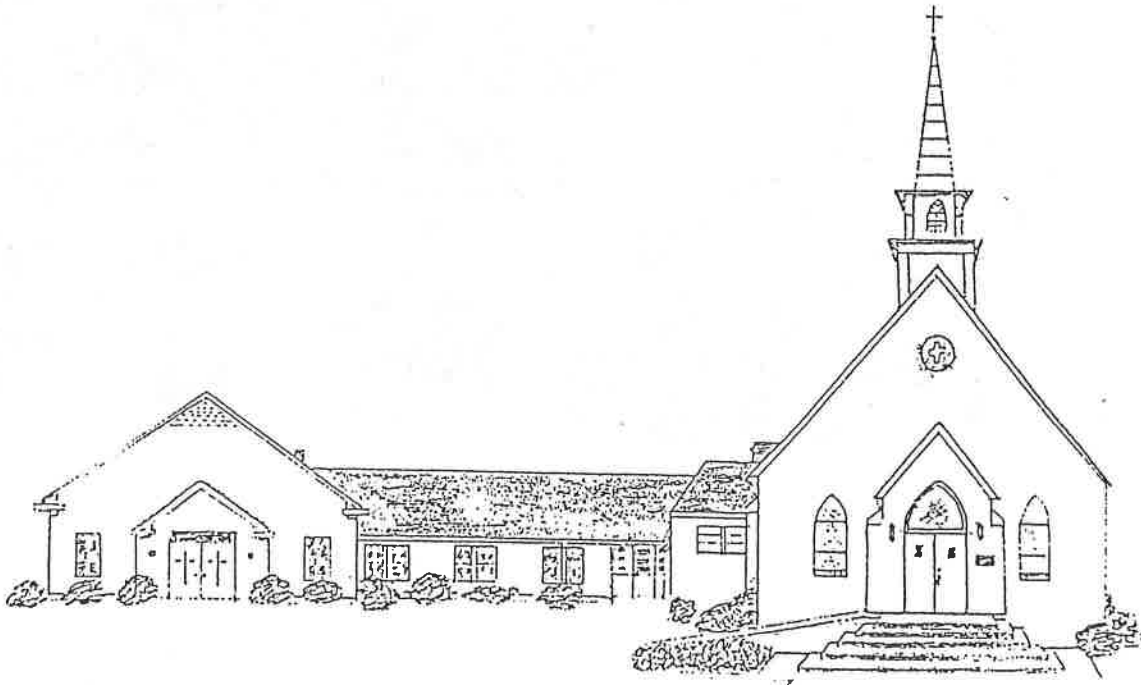
## History of the First Christian Church of Macclesfield

The First Christian Church of Macclesfield was organized in the spring of 1905 as the result of the efforts of J. Boyd Jones. Church services were held in a large arbor near a vacant store. Mr. Jones hoped to establish a church to counteract the influence of the pool room and saloons

On October 25, 1905 the church was enrolled by the NC Christian Missionary Convention and first service in the new church was held on September 18, 1906. Fire destroyed the church on January 5, 1941. World War II delayed the rebuilding process. During this time services were held in the local community building. Construction resumed in 1950 and the debt of the present church was fully paid and the dedication was held November 30, 1952. First Christian continued to grow.

- 1948 First parsonage was built.
- 1954 Twenty-five choir robes purchased.
- 1956 Hammond organ dedicated.
- Chimes were in memory of Mrs. A.B. Felton.
- 1957 Rural church achievement award received.
- 1958 New pews installed.
- 1963 Old parsonage sold and moved.
- 1964 New parsonage completed.
- 1966 Fellowship Hall / Education Building completed.
- 1980 Piano purchased in memory of Mrs. J.T. Winstead.
- New steeple dedicated in memory of Dora Felton.
- Baptistery Mural dedicated by Ida Whitley

Currently First Christian has 129 members, 58 men, 65 women and 6 children. As we reach our 100th year anniversary, we are looking forward the future of our church.



## Living Hope Primitive Baptist Church

Living Hope Primitive Baptist Church as it stands today was originally named Live and Hope, on the original deed, and was established in 1905.

The property was bought from Arthur Willoby containing 3/4 acres, and was deeded to Dimos Barnes, Arthur Willoby and Bryant Wooten, trustees for the Live and Hope Primitive Baptist Church. In 1913 a school was started as a one room school inside Living Hope near Macclesfield.

It was a part of the Radicue Primitive Baptist Association until Oct. 20, 1910, when the Bethlehem P.B. Association was established. Elder N. Johnson was Moderator and brought six churches into the association: Few-In-Number, Bethlehem, Living Hope, in Edgecombe County; Connor Line, New Hope, in Wilson County; and Stony Creek, in Nash County. Elder Ruffin Hyman was ordained during the Association of 1911 at Bethlehem P.B. Church. He later became Moderator of the Association and served until his death in 1937.



## MACCLESFIELD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HISTORY

The Macclesfield church was organized by the Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church under the direction of the Reverend L. I. Echols in 1922.

The first building was called "The Tabernacle" and was a one room wooden structure with a saw dust floor, crude benches and old pump organ. A bus provided transportation to the surrounding areas. Also a manse was built behind the Tabernacle in which the Echols resided.

In the latter 1920's a smaller white wooden frame building was added beside the Tabernacle in which the worship services were held. A piano was provided for music. The first person to join under Mr. Echols were Oattie Walston by transfer of letter, Leroy Walston, Lina and R. P. Varnell by profession of faith and Donald Walston, son of Oattie & Levy by infant baptism.

The Rev. W. H. Quinn served as pastor from 1930 to 1932.

In 1932 the church was reorganized and became a part of the Southern Presbyterian Church under the direction of the Rev. H. R. McFayden. It's first session and deacon members were Mr. Charlie Gardner, Mr. J. Fred Webb, Sr. and Mr. Joe T. Echols (son of Dr. L. I. Echols). McFayden served as pastor to the Macclesfield and Pinetops churches from 1932-35 then 1939-49.

The Reverend Ray Dickens served as pastor from 1936 through 1938.

In 1941 the church burned but services continued to be held regularly in the Macclesfield school house. Through much dedication and effort land was purchased and a new brick church was built in 1947. Wood for the inside paneling was donated by Mr. R. P. Varnell and the hauling of the logs was supervised by the Rev. McFayden. Mr. R. L. Corbett, Sr. worked earnestly toward the goal of the new church. He also served as an Elder for many years and superintendent of the Sunday School for 21 years. The dedication service for the new church was held in November 1949.

The Reverend Claude G. Pepper served as pastorate to the Macclesfield and Pinetops churches from 1949 through 1955 and the Reverend Vernon McGehee served from 1956 through 1959. In 1961 the new brick manse was completed.

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In 1972 the church celebrated its 50th anniversary. Reverend Echols retired in 1974 but continued to fill the pulpit as supply until 1976.

The Rev. William Forbes served as pastorate to Macclesfield and Bethany churches from 1976 through 1983.

Dr. Robert McCully accepted a call to serve the Macclesfield Church and worked sixteen hours per week in the Presbytery office at Greenville. He served from 1984 through August 1987.

The South Edgecombe Parish was formed in June 1990. The Parish includes Grace Chapel, Macclesfield, and Pinetops churches. In July 1990 Reverends Bob & Sue Haseltine accepted a call to serve the Parish as Co-Pastors. They served through March 1993.

Reverends Bill & Peggy Owens accepted a call to serve the Parish in July 1994 until January 2000. The church is currently without a minister.



Macclesfield Presbyterian Church as it looked in 1949, when it had been built only a few months.

# WEBB'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

Webb's Chapel in Retrospect 1974

Webb's Chapel Church, what a beautiful sound  
Started by Saints who were homeward bound  
In the year 1915 they say  
Word got out it was on the way  
A few pieces of lumber and a few strong nails  
Hammered together at the 'old mill tail'  
A pop-bellied stove and a candle light  
A few Godly people who wanted to live right  
They met, they organized, they began to convene  
Afternoon services were held it seemed  
By great men of God who were willing to give  
An amount of their time that people might live  
Rev. Waterson, Rev. Hutchinson, Rev. Marsh and such  
Are all men of God we owe so much  
Willing to give of their time and skill  
To show Webb's Chapel God's Way and Will  
Mrs. E. B. Beasley taught Sunday School  
So our children could know God's Golden Rule  
She helped to organize a W. M. U.  
And others pitched in and worked some too  
From 1915 through '46  
Webb's Chapel struggled to get things fixed  
Twenty-seven members it gained till then  
Trying to overcome the whines and whims.  
Many times the church was dark  
No services held, just the building marked  
The emblem of a faithful few  
Who tried to work and pray and do  
In 1946 came the first big deal  
Rev. Woodson came to live on the field  
Thanks to Pinetops Baptist Church  
For sheltering our pastor and doing so much  
Sunday morning services were then begun  
And Webb's Chapel Church was once again on the run  
The McKneely's came in '49  
With a special care for the love that binds  
They worked so faithful for thirteen years  
Preaching God's Word without doubts or fears  
The choir came alive in a few short years

# WEBB'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

Singing God's praises about a Lord so dear  
What a blessing they've been to us  
Thank you dear choir, we love you so much  
Saintly people we could name  
Who worked so hard without fault or blame  
To keep Webb's Chapel's faithful pace  
And point the way to God's great race  
Rev. Holmes is an example of this  
A godly character we couldn't miss  
Rev. Tolson, an interim, came by with a thought  
A Pastorium was needed so why not be bought  
We worked with the idea and within two year  
A beaming new home for our pastor was near  
Then came Rev. Holcomb with a great big dream  
Let's build a new church  
This one's bursting at the seams  
"Oh no", people cried, "it can't be done"  
But nothing is impossible with God's Great Son  
Rev. Bailey came in '68  
Fully prepared to work and to wait  
We love you Bob, we'll never forget  
The kindness you showed and the love you possessed  
In the year '71 Rev. Baughman came  
To love and endure and proclaim His name  
We thank you Lord for sending him our way  
For much was accomplished during his day  
In May of '73 our dream was complete  
The building was finished, it's plan was unique  
A dedication service was held and enjoyed  
For this gracious blessing we thank Thee Dear Lord  
Rev. Burdette now holds the place  
Of all the others who helped us face  
The sorrow when a love one dies  
The joy of sharing with a bride  
The ministry to the lost and lax  
The word of God with all the facts  
The Brotherhood, the W.M.U.  
The Sunday School and witnessing too  
Yes, all the ministry of the church  
For a Loving God who does so much  
This community without Webb's Chapel Church  
Tell me friends would it be very much  
Without somewhere to worship our Saviour

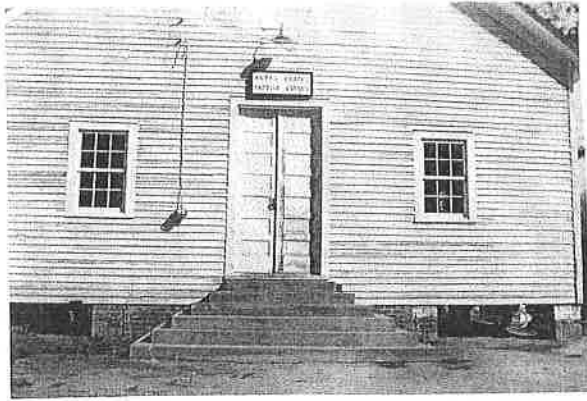
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# BAPTIST CHURCH

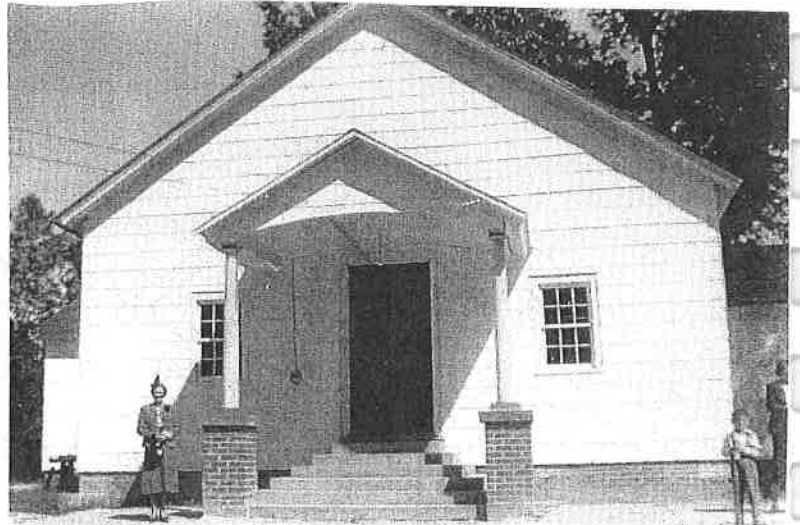
## HISTORY

Without a reminder of our best behavior  
Are we really grateful for all this much  
For the Lord we serve and our blessings as such  
Or do we just pass this building each day  
And forget about God and go on our way  
Oh my friends, isn't it wonderful to know  
That Jesus cared and helped us to grow  
And Webb's Chapel now is a wonderful place  
Where we can all come together and share God's Grace

This poem was written by Helen Webb in 1974. Since then there has been an edition of the Family Life Center and several other pastors. The present pastor is Robert "Bob" Boone.



1946



1951

Webb's Chapel Baptist Church



1985



HISTORY



Some of the members of Webbs Chapel Church standing on the steps of the old church. L-R, Lynwood Owens, Hilton Webb, Herbert Lee Webb, A.D. Webb, Noah Lewis, Alton Strickland, George Eason, Alice Ellis, Helen Webb, Edna Eason, Blanch Webb, Francis Webb.



Welcoming party for Rev. George Burdette; pictured is Tim Burdette and family, Evelyn Burdette, George Burdette, Helen and A.D. Webb, and Mrs. Carrie Webb.

## Brief History of Autrey's Creek Church

Autrey's Creek Primitive Baptist Church was established around 1805. A second church was built in 1895, at about the same location as today. The church was built on Autreys Creek, which got its name from Cornelius Autrey an early settler who bought land all around the creek.

Serves are still being held today, the first Sunday of each month, and the current Pastor is Elder Kenneth Windham.

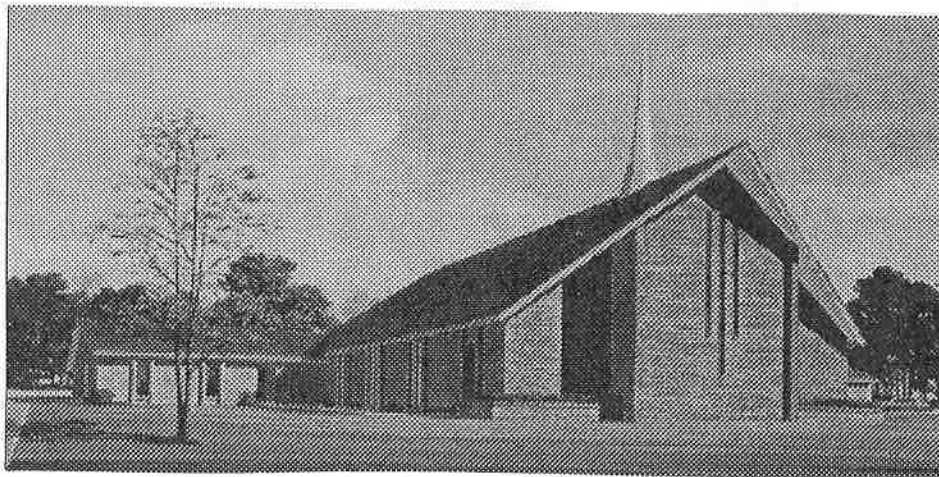
Because of a lengthy history of this church in The History of Crisp, this history was condensed.



Maccripine Freewill Baptist Church

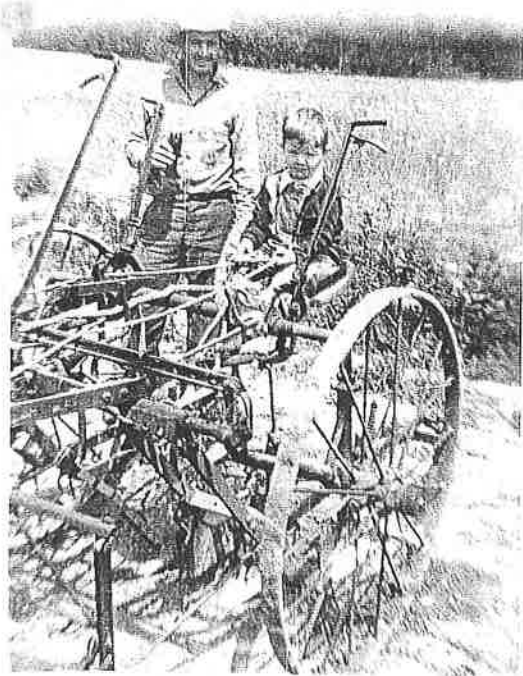
The church was organized June 10, 1979 and its first church home was the late E. Y. Lovelace house in Crisp, NC. The Lovelace house served as the church until March 22, 1981.

The first Pastor was Rev. Rex Edwards and there were sixty four charter members. The groundbreaking service for the present church was May 4, 1980 and the church held its first services March 29, 1981. The present church is located at Pitts Crossroads near Macclesfield.



## Farming: Our Way of Life

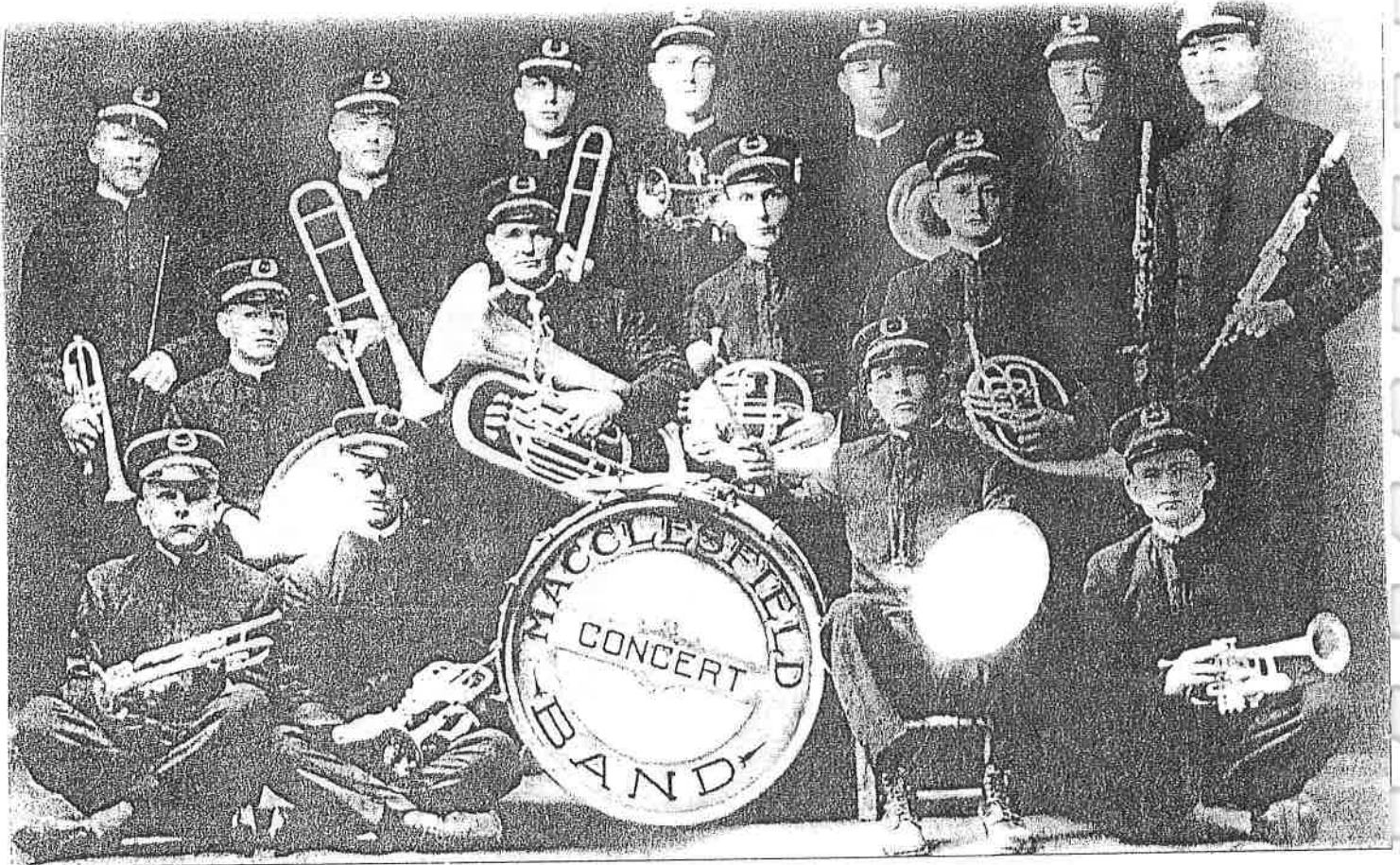
The machinery used in farming change greatly over the year. In this photo, George Eason and his son George are working with an early plow that was probably being pulled by mules.



In this photo, Thad Wallace and his two sons, Douglas and Dwight are working on a plow that was pulled by a tractor.



## Social Events for the Community 1901-2001



Taken in the early years of the town of Macclesfield, about 1915, the Macclesfield Concert Band played for dances and community event, as well as concert every Sunday. Pictured front row from the left, are Herbert Owens, Moses Hearne, George Smith, and Bennie Phillips. Middle row: Mack Hearne, Willie Ellis, Fred Varnell, unknown. Back row: Braxton Britt, Fred Bridgers, Bob Ellington, Levi Walston, Will Felton, unknown, and Bill Lewis.



In the earlier days because there was no movie theater in the town, tent theater would come to town. This photo is taken at one of those times. Pictured in no particular order, are Geneva Winstead, Ida Ruth Felton, Ora Webb, Ruby Webb, Hazel Webb, Mary Ruth Webb, Myrtle Lewis.

## Social Events for the Community 1901-2001



Music was and still is an entertainment enjoyed in the town of Macclesfield. This is a party that was given to celebrate the winning of the Better Homes and Gardens Beautification Award in 1949. The band is the Levy Owens Band.



In the 1960's the music was supplied by the LTD'S. The band members were Phil Thomas seated, standing left to right; Kent Webb, Jimmy Cocks, Skip Webb, Randy Everett, and Kenny Owens.

## Social Events for the Community 1901-2001



The oddly-dressed characters shown above represent Macclesfield's version of the radio hillbilly show, "Grand Ol' Opry." Roy Rogers, who in real life is A. F. Felton, is shown seated on the hay with Dale Evans, really Miss Barbara Lewis, and Gabby Hayes, Henry Cummings, Clutching Minnie Pearl, Mrs. D. L. Felton, on the back row is Cuzzin' Clem, Bill Walston. These are just five of the characters who will appear in "Kross Road Kapers," to be given in the Macclesfield school Thursday and Friday nights. Mrs. A. F. Felton, president of the Macclesfield Woman's club that is sponsoring the show for the benefit of a health clinic, says that the affair offers good clean fun and entertainment for the entire family.

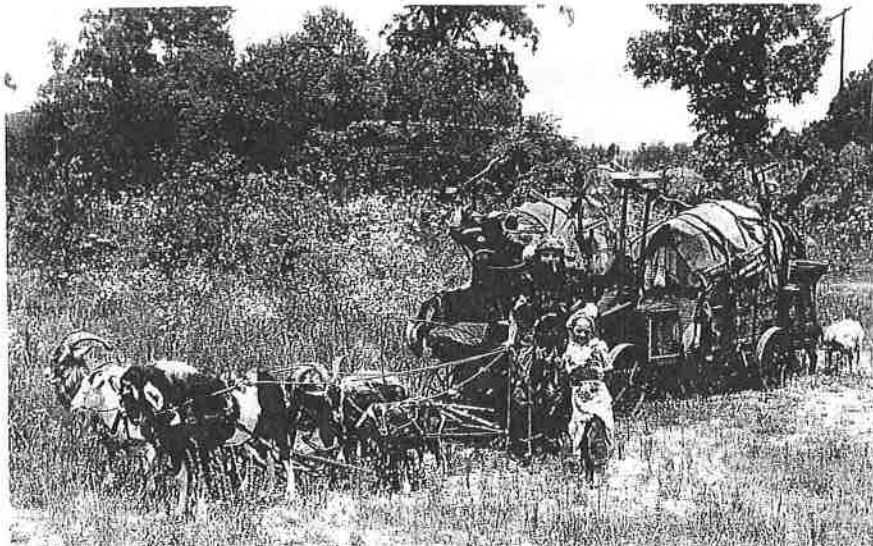


Robert Lee Corbett having a pig barbecued (over an open pit) for a social event in town.

## Social Events for the Community 1901-2001



VISITORS FROM ENGLAND—Walter Isaacs, town clerk of Macclesfield, England, and his wife were honored last night during their visit to Macclesfield, U. S. A., in Edgecombe County. Left to right are Mrs. Momie Pittman, town clerk of the Macclesfield in Edgecombe; Mrs. Isaacs and Mr. Isaacs, who brought official greetings from Macclesfield, England; John Felton, master of ceremonies at the barbeque dinner honoring the Isaacs; Mrs. Van Ervin Lewis, and Mr. Lewis, Mayor of Macclesfield, U. S. A. (Telegram Photo by Killebrew)



All of the entertainment was not always found in town and in the 1940's and 50's some people in town may have been known to have ventured to Wilson to visit "THE GOAT MAN" on his travels through the state. He traveled from Florida up the east coast with his goats pulling the wagon.

# Social Events for the Community 1901-2001

## Macclesfield Fall Festival



The First Macclesfield Fall Festival was held in 1978, preceding the 1977 Community Picnic. The Fall Festival will celebrate its 23rd year in 2001. Above are pictures of the setting up of the first Fall Festival.



# Social Events for the Community 1901-2001

## Macclesfield Fall Festival Over the Years



## Social Events for the Community 1901-2001

### Macclesfield Fall Festival in Recent Years



In the twenty three years that the Macclesfield Fall Festival has evolved, it has grown in size and events. It is always scheduled for the first Saturday in October. Today's Fall Festival has crafts, food, amusement for the kids, bands, gospel singing and much more. Pictured above: Motive Bell Reid selling vegetables at the Festival.

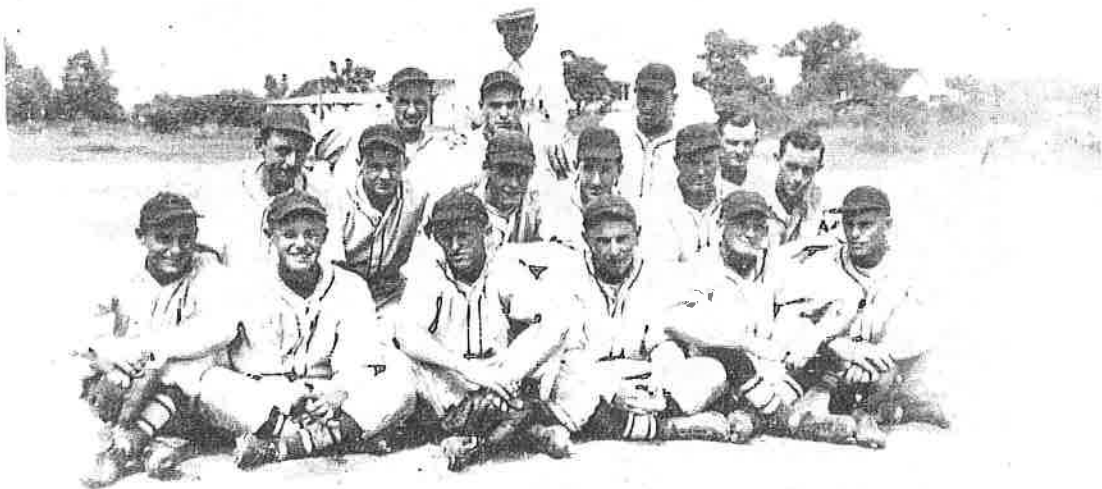


A more recent Fall Festival was enjoyed by Esther Felton, Williard Felton, Billy Dilda, and Ralph Winstead.

## Social Events for the Community 1901-2001



Baseball was a favorite past time for the community of Macclesfield. In this photo, taken in the early 1900s, this team seems to be ready to play. This is believed to be Macclesfield's first baseball team. Laying on the ground is Crum Webb, seated, L-R are Albert Felton, Thad Ellis, Jet Webb and Mark Felton. Standing, Van Webb, unidentified, Kinchen Webb, Essex Webb, Willie Ellis and Frank Harris, scorekeeper.

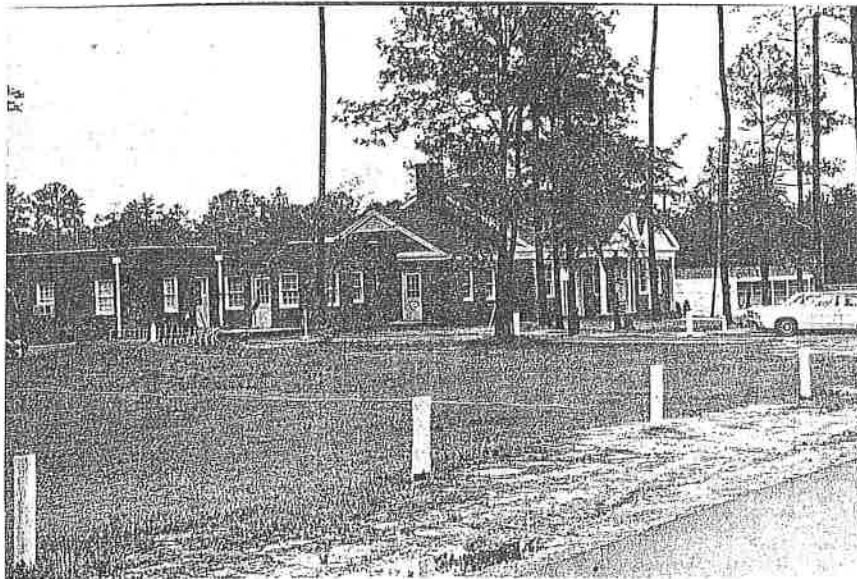


Pictured are the Macclesfield Red Sox, the 1946 League Champions. Front Row: L-R , Walter Phillips, Rudolph Harrell, Rudy Webb, Alton Phillips, Ledger Harrell, Carl Lamb, Jr., 2nd row: Arthur Ray Walston, Alvis Harrell, Jimmie Lamb, V.B. Skinner, Roy Lee Ayres, Sammy Flye. 3rd row: Ledger Webb, David Phillips, John Stanfield, Willie Ellis.

## Social Events for the Community 1901-2001



Hunting is also enjoyed by many people in the Macclesfield Community and this hunting party is just one of many. All types of hunting is enjoyed, deer, fox, and rabbit are among the favorite. Pictured in no particular order: Jimmy Vainwright, Eugene Eason, John Eason, Joe Eason Eugene Vainwright, Mack Pittman, Evelyn Proctor, other are unidentified.



Maccripine Country Club opened on August 6, 1967, built to provide the people of Macclesfield, Pinetops and Crisp with a central recreational spot. When it was opened it provided the only 18- hole golf course in Edgecombe Co. Along with golf it provided a swimming pool and a large area for parties and entertaining.

## Social Events for the Community 1901-2001



Not all fun was had at home! The next two photo pictured Macclesfield people enjoying themselves while visiting the beach. Above is pictured "The Macclesfield Ladies" vacationing at Virginia Beach. L-R, Nannie Norville, Sudie Harrell, Sue Pitt, Jacque Narron, Lela Lewis, Lucy Gray Peebles, and Mattie Ruth Pittman.

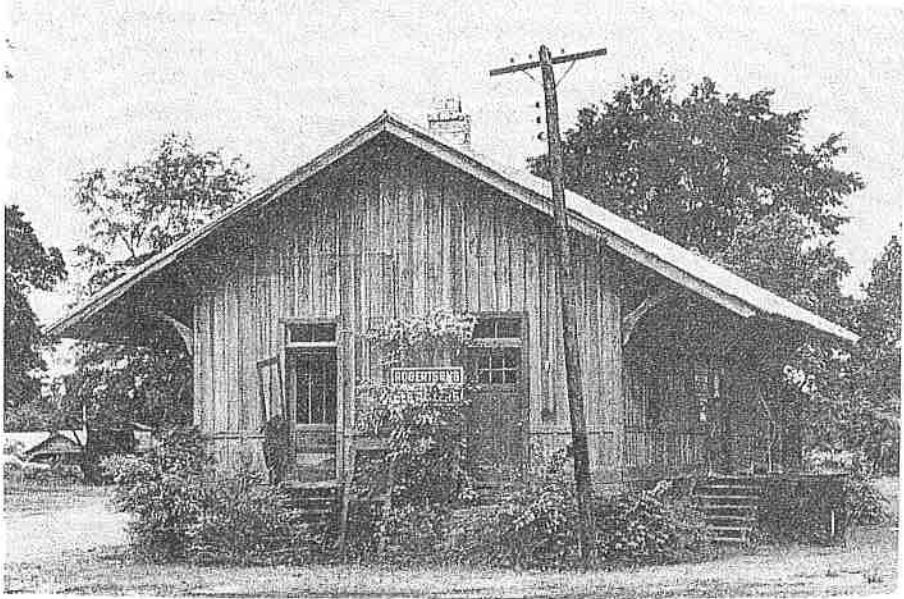


Macclesfield Family visits Carolina Beach. L-R, Ella Randell, caretaker, Dawson and Myrtle Tugwell, Hadley and Vonnie Webb, Barbara Lewis, Dora Lewis, Linda Pearl Lewis. Front row: Bill and Fannie Carr Beamon, Jerry Webb, and Lela Lewis.

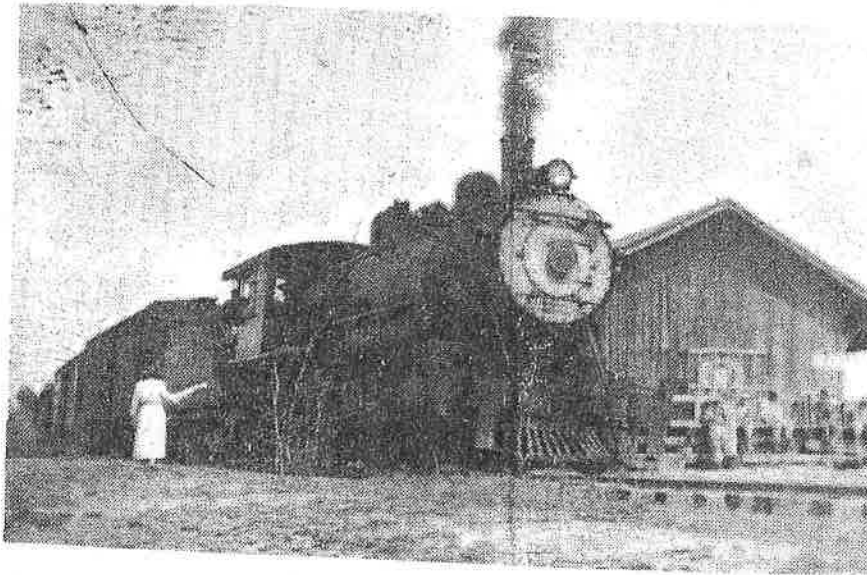
## Around the Town - Through the Years

### East Carolina Railroad

From 1901, when the tracks of the railroad reached the new town of Macclesfield, until 1965 when the last run was made, the train that came through twice a day, effected the town of Macclesfield greatly. It owed its very existence to the railroad, but when the train left for good it managed to survive and to prosper.

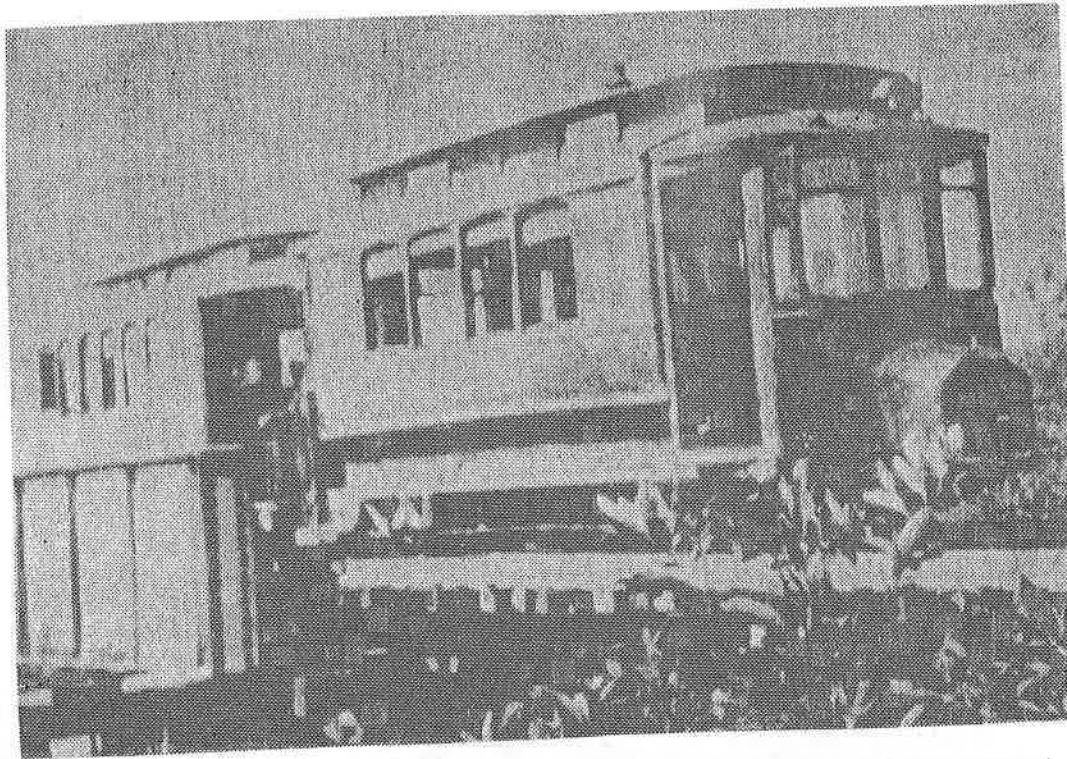


This was the beginning. The Old Train Depot, Macclesfield



Mamie Pittman flagging the train in 1949. She served 26 years as freight agent until the train made its last run in 1965.

## Around the Town - Through the Years



The "Yellow Hammer" was one of the popular features and a hallmark of the East Carolina Railroad.



The train as it makes its last run through Macclesfield. Pictured are George Hyman, Duke Brown, Carl Cross.



The tracks being removed from the town. The job was done by Powell and Allen Const.

## Around the Town - Through the Years



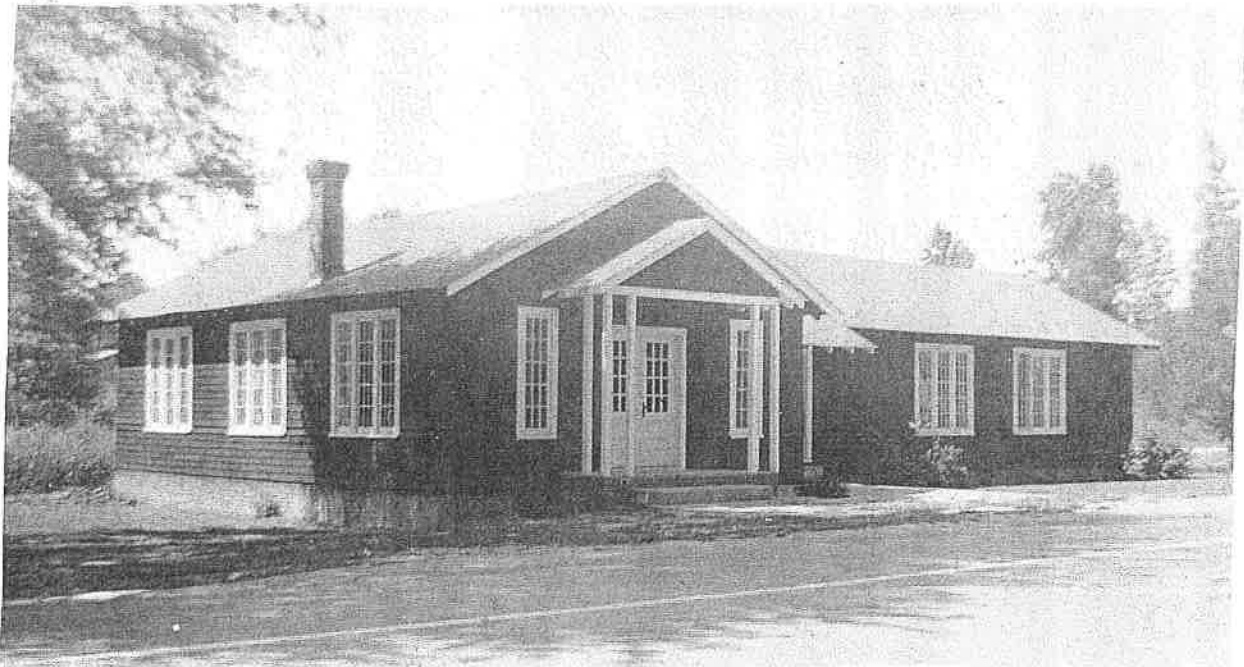
View of the town in 1948: Top, south Main St., middle, north Main St. and bottom, ballpark, west of Main St.



## Around the Town - Through the Years

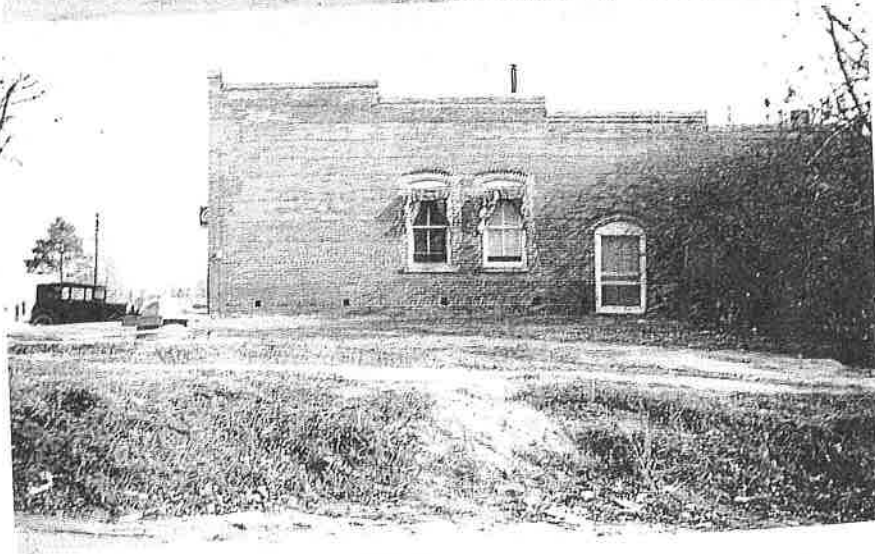
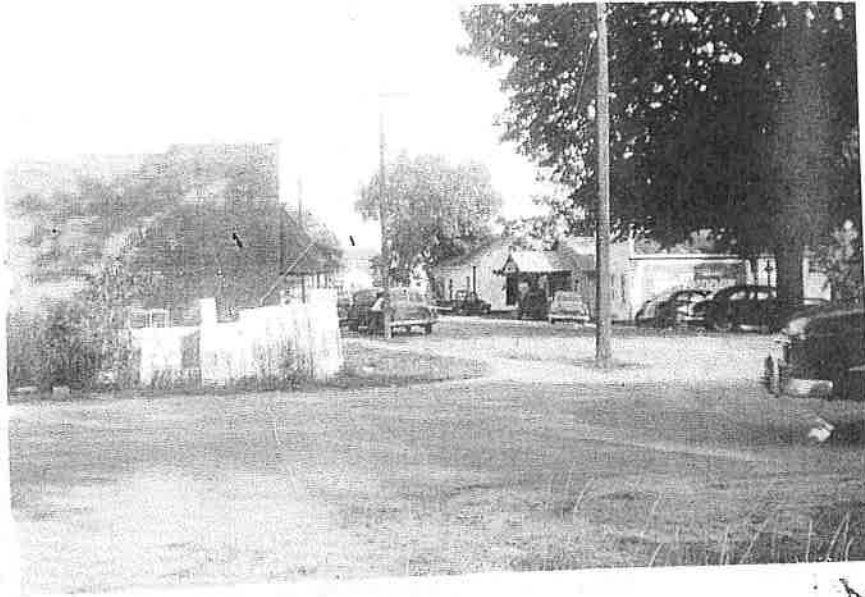


Formally property of the Wilson Episcopal Church, before being sold to the town, to be used as a community building. Photo taken in 1947.



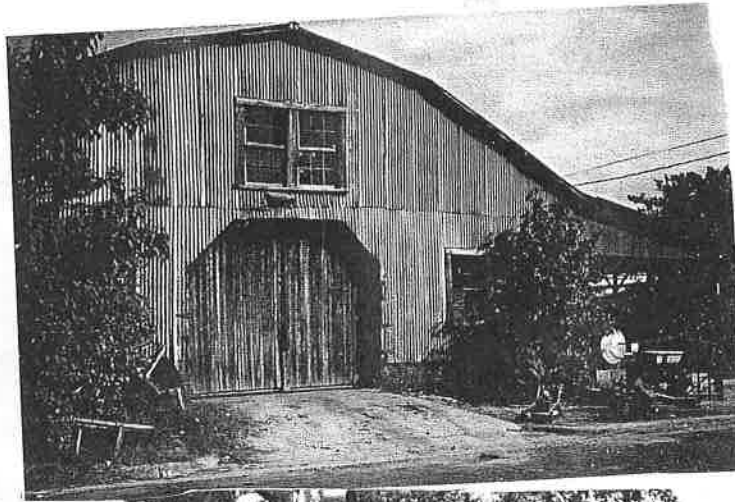
The Community Building after its renovations in 1949.

## Around the Town - Through the Years



View of the town: Top, view of street now known as HW # 124, Center, Old Bank building in 1920's, Bottom, view of Merchants and Farmers Bank from the front. Peebles & Webbs Store also pictured.

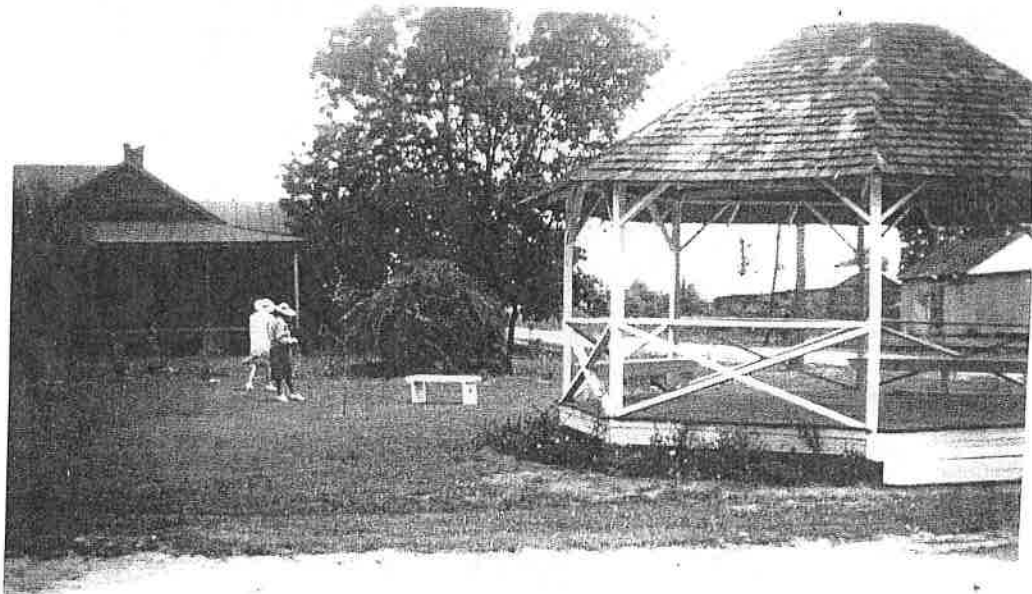
## Around the Town - Through the Years



Views of the town: Top, The old R.L. Corbett Garage (also used as stables), Center, view of left side of HW #124, inside Macclesfield, where Penders Kwik Mart is today, Bottom, view from railroad tracks down the street where Southern Bank stands today.

## Around the Town - Through the Years

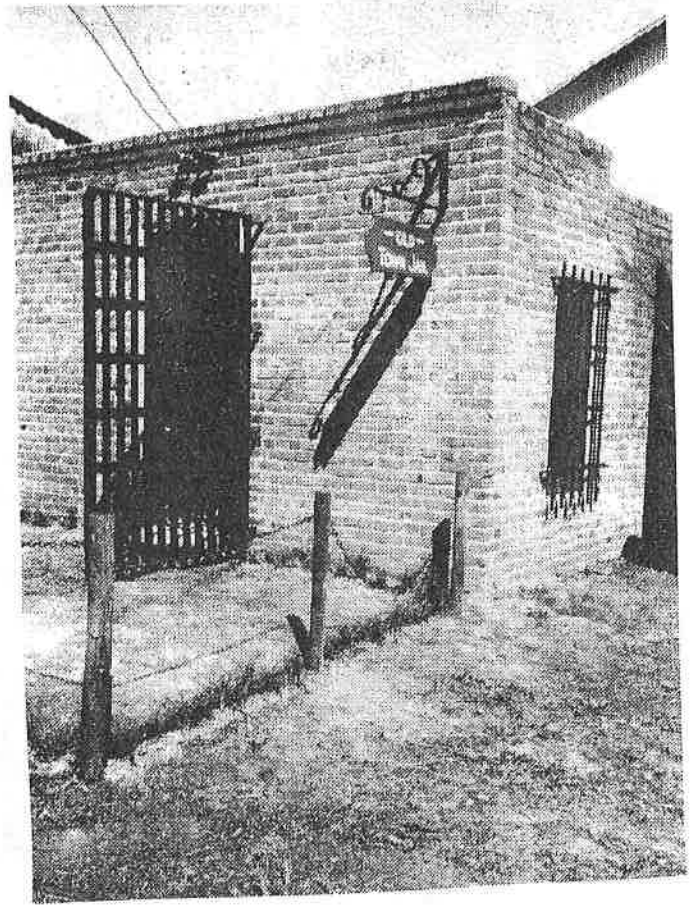
Lucy Gray Peebles, Lela Webb Lewis, Sudie Harrell and Betty Pridgen paint and work to restore the Town Bandstand, located in uptown Macclesfield.



The bandstand located in the center of Macclesfield, showing the Frank and Molly Walston House in the back ground.

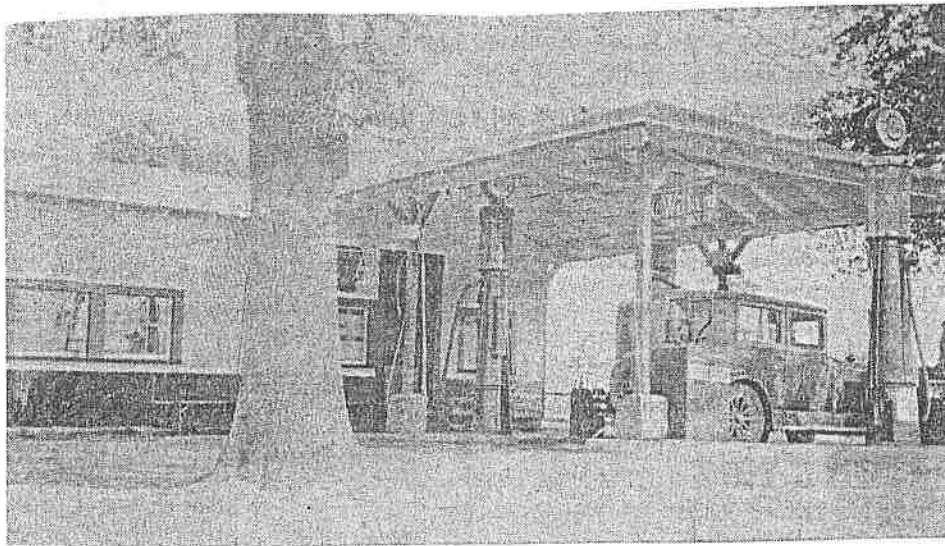
## Around the Town - Through the Years

Old Town Jail - Second jail structure built around 1925. The first building was a wood structure built around 1905. It burned supposedly by drunken inmates. The iron door and window bars are from the original structure.



Aerial view of Macclesfield taken from a helicopter at one of the annual Fall Festivals.

## Around the Town - Through the Years

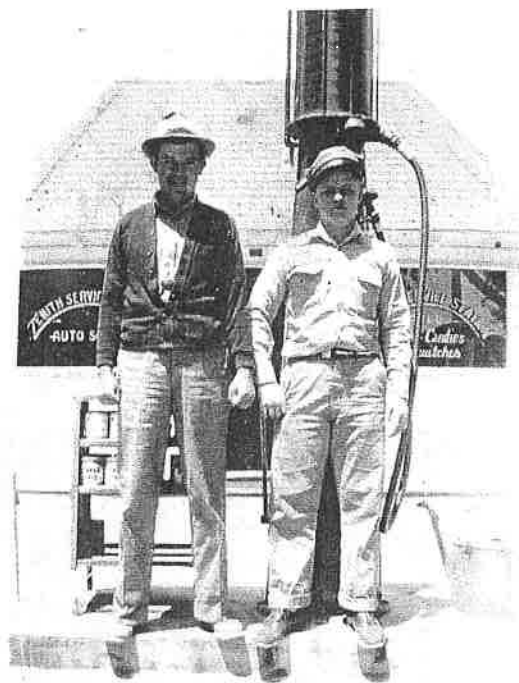


Old Service Stations in Town: Top and Center, the old service station located where the Kwik Mart is located today. Bottom, old service station in back of Eugene Eason and Graham Phillips.

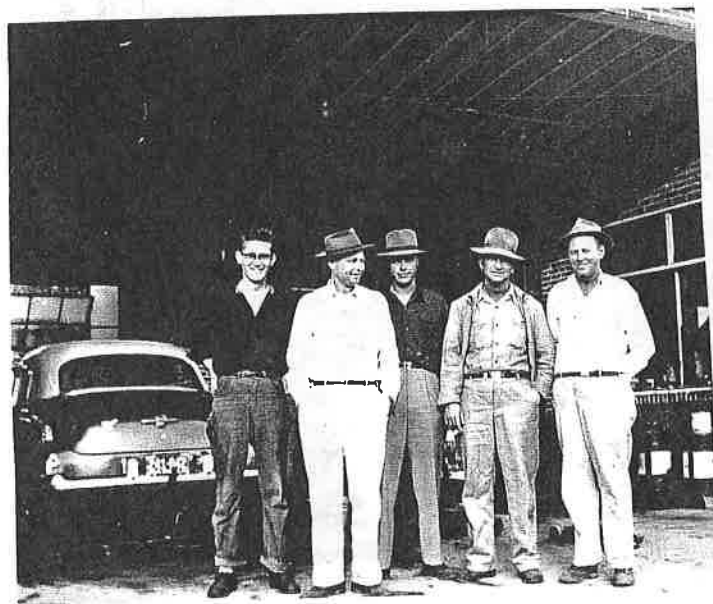
## Around the Town - Through the Years



Levy Everette standing in front of the old Zenith Service Station in 1939.



Roy Phillips and Bennie Clark Phillips standing at the pumps of Zenith Station.



Junior's Service Station Gang: L-R- Milton Webb, Irvin Felton, Marvin Baker, Roy Eason, Meddie Webb.



Elmore Whitley and Junior Jones in EXXON Station.

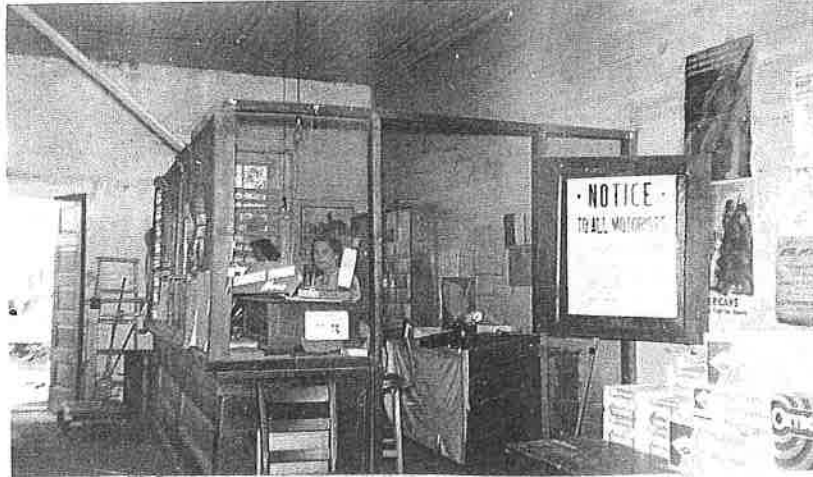
## Around the Town - Through the Years



Pictured above from top to bottom: Top, old Jimmy Forbes Stables, it was located across from where the grocery store is today, pictured are Elmore Whitley and Ronald Gold Pittman, Center, Macclesfield Cafe with Bennie and Laura Phillips, Nannie Norville and Arabella Brown, Bottom, Rufus Pittman in front of the R.L. Corbett Store, where he worked for many years.

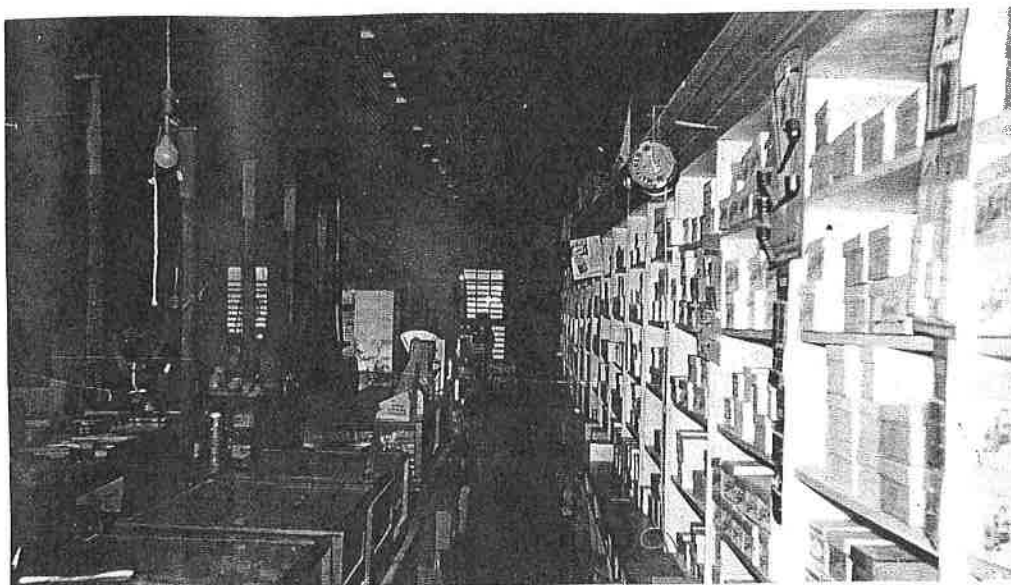


## Around the Town - Through the Years



Pictured above from top to bottom: Top, old post office in the store of J.T. Winstead, 1920-1948, Center, new post office in 1949 located on north Main St. with Rufus Lewis (mailcarrier) in foreground, bottom, Rufus Lewis in front of Post Office loading his car for his daily rural mail run.

## Around the Town - Through the Years



J. T Winstead's Store: Mr. Winstead was the 2nd postmaster for the town of Macclesfield, therefore he moved the postoffice into the back of the store where it remained from 1920-1948. Kinchen C. Lewis was the first postmaster.



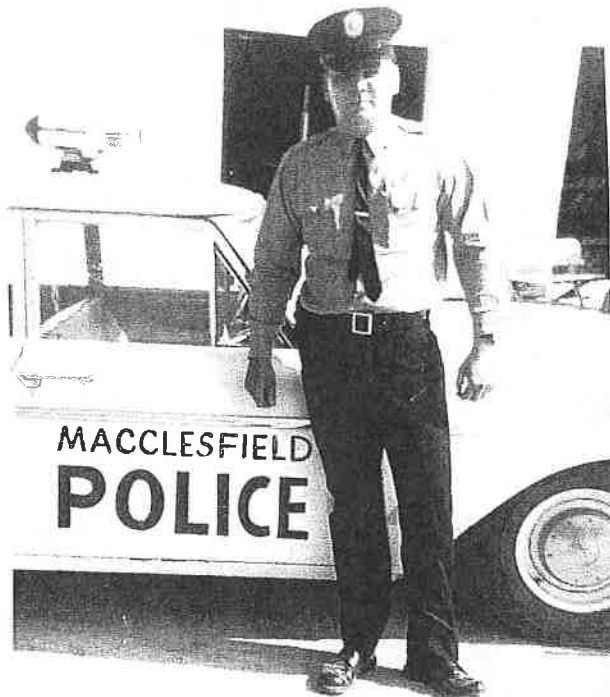
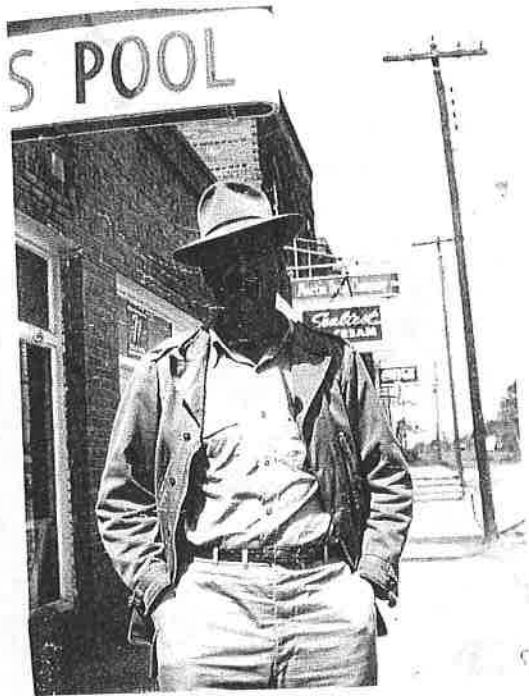
Sammy Harrell and Mr. Peebles in front of one of the stores in town.



Walter Phillips working in Martin's Drug Store.

## Around the Town - Through the Years

Lester Webb, pictured here on Main St. worked as Town Manager for several years.

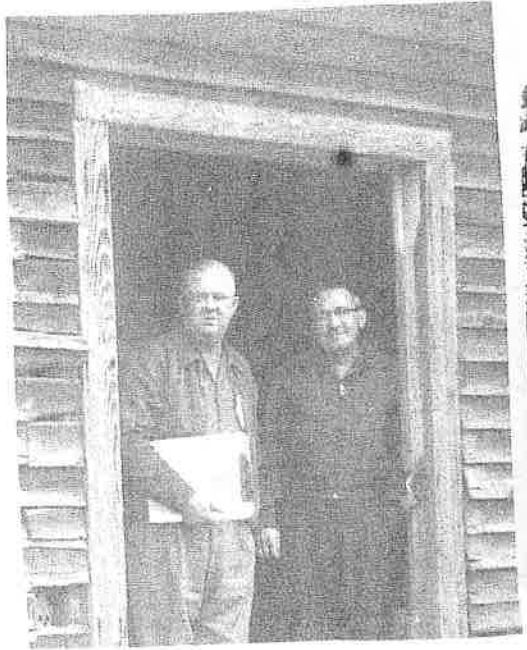


The first town Police car was purchased in 1962 for the Town Policeman, Rudolph Wallace. Both pictured above.



Dr. Wright was a much beloved doctor in the town of Macclesfield, from 1936 - 1951.

## Around the Town - Through the Years



Pictured L-R: left, Jodie Harrell and Rufus Pittman, standing in the door of the old railroad warehouse. Right, Felton and Harrell Hardware, Feed and Seed Store, located on the site of the present day Peaden's.



Pictured above L-R: Wiley Ford, Junior Ellis, Wesley Webb in Webbs Farms Supply. Right, seated in front of Winstead's Store, in 1965, are Walter Jackson Varnell (town policeman), Ralph Winstead and one of his girls.

## Around the Town - Through the Years



Floyd Herndon in Floyd's Farm Supply



Rudolph Harrell and Charlie Streeter at Macclesfield Used Cars, owned and operated by Mr. Harrell. (1960's)



Philmore Taylor, first owner of Red & White Grocery of Macclesfield and Steven Everett. (partner)

## Around the Town - Through the Years

### Cale Town

Little is known about the early history of Cale Town, a small section of Macclesfield now but, it is known that there was a mill and some stores in that area. The schools and cemetery were later placed in this area by the town. The land early on about 1780 was owned by Dempsey Stokes and he lived owned the peice of land that is now Cale Town. In later years, after the town was formed , the Cale family started a store there.

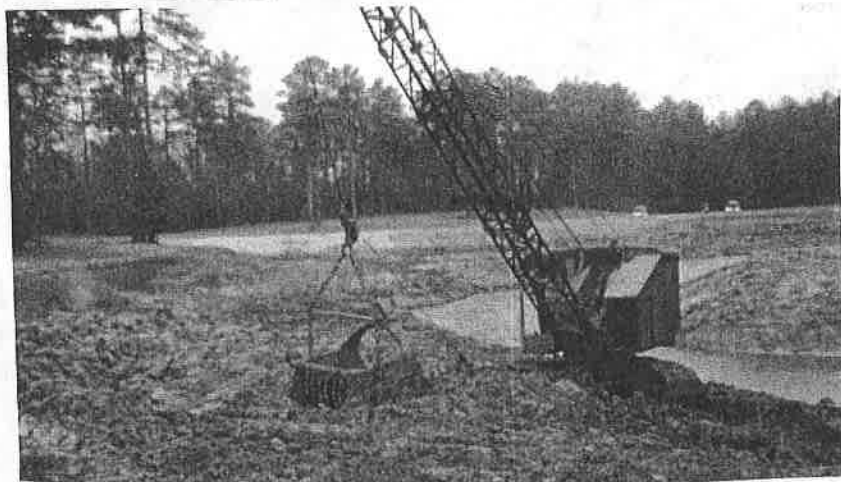
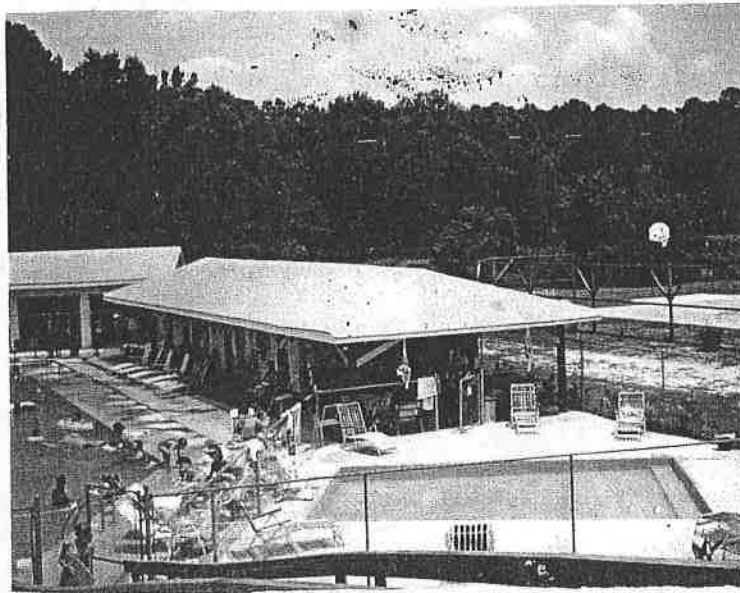


Pictured above L-R: Left, Thad Cale sitting inside the store. Right, Thad Cale Jr. in the store at Cale Town.



Hattie and David Cale standing in front of their store at Cale Town in 1954.

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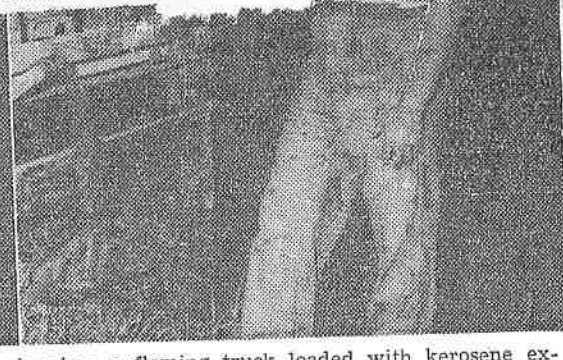
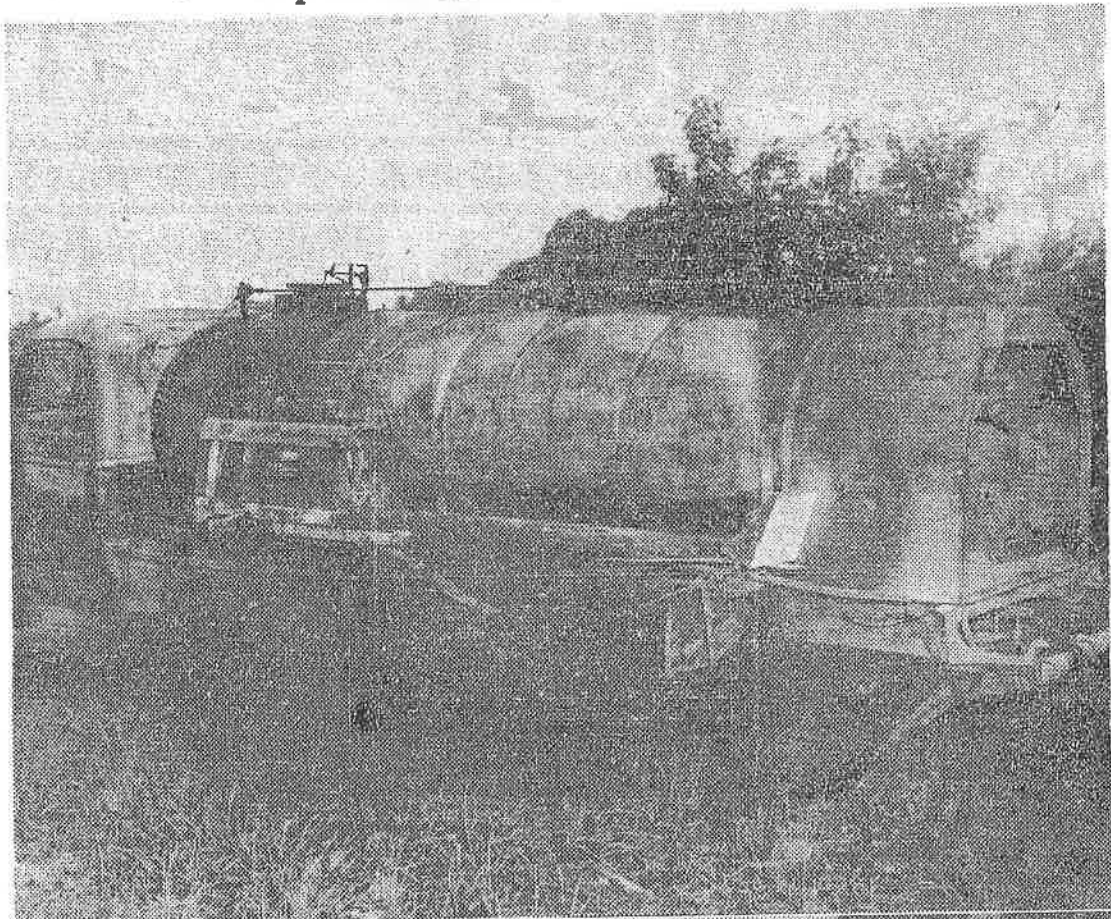


Pictured above from top to bottom: Top, Macclesfield Milling Co., started by the Varnells and was located on the property that W.W. Landscaping occupies today. Center, Carolyn and Dan Allen's Recreational Lakeside Pool, Bottom, Allen Dragline Service started in 1969 and retired with Dan in 1989.

# Around the Town - Through the Years

SUNDAY MORNING, JULY 17, 1949.

## Principals In Heroic Macclesfield Act



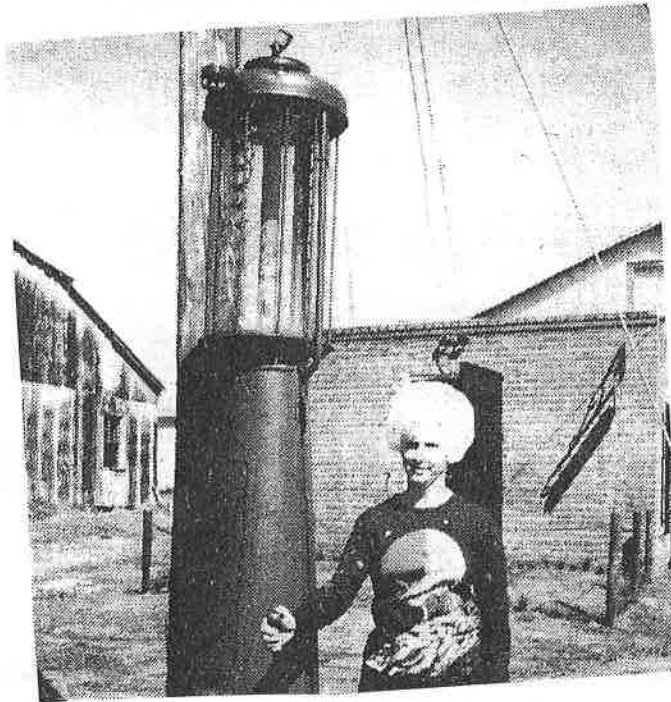
Disaster was averted at Macclesfield this week when a flaming truck loaded with kerosene exploded and burned at a filling station. The truck, shown above, was removed from the 20,000 gallon tank of kerosene, preventing the tank from exploding, by James Lester Jones, 35, shown on the lower left, and Bobby Bennett, 17, shown on the lower right. Bobby Bennett and Jones attached a chain to a car and the burning truck. Bobby drove the car and Jones stood on the running board of the burning truck and steered it for 75 or 100 feet. (Photos by James Reid, Rocky Mount.)



## Around the Town - Through the Years



The above scene was repeated many times in and around Edgecombe County, including Macclesfield, from the 1720s through the 1950s. From the 1700s, when the still was one of a person's most prized possessions, until the mid 1900s, making your own spirits was considered almost a God-given right. When Prohibition came around in the 1920s, people did what they had always done, made their spirits for their own consumption and shared with their neighbor, but then it was against the law. In the 1930s during the Depression, it became a way of feeding a hungry family when nothing else was available. It became big business in the 1940s and 50s but soon came to an end when people realized they could get caught as seen in this picture.

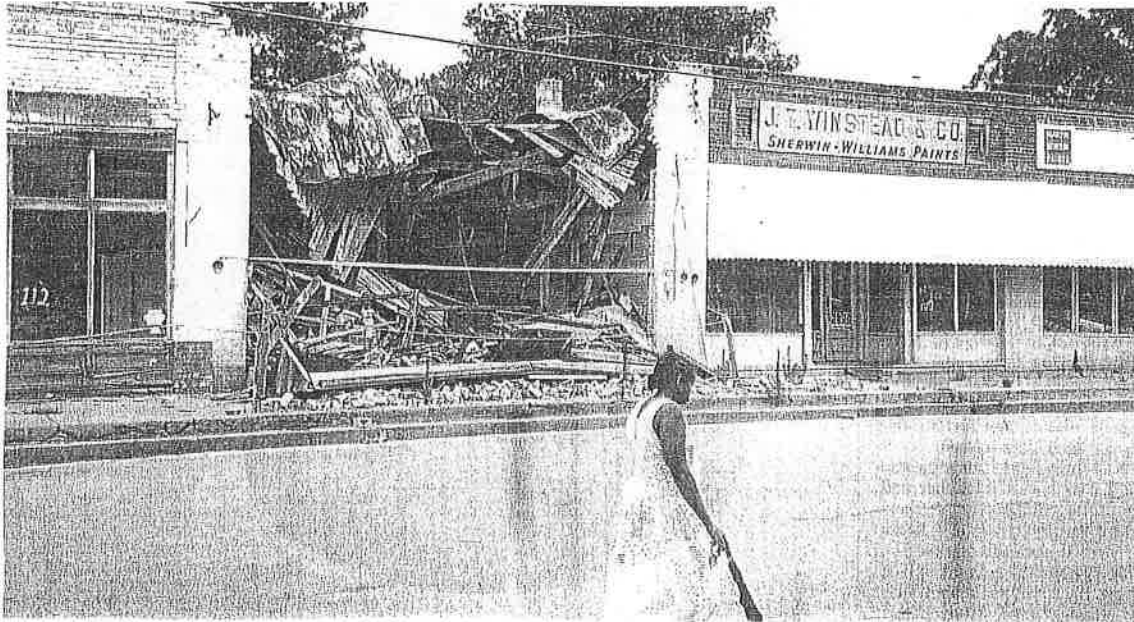


Pictured above: Laura Louise Williams (Snookie) standing beside kerosene pump from old Zenith Service Station.

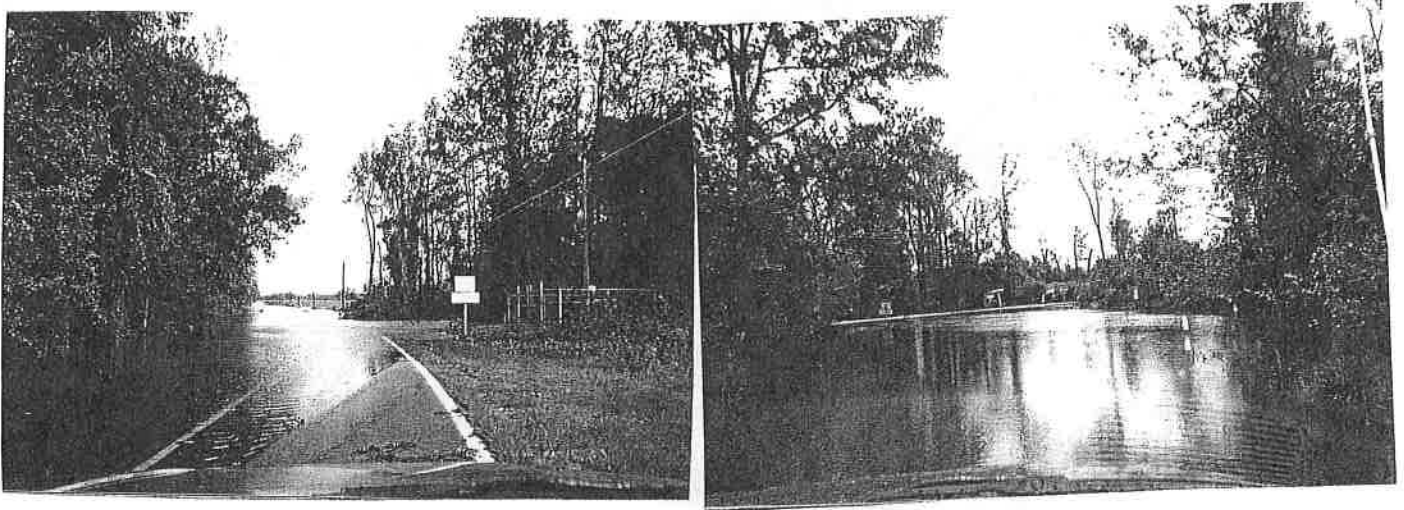
## Around the Town - Through the Years

### HURRICANE FLOYD

SEPTEMBER 16, 1999



Pictured above: One of the buildings in Macclesfield that was damaged by the destruction of the Storm of the Century, Hurricane Floyd. After it came through with its winds, that did little damage, the huge amount of rain that had fallen during the storm began to flood every river, creek and stream in Edgecombe County, as well as Eastern North Carolina. Many people in Edgecombe County lost their homes and some their lives to the flood waters that remained for many days following the storm. Below is the streams around Macclesfield after the storm. The first is Bynum Mill Swamp right outside of Macclesfield toward St. Lewis. The second is Otters (Autry) Creek Bridge on Webbs Lake Rd.



## **Macclesfield's Proud Sons of the Military from the Civil War to the Vietnam War**

There have been many wars in the course of America's history, from the Revolution to the Gulf War. Many men fought and many men died in the struggle for and to keep our freedom.

The Macclesfield Community was no different from the rest of the country. It gave its very best men and women to the cause of all these wars.

Revolutionary War -1775-1781 There were few families in this area at the time of the Revolution. Of course we have no pictures of any of the men that may have served. John Webb and William Owens both served though they enlisted in Virginia and only moved to this area after the Revolution. John Stokes had several sons and one or two of them may have served.

Civil War -1861-1865 This area gave beyond its duty in this war. There are four pages of soldier that can be proven to be from this area, to follow and that is only a few of the brave men that left their families and homes, some to never return. There was not a family in this area that was not touched by this war in some way.

World War I - 1917-1918 Macclesfield gave its favorite sons for this war also and it is proud to share four of them, in pictures, in the following section.

World War II - 1941-1945 In the next following pages you will see many picture of young men from the Macclesfield area that fought and some died in the struggle that took them too the four corners of the world. Time and space does not permit us to list all the accomplishments of each of the soldier, but we did want to honor as many as we possibly could in this section of the book. We know there are others that we have missed, to those we extend our heart felt gratitude.

Korean War - 1950-1953 The area had people in this war also. There is a page of soldier's pictures for this war also.

Vietnam War - 1961-1973 This was a long and bitter war fought with men and words. Though we have few pictures for this section, there are many we have missed.

The wars that we have not mentioned are no less important, and we are sure that there were Macclesfield people participating in them also. Please excuse us if we have overlooked anyone.

## CIVIL WAR

**William F. Webb** -Enlisted in Pitt Co. Sept 30, 1863 at age 18, for the war. Transferred to Co. K. 17th Reg. NC Troops (2nd organization) Nov. 1, 1863. He was the son of William and Sarah Amason Webb.



**John Webb** -Enlisted at Camp Burguyn near Wilmington, Feb. 24, 1864 for the war. Present and accounted for until wounded in the neck and shoulder at Cold Harbor, Vir.. in June, 1864. Returned to duty prior to Sept. 1, 1864. Present and accounted for through Oct. 1864. He was the son of David and Wealthy Felton Webb and the brother of Morrison Webb who died in the war effort.



## CIVIL WAR

***Dempsey Corbett*** - He was the son of Washington and Louisa Corbett and was born in 1842. He was also the brother of Henry Corbett a fellow soldier in the Spartan Band.

***Henry Corbett*** - He was the son of Washington and Louisa Corbett and was born in 1843. He was also the brother of Dempsey Corbett a fellow soldier in the Spartan Band.

***James Scarborough Eason*** - He was the husband of Lydia Hocutt and the son of Joshua Barnes Eason and Polly Palmer Scarborough Eason. His grandfather James Scarborough was a Revolutionary War soldier who achieved the rank of Major while serving in the Continental Army and the State Militia. He was born in 1824.

***Peter Harrell*** - He was the son of Jesse and Betsy Webb Harrell and was born in 1838. He may have married Vicey Webb on April 5, 1866.

***William Harrell*** - He was the son of John and Susan Harrell and was born in 1845. He died November 25, 1862. He was the grand son of Samuel and Sarah Harrell.

***William W. Corbett*** - Seems to be the son of Lavina Corbett and was born in 1837.

***Arthur Forbes*** - He was the son of Joesph and Elizabeth Forbes and was born in 1839. He was the grandson of Arthur Forbes.

***Randolph Forbes*** - He was the son of Hiram and Millie Harrell Forbes and was born 1843. He was the grandson of Arthur Forbes.

***James Forbes*** - He was the son of Joesph and Elizabeth Forbes and was born in 1841. He was also the grandson of Arthur Forbes.

***E.T. Harrell*** - Possibly the son of John and Susan Harrell and was born in 1839. He died May 26, 1864 and was the grandson of Samuel and Sarah Harrell.

***Watson Harrell*** - He was the son of John and Susan Harrell and was born in 1844. He also was the grandson of Samuel and Sarah Harrell.

***David Harrell*** - I believe him to be the son of Asa and Nancy Harrell and was born in 1841. He was killed September 7, 1862. If he is their son he would be the grandson of David and Charlotta Webb Harrell and the great-grandson of Samuel and Sarah Harrell and also the great-grandson of John and Teresa Duke Webb. John Webb was a Revolutionary War soldier.

## CIVIL WAR

**Hardy Webb** - He was the son of Dempsey and Mary Gay Webb and was born in 1824. He was the husband of Vacey Owens and was married November 25, 1845. He was killed at the Battle of Malvern Hill , July 1, 1862. He left behind his wife and several children. The three known were Mary E., Alvana, and Charlotte. He was the grandson of John and Teresa Duke Webb. He was also the grandson of Henry Gay.

**Morrison Webb** - He was the son of David and Wealthy Felton Webb and was born 1836. died November 2, 1863. He was the grandson of John and Teresa Duke Webb. John was a Revolutionary War veteran. He entered the war in 1861 at age 25 and was wounded at Warrenton, Vir.. in 1863. Died on Nov. 2, 1863 of wounds, place of death unknown.

**Bennett Webb** - He was born in 1847 and was the son of Riley and Millie Owens Webb. He was the grandson of John Webb Jr. and Nancy Taylor Webb. Enlisted in the war at age 17 in Feb of 1864. He was wounded in the right leg at Cold Harbor Vir.. and left the service in Nov. of 1864.

**John N. Webb** - He was the son of Riley and Millie Owens Webb and born in 1844. Also the grandson of John Webb Jr. and Nancy Taylor Webb. Enlisted in the war at age 18, in Feb. of 1864. Surrendered at Appomattox Court House, Vir.. April 9, 1865.

**Newett Webb** - He was the son of Riley and Millie Owens and was born in 1839. He was the grandson of John Webb Jr. and Nancy Taylor Webb. He was the great-grandson of John and Teresa Duke Webb. He was wounded at Sharpsburg, Maryland in 1862, recovered and was promoted to musician (drummer). Surrendered at Appomattox Court House, Vir.. April 9, 1865.

**David J. Phillips** - He was the son of William B. and Susan Edwards Phillips and was born 1840. He died at the battle of Malvern Hill , July 1, 1862. He is buried in Richmond Va. He was the grandson of David and Elizabeth Wilkins Phillips.

**Richard Phillips** - He was the son of William B. and Susan Edwards Phillips and was born in 1842. He later married Katy Bridgers on Feb. 11, 1869. He died November 20, 1911. He was the grandson of David and Elizabeth Wilkins Phillips.

**James Vainwright** - He was born in Pitt County and resided in Edgecombe County when he enlisted in Martin County at age 38, January 1, 1863 for the war. Present or accounted for until he died at home on September 12, 1864 of disease contracted while serving in army.

**Bryant Phillips** - He was the son of William Barbee Phillips and Susan Edwards Phillips and was born June 22, 1844. He died March 26, 1863. Family records record his death as Civil War related.

## CIVIL WAR

**Kindred S. Lewis** - He was the son of Kinchen C. and Millicent Eason Lewis. He was killed at Chancellorsville, Virginia on May 3, 1863.

**James L. Lewis** - Resided in Edgecombe County before enlisting and was the son of Kinchen C. and Millicent Eason Lewis. He was wounded in the left thigh at Cold Harbor, Virginia. He died a few years later as a result of Civil War wounds.

**James T. Lewis** - He was the son of Redden Sugg Lewis and was age 21 when he enlisted in the war effort. He was captured at Williamsburg, Virginia in May of 1862, and was confined at Fort Monroe until exchange in November of 1862. Present and accounted for until wounded in the arm at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia.

**John I. Lewis** - Residing in Edgecombe County at time of enlistment, he was the son of Redden Sugg Lewis and was age 18. Present and accounted for until he was wounded in the arm at Kelly's Ford, Virginia in 1863. Right arm was amputated and he was released from service.

**Riley Webb** - He was the son of John Webb Jr. and Nancy Taylor Webb. He was the husband of Millie Owens Webb and the father of Elizabeth, Jephtha, Bennett, John and Newett, the last three serving in the war also. He entered the war in March of 1862 at age 35 and died in the hospital at Richmond, Vir.. in April of 1862. Cause of death not reported.

**Cullen Webb** - Resided in Edgecombe Co. prior to enlisting at age 33 in 1862. Present and accounted for until paroled at Goldsboro on May 10, 1865. He was the son of Dempsey and Mary Gay Webb. He was also the brother of Hardy Webb who was killed while serving in the war.

**Elbert Webb** - Resided in Edgecombe Co. prior to enlisting at age 25 in 1862. Present and accounted for through Oct. 1864. He was the son of John and Nancy Taylor Webb and the brother of Riley Webb who died while in the serves of the Confederacy.

**Joseph Webb** - He enlisted at age 35 in the year of 1862 in Beaufort Co. Captured by the enemy at Harrisonburg, Vir.. in 1864 and confined at Point Lookout, Maryland until exchanged on Feb. 14, 1865. Hospitalized at Richmond, Vir.. with acute rheumatism and was furloughed on March 2, 1865. He was the son of John and Nancy Taylor Webb and the brother of Riley Webb and Elbert Webb who also served.

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World War I



Joseph F. Eason



Wiley Webb died in France, in 1918, from pneumonia.



Bill Lewis



Fred Varnell



This letter was written to William Frank Webb, Macclesfield, NC, in regards to his son William Wiley (Willy) Webb who died in France in 1918 during World War I. He was a brother of Seth Webb. He is pictured on the previous page.

My dear Mr. Webb,

It is with regret that I delayed so long before writing you something of the last days of your son. I was transferred from the Supply Train to the 324 Infantry not long after he left us and in consequence had such an increase in my duties that this letter has been postponed from time to time.

Your son had been suffering with a cold for several days along with quite a number of the other men in his company, but remained in his quarters under the care of the doctor until so many began to get sick that those most uncomfortable were sent to the hospital. None of them ordinarily would have gone to the hospital, but there was more to do than our doctor could attend well so some were sent. That was at Raon l' Etape in the Vosges mountains. Your boy was then taken back to a better hospital at Bruyeres. I visited him there, and to my great grief and astonishment discovered him with pneumonia in both lungs. He was very sick but knew me and talked with me. Realizing that he might not live I asked him if he was at peace with his Lord. He assured me that he was and that all was well with him. We prayed together and I told him goodbye. I asked the American nurse in charge to telegraph me his condition later and next day I received her message that the end had come peacefully about 3:30 in the afternoon on the day I was there. It was about 35 miles across the mountains back to where he was, but I felt that he should rest among his comrades who had also fallen victims during the epidemic, so I got a truck and went for his body. He was buried with military honors on the hillside at Raon l' Etape, grave #88 where a number of boys are sleeping, and with great tenderness his captain and comrades said "Goodbye".

He had won the esteem and confidence of all by his pleasant good nature and willingness. He never complained and was an influence among the men toward keeping them in good spirits always. He did what he could for the great cause and you can well feel proud of him. I know there is nothing that can take away the fact that he is gone, but you can find perhaps a grain of comfort in the fact that he was a true soldier and a well respected comrade among his fellows. I know just what death means. It took a golden haired little boy from my home shortly before I entered the army and since I have been wearing the uniform I have seen many men die in different ways. May God give you his hand and lend his strength to you.

Yours very truly,

T. G. Vickers, Chaplain

## World War II

The following pictures were printed in various newspapers of the area during World War II and have been left as they appeared for the historic value.



Three sons of Mrs. Hattie Lewis and the late Fred Lewis of Macclesfield, are serving in the armed forces of the nation. Pvt. Harry Lewis (left) enlisted in the Army in January, 1941, and is now in foreign service. Pfc. Fred Lewis (center) entered the Army in January, 1941, and is stationed at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. Pfc. Joseph M. Lewis entered the Army in April, 1941, and is at present on maneuvers in the Carolinas. A fourth son is employed at the Baltimore shipyards.



Three sons of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Phillips of Macclesfield are in the armed forces. Pfc. Willie Phillips (left) is with the Marines in the South Pacific. He entered the Marine Corps in September, 1941, and has been overseas since last October. Sgt. Lester Phillips (center) entered the Army in May, 1942, and is now stationed at Camp Shelby, Miss. Pfc. Walter Phillips (right), entered the Marine Corps in November, 1942, and is now stationed at a Naval mine depot, Yorktown, Va.



Three sons of Mrs. Dilla Ellis of Macclesfield are in the nation's armed forces. Pvt. Louis D. Dilda (left) is with the Army stationed at Camp Forrest, Tenn. Cpl. Carl P. Dilda (center) is with the Army stationed at the Army hospital in Charleston, S. C. Cpl. Billy C. Dilda (right) is with the Army in North Africa.

World War II



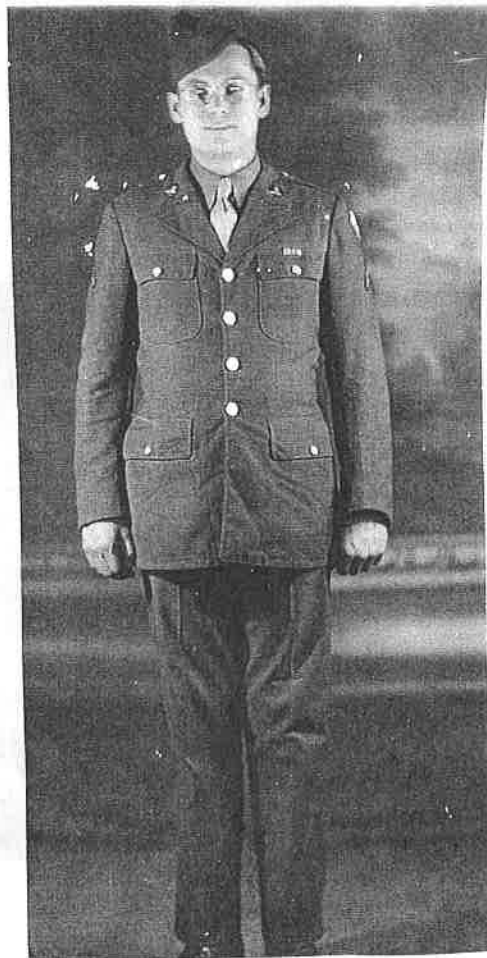
Wilbur Winstead



Josh Winstead



Walton Winstead



Ralph Winstead

The above soldiers are the sons of J.T. and Lucy Winstead. They all served their country bravely, with Wilbur giving his life for the cause of freedom. (See Winstead Family Art.)

World War II



Raymond Gardner



Joe Gardner



David Gardner



Williard Felton



William T. Webb



Yates Everette

World War II

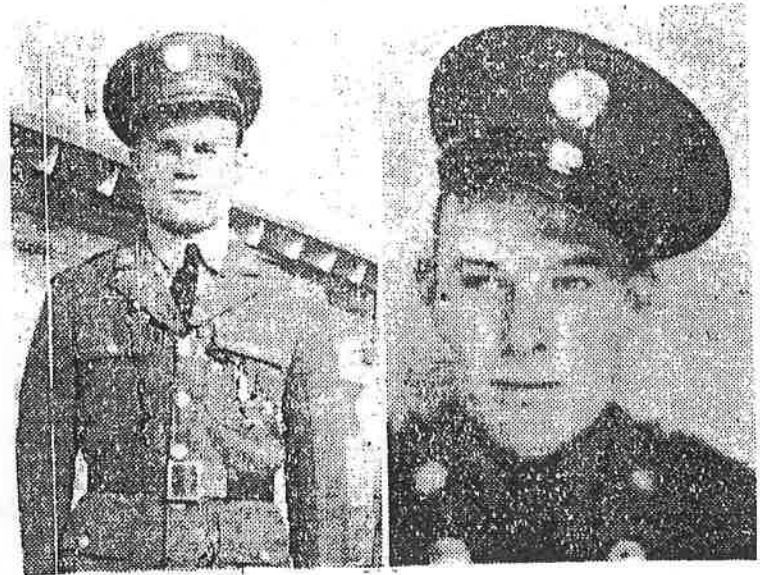


Pictured above from left to right are; William Clayton Harrell, Eddie Webb, B. C. Eason, Herbert L. Webb, William Earl Moore, and Raymond H. Batts.

World War II



John S. Winstead



Pvt. Oscar T. Webb (left) and Sgt. Linwood T. Webb, sons of Jet Webb of Macclesfield, are in the Army. Oscar has notified his father of his safe arrival in East Africa. He entered the Army in February. Linwood entered the Army in January, 1940, and is stationed now at Camp Wolters, Texas.



Stanley Hearn

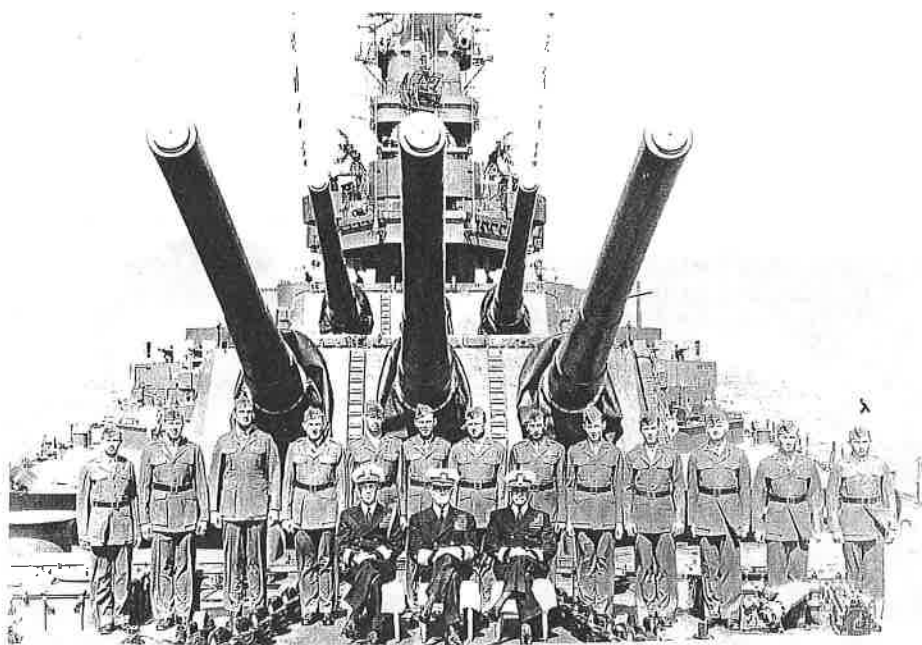


Cad Harrell

## World War II



Willie and Walter Phillips; brothers, served with Admiral Halsey on the USS New Jersey (B621) from August 23, 1944 to January 1, 1945 and also on the USS Missouri (BB63) from May 18, 1945 until September 5, 1945.



The USS Missouri: Admiral Halsey and his Flag Marines of which Walter and Willie Phillips are pictured. Officers: Admiral Halsey (center), Admiral Carney (left) and Commodore Boone (right). Walter and Willie were present on board the ship when the surrender was signed by the Japanese.

## World War II



Louis Webb



Barney Webb



Walter Phillips and Mrs. Douglas MacArthur at dedication of Gen. Douglas MacArthur Memorial.



James L. Harrell T/Sgt. Awarded Philippine Camp. Medal, 4 battle stars and good Conduct Medal. He was husband of Grace Felton.



## Korean War



Cpl. James Jenkins (Bobby) Stallings  
Served 12/13/1950-8/29/1956. He was  
the husband of Vera Webb Stallings.



Alton Phillips



Boyce Pittman and Army buddy.



Col. Chester Carl Lamb, Jr. returning from the  
last flight made of the Korean War.



1st Lt. Jimmy Lamb in cadet training US  
Air Force. Served in Iceland during war.

## Vietnam War



Aubrey Harrell



**MEDAL**—Army Staff Sgt. Phillip Bynum, right, son of Mrs. Bessie Bynum of Macclesfield, receives his second award of the Bronze Star Medal from Lt. Col. A. W. Martin in Vietnam. The award was for heroism against the enemy on December 3, 1969.



Phillip Bynum

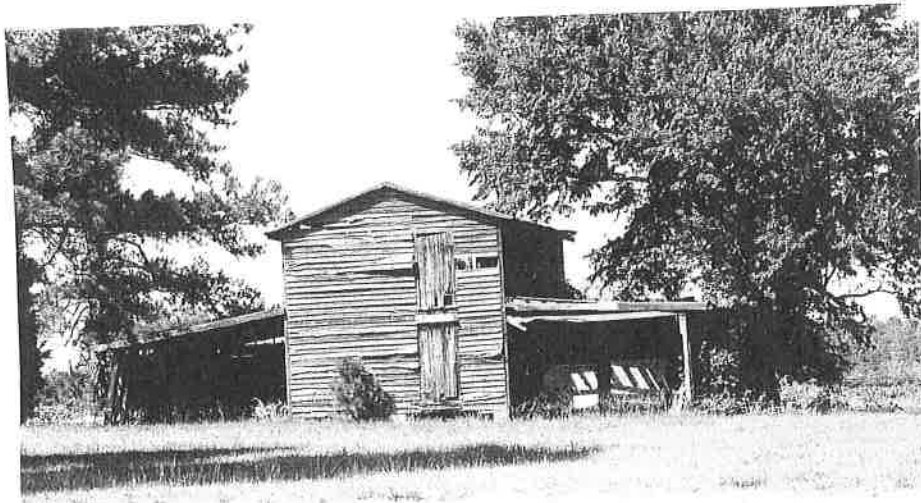
## Vietnam War



Chief Master Sergeant Allen Felton is a native of Macclesfield. He enlisted in the United States Air Force August 31, 1954 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam 1969 - 1970, and also served tours in England, Canada and numerous duty locations throughout the United States.

During the last five years of his career he served on the staff of HQ 9th Air Force at Shaw Air Force Base, South Carolina. He is married to the former Gloria Bergeron of Lake Charles Louisiana. They have one daughter Cheryl Felton of Columbia South Carolina.

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Memories of days gone by.

## The Families of the Macclesfield Community

There are literally hundreds of families that make up the community of Macclesfield today, but when this area was first settled, there were very few. John Stokes and Jacob Evans both purchased land grants in the area in 1749, along with James Permenter in 1755. (See early landowners section) These land grants made up what is now the community of Macclesfield.

There are some of the descendants of these men here today, but none with the same surnames. Most of the children of these men migrated southward toward Georgia or westward to Tennessee. There are a few of us who descend from John Stokes still in the area, who descend through his daughter Elizabeth. Elizabeth married Samuel Taylor and their daughter Nancy married John Webb Jr. which created one of the branches of the Webb family in the area.

In the late 1780's this area began to fill up with settlers. The Revolution was over and the push from the Tidewater area of Virginia was on. Many of the people who are in this area today stem from this influx of settlers.

There is six basic families that most of the people of Macclesfield connect with in their family tree. They are the John and William Webb family (1790), they came together, Samuel Harrell family (1801), Solomon Phillips family (1796), Job Felton family (1797), Arthur Forbes family (1803) and the James Lewis family (1790's). Coburn Eason, Miles Reid, Archelus Ellis, James Baker, William Edwards, Anne Pittman, and James Henry Corbett all came in a little later and also contributed to the population of the present day Macclesfield Community. These are the founding fathers and mothers whose hard work and perseverance settled this land and made it some of the best in the county.

On the following pages are some of the families that helped settle the area and descend from the people I named above. These people are true pioneer stock that you hear mentioned in the history books so often. They truly are people to be proud of and we celebrate their courage and hard work to make the Macclesfield Community what it is today.



## Families of Macclesfield

### The Webb Families

Most of the Webb families in the Macclesfield Community are related to John and William Webb. They both came here in 1790 and are believed to be brothers. John and William settled on or near Autrey Creek. They were born in Virginia to unidentified parents. John was married to Teresa Duke, in 1785, in the county of Gates. John and Treasa Duke were the parents of seven children. In the order of their birth, they were; Dempsey who married Mary Gay, John, Jr. who married Nancy Taylor, Willie who married Elizabeth Barnes, Polly who married William Walston, Charlotta who married David Harrell, William who married first Sarah Lewis, second Julia Edwards Briley and David who married first Wealthy Felton, second Elizabeth Felton.

William Webb married Sarah Amason in 1840 and they were the parents of three children. In order of birth they were; Malvina who never married, Celia Ann who married Dempsey Webb, and William Frank who married Nancy Ann Eason. This was William's second marriage but no one know who his first wife was since there was no children.

John was born in 1763 and died in 1842. William was born in 1766 and died in 1848.

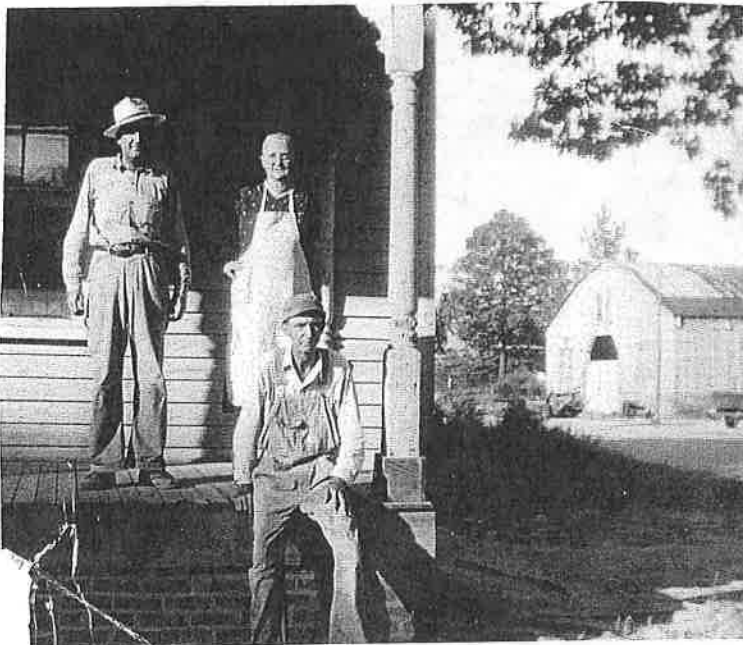
All the Webbs in this book, but one, descend from John Webb or William Webb or both.



Pictured above, the family of John and Beedy Forbes Webb. John was the grandson of John and Teresa Webb and the son of David and Wealthy Felton Webb. Beedy was the daughter of Arther Forbes. L-R, Back row: Nannie Webb Owens, Berkley Webb & wife Letha, Crumel Webb, Willie Ellis, Demie Harrell Webb & husband Dow Webb, Barney Webb. Front row: Victory Webb Ellis, Mary Woodard Webb wife of Crumel Webb, Beedy Forbes Webb, John W. Webb, Equilla Webb wife of Barney, children Alison, Beedy Victory, Venerable, Beady, Chanie, Custis, John Dawson, Barney Battle.

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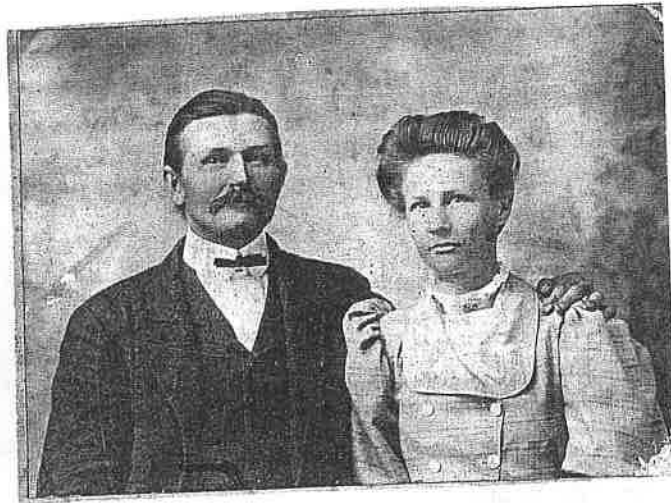
### The Webb Families



Barney and Equilla (Quillie) Webb lived on the corner of Green and Fourth St. Their home has long been torn down and a service station built there. Barney was the son of John and Beadie Forbes Webb. Equilla was the daughter of Reddick and Sally Harrell Webb. Barney and Equilla farmed and he operated a business in Macclesfield. They had six children Veneable, Curtis, John Dawson, Barney Battle, Channie, and Beadie. Pictured; L-R: top, Barney Webb, Equilla, Curtis, Beadie, Chanie. bottom, Barney Battle, Equilla, Veneable, Equilla Webb.

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### The Webb Families



Dow and Demie Harrell Webb lived on the corner of Green and Third St. The house was built by the two and still stands today. It was past down to Beadie Webb. Dow was the son of John and Beedy Forbes Webb and Demie was the daughter of Jessie and Edie Webb Harrell.



Pictured left: Sallie Harrell Webb was the daughter of Jessie and Betsy Webb Harrell and she married Reddick Webb the son of Easter Webb. She and Reddick were the parents of many children of which Equilla, Ada and Moses were just three. They lived in Webb Town. Right: Victory Webb was the daughter of John and Beedy Forbes Webb and married Willie Ellis. Demie Harrell was the daughter of Jessie and Edie Webb Harrell and married Dow Webb.

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### The Webb Families

Beadie and David Webb moved in with her Aunt Demie in Macclesfield in 1960. Beadie was the daughter of Barney and Equilla Webb. David was the son of Joe and Mattie Webb. Beadie was one of the most kind hearted person you would want to meet. She was a good Christian and a member of the Webb's Chapel Freewill Baptist Church. She and David were the parents of Helen, Brooks, and Ronald Dow. She died at the age of 93.



Helen Webb on the way to Sunday School with Rudolph and G. C. Wallace. Picture at the Autry's Creek Bridge.



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### The Webb Families



Hiram and Ella Vainwright  
Family

Hiram was the son of Bennett and Elizabeth Forbes Webb. He also was the great-grandson of John and Teresa Webb. Hiram and Ella lived in the area of Webb Town but following his death she moved to Macclesfield where she continued to live until her death.

Pictured above, left to right: Back row, Edith Elizabeth, Collin, Annie, Joseph Randell, 2nd row, Ann Eliza, Hiram Webb, Ella Vainwright Webb, Berthia, 3rd row, Buck Ransom, Rufus, Pennie Bessie, front row, David Payton (picture insert), Thomas Ransom, Leary, Minnie Ella.

Small picture below : Ella Vainwright as she looked when she lived in Macclesfield. Ella was born March 5, 1861 and died March 3, 1949. Her parents were James and Edy Webb Vainwright.



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### The Webb Families



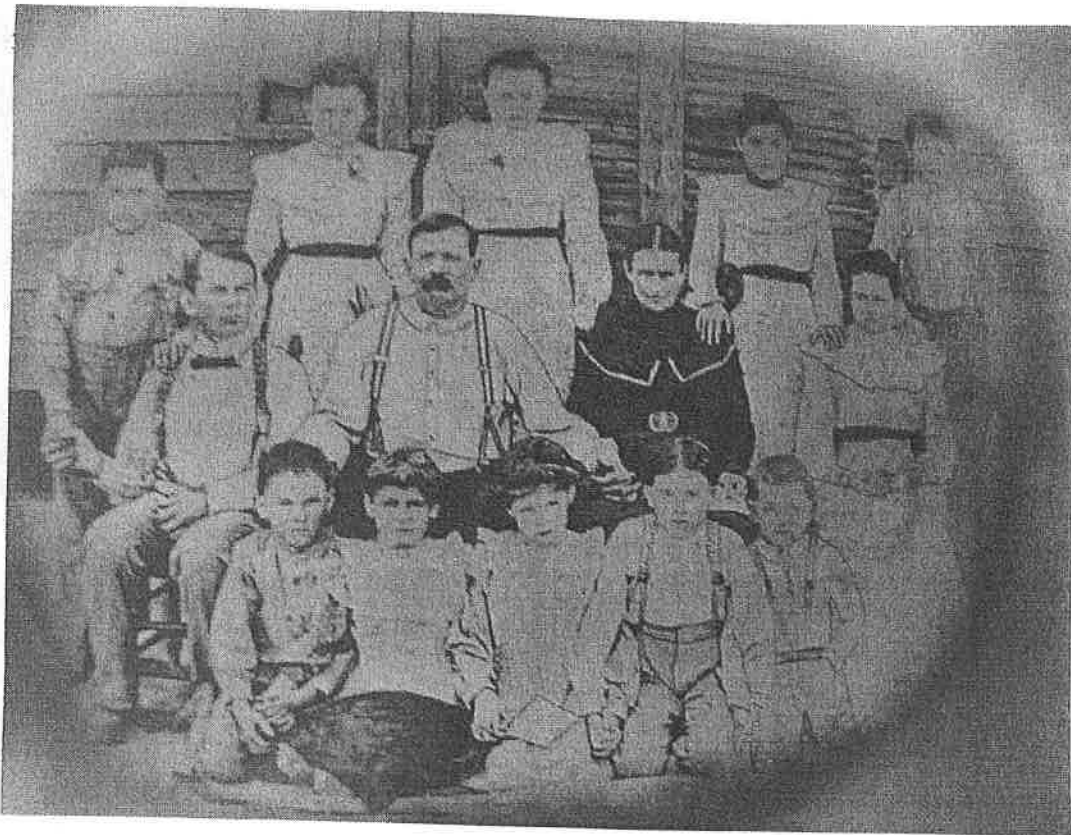
Family of Hill and Jean Felton Webb: L-R, Front row, Hill Webb, Daisy Webb who married Tommy Webb, Blanch who married Walter Proctor, Jean Felton Webb, Curtis Webb, Margaret who married Jeffy Edwards, Lucy who married Solomon Webb. Back row, Tommy Webb, Alex Webb, Minnie who married Jeffy Phillips. Hill Webb was the son of Elbert and Lousianna Webb. He was also the great-grandson of John and Teresa Duke Webb.



Pictured to the right: Hilliard McThomas Webb, unidentified, Lum Webb. Hilliard (Hill) was the son of Dempsey and Celia Ann Webb and the husband of Ada Webb. Their children were Roy, Tommy, Henry Gertha, Sally and Riddick. Lum Webb was the son of Wiley and Martha Walston Webb and the husband of Treasy (Babe) Webb. Their children were Sidney, Roservelt, Synthan, and Arther. Hill Webb above and the Hill Webb below were 2nd cousins and in order to tell them apart when mentioning them in conversation, they were called Big Hill and Little Hill. Hilliard was the g-great-grandson of John and Teresa Webb.

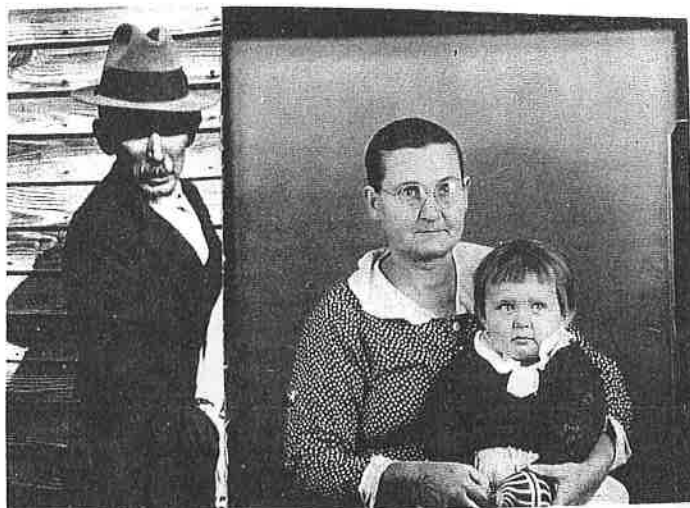
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### The Webb Families



Wiley and Martha Walston Webb Family

Pictured from L-R: Back row, Alex, Charlotta, Martha Priscilla, Repanne, Lum. 2nd row, James (Brud), Wiley Webb, Martha Webb, Sarrene. Front row, the younger children were Bessie, Vernall, Sally, Harley and Levi (order in picture not known). Wiley was the son of Sarah Webb and the grandson of John Webb, Jr. and Nancy Taylor Webb. Martha Webb was the daughter of Kinchen and Viney Webb Walston.



Mark Webb and wife Emma Wallace are pictured above. Mark was son of Redden and Sarah Webb. Emma was the daughter of John and Dazelle Webb Wallace. They were farmers and lived on Tarboro-Saratoga Rd. near Macclesfield. Children of Mark and Emma Webb were Mamie, Edgar, Leo, Betty and Walter.

## Families of Macclesfield

### The Webb Families

Pictured to the right is Harvey Webb and first wife Lou Ella Batts. Harvey was born 1868 to Wiley Gray Webb and Sarah E. Cobb Webb. Harvey and Lou had only one child, Alice Webb Wainwright. His second wife was Mary Eliza Forbes and was the mother of the rest of the children. They lived about a mile from Macclesfield. He was a farmer and owned several lots in the town of Macclesfield. In 1909 he bought a brick store at the intersection of Edgecombe and Third St. occupied by Phillips Brothers and Co. In 1912 he bought from Dr. C.B. Walton the Brick Mill Co., lying on and along East Carolina Railway. In 1916 he was one of the original stockholders and members of the original Board of Directors of Merchants and Farmers Bank. Harvey died in 1922.



Children of Harvey and Mary Eliza Webb. L-R, Back row, Jimmy, William, Henry, Robert, Clarke. Front row, Alice, Martha, Blanch, Ida.



Mary Eliza Forbes Webb  
B. 1870 D. 1948

## Families of Macclesfield

### Van Buren Webb Family



Van Buren Webb and wife Fannie Hagans Webb were farmers and lived three miles from Macclesfield, near Webb's Old Mill. In 1888, they gave land for a school near their house and in 1916, they gave land for another school known as Old Mill School. They also gave land for the first Webb's Chapel Church built in 1915. Their children were Hadley, Albert, Wright, Battle, Blanch W. Lewis, Madie W. Lewis, Dora W. Lewis, Lela W. Lewis.



Lela Lewis standing in front of her father's cars on the Van Buren Webb farm.



Miss Jo Anne Pittman, sister to Fannie Hagans Webb.

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### The Webb Families



Albert Webb and Carrie Owens Webb lived three miles from Macclesfield near Handy Corner, and were farmers. They were members of Webb's Chapel Church. Albert was the son of Van Buren Webb and Fannie Hagans Webb. Carrie was daughter of Will and Lizzoria Webb Owens. Children of Albert and Carrie: William Claude, Edna, Leslie, Hazel, Paul, Homer.

Blanch Webb Lewis Moseley, wife of Ledger Lewis was the daughter of Van Buren and Fannie Hagans Webb. Ledger was the son of Thadeous Lewis. They were farmers and lived on Lewis Road. Children of Blanche and Ledger: Dorothy Clark Lewis and Clifton Lewis.



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### The Webb Families

Roney Webb and wife Fannie Baker Webb pictured on the front row of photo to the right. Roney was son of Elwell Webb and Mary Jane Varnell Webb. They were farmers and lived on Webb's Chapel Road. Their children were Elwell, Sudie Blanche and Bessie Ora. Roney married second Bertha Farmer and their children were Daphne, Nettie and Mary Ida.

Amos Phillips and wife Repsie Baker Phillips are pictured on the back row of the photo to the right. Amos was son of Benjamin Phillips and Henrietta Bridgers Phillips. Repsie was daughter of Albert and Leah Baker Harrell. Amos and Repsie were farmers and lived on Fountain Rd. near Macclesfield. Children of Amos and Repsie: Willis, Mildred and Russell.



Jet Webb son of Elwell Webb and Mary Jane Varnell was married to Johnanna Cale, daughter of Thad Cale. They lived near Macclesfield and were farmers. Children of Jet and Johnanna: Luther, Linwood, Jasper, Oscar, Leona, Mary Ruth, and Minola. Pictured to right: Johnanna, Oscar and Leona.

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### The Webb Families



Pictured above L-R: Essex Webb, Ruby Webb Everette, Vonnie Webb, Stephen Everette. Grandchildren: Vel Everette Trevathan, and Aubrey Wooten. Essex Webb was the son of Elwell Webb and Mary Jane Varnell. Vonnie was daughter of Rufus Forbes and Mary Jane Page Forbes. They were farmers and lived near Webb's Lake. Children of Essex and Vonnie Webb: Minnie Edna, Lena, Meddie, Ruby.

Mary Jane Varnell was the wife of Elwell Webb and they were the parents of Ernest, Roney Jet, Kinchen, Essex and Betty.





## Families of Macclesfield

### The Webb Families

Kinchen Webb (right) and wives, Susan Pittman (below left) and Ora Owens Webb (below right). Kinchen was the son of Elwell Webb and Mary Jane Varnell Webb. Susan was daughter of Benjamin and Elizabeth Phillips Pittman. Kinchen and Susan lived about three miles from Macclesfield and were farmers. Children of Kinchen and Susan: Bennie, Susan, Ida, Hick, Thad, and Walter. Kinchen later married Ora Owens, daughter of Turner and Nettie Wooten Owens. She had one son, by a previous marriage to Albert Webb, A.D. Webb. A.D. operated the Handy Corner Store for thirty years.



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### The Webb Families



Carl and Edna Hayes Webb

Carl was a son of Kinchen and Susan Pittman Webb. Edna was the daughter of Henry and Mollie Hayes. Carl and Edna lived near Handy Corner where Carl owned and operated a store for many years. He was also a farmer. Children of Carl and Edna: Ralph Webb, Audrey Webb Owens, and Haywood Webb.



Haywood Webb was the son of Carl and Edna Webb. He joined the Edgecombe County Sheriffs Department in Aug of 1961. After three years of loyal service he was killed in the line of duty, October 6, 1964. He was married to Mattie Ruth Mercer and had one child, Connie Morgan.

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### The Webb Families

Ernest Webb (right) married first Lina Phillips (below left) who was the daughter of Benjamin Phillips and Henrietta Bridgers Phillips. Lina died in 1910. Ernest was the son of Elwell Webb and Mary Jane Varnell Webb. Ernest and Lina were farmers and lived near Macclesfield. Children of Lina and Ernest: Julius, Vonnie, Herbert Lee, and Wesley. Ernest married second Addie Owens, daughter of Turner and Nettie Wooten Owens. Children of Ernest and Addie: Ellen, Shelby, and Hilton.



## Families of Macclesfield

### The Webb Families



**WESLEY B. WEBB SR.** "

Pictured above: Wesley B. Webb, Sr. The Edgecombe native attended South Edgecombe High School, Kings Business College and earned his BS degree in Commerce from UNC-CH in 1949. In WW II, he served in the 737th Tank Battalion under General George C. Patton in Europe. He came to Wilson as a young CPA with J. H. Hanchrow. He later moved to Macclesfield and established his accounting practice as a part of the farm supply store he bought there. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Maccripine Country Club.

Webb was active as a volunteer fireman, Lion, American Legion and trustee of the American Bridge Teachers Association and accountant for the Wilson Bridge Club.

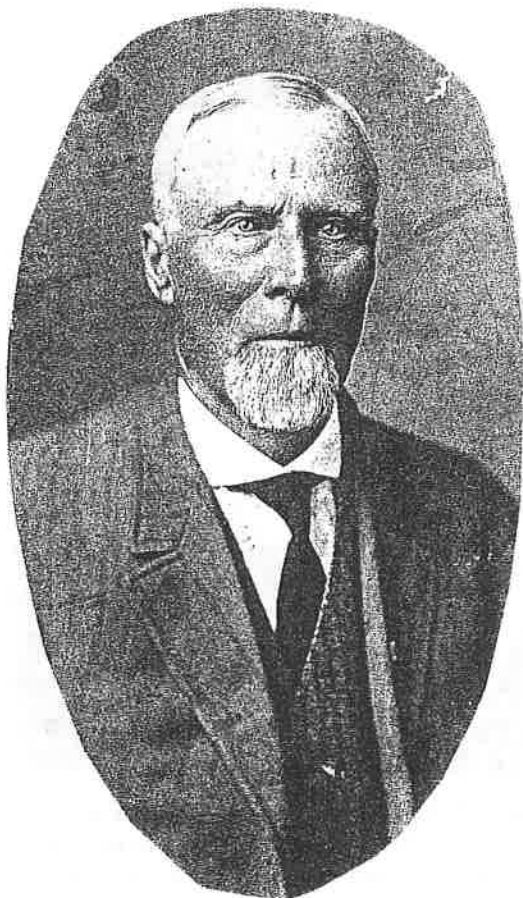
Wesley was the son of Ernest and Lina Webb and the husband of Delanie Winstead Webb. Children of Wesley and Delanie: Kathryn W. Johnson and Wesley B. "Wes" Webb, Jr.



Delanie Winstead Webb is the daughter of Scott and Olla Winstead and was married to Wesley B. Webb until his death. She was one of the only women in Edgecombe County to be a Nationwide Insurance Agent in the 1950s and 60s. She is a distinguished Master Bridge teacher and taught many people around the community of Macclesfield to enjoy the game. Delanie now resides in Wilson.

## Families of Macclesfield

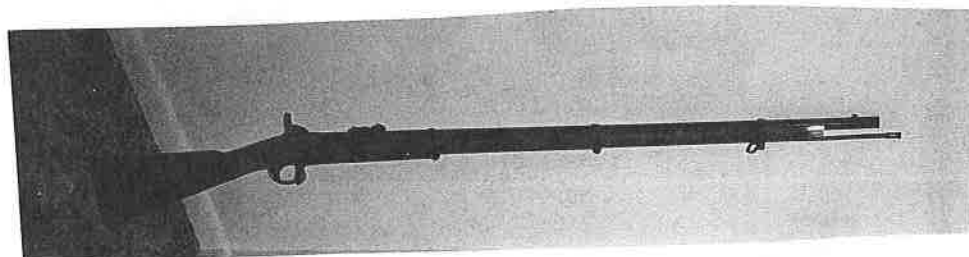
### The Webb Families



William Franklin Webb and Nancy Eason Webb

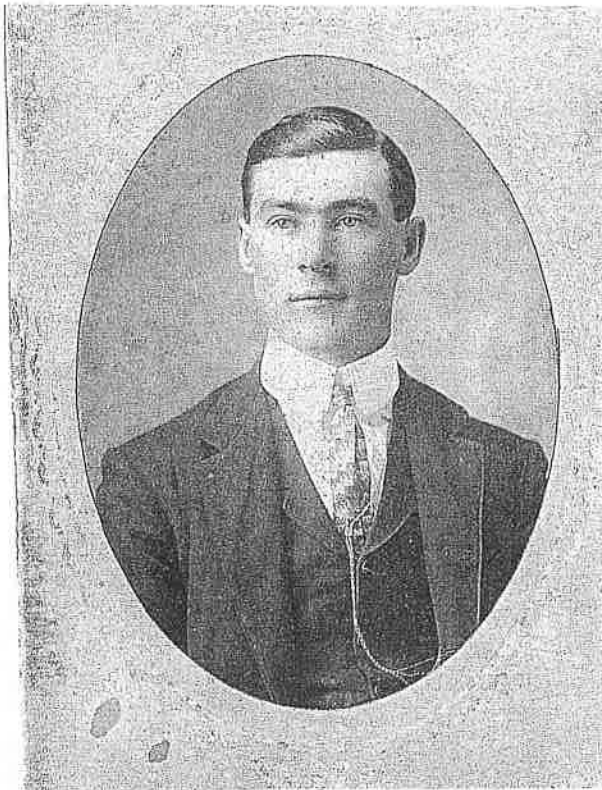
William Franklin was son of William and Sarah Amason Webb. William came to the Macclesfield area in 1790 and settled near Handy Corner. Nancy Eason Webb was the daughter of James Scarborough Eason and Lydia Hocutt. William Franklin and Nancy were farmers. In 1901 he bought two lots in the town of Macclesfield, adjacent to East Carolina Railway, but his home place was near Handy Corner. He was a Civil War Veteran, parolled in 1865 and walked home from Goldsboro. He brought with him his British Model 1853 Enfield 3-Band Musket, which is pictured below.

Children of William Franklin and Nancy were Almata , Malagy , Ephrium, Margret, Seth, Gaston Thomas, and William Wiley, who died in France during World War I.



## Families of Macclesfield

### The Webb Families



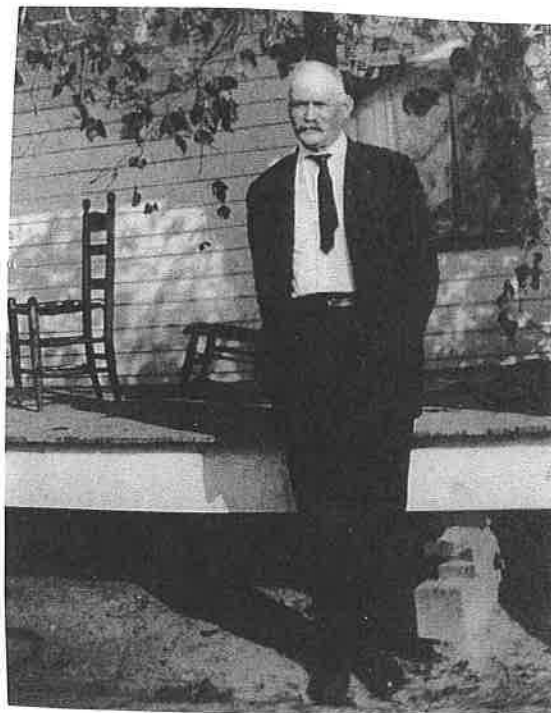
Seth Webb was born in 1881 and died in 1958. He was the son of William Franklin and Nancy Eason Webb. He was married in 1906 to Ellie Forbes. In 1908 and 1909 he was policeman for the Town of Macclesfield. In 1916 he was instrumental in starting the Merchants and Farmers Bank. He was one of original stockholders and a member of the original Board of Directors. He was a farmer and owned two lots in the town of Macclesfield.



The children of Seth Webb and Ellie Forbes Webb. From L-R: William Thomas (Bill), Margie W. Cool, Elizabeth W. Ellis, Maudie W. Stokes, Seth Webb, Ellie Webb, Vera Stallings, Marybell W. Whitley, Roxie W. Womble, and Roy Webb.

## Families of Macclesfield

### Webb Families



Pictured top left: J. Wright Webb (B. 1863-D. 1895) and wife Susan Scarborough Eason (B. 1864-D. 1922). Wright was a son of Garrett Webb and Jane Barron. Susan was the daughter of James Scarborough Eason and Lydia Hocutt Eason. They lived two miles from Macclesfield and were farmers. Children of J. Wright and Susan: Fred Webb (pictured to the right bottom), Sue Webb Pitt (pictured to left bottom), and Lillie Webb. Pictured bottom right: Sue Webb Pitt daughter of J. Wright and Susan Webb. Pictured bottom left: Fred Webb (B. 1895) and Mattie Walston Webb (B. 1894). Fred was the son of J. Wright and Susan Webb. He lived about two miles from Macclesfield and was a farmer. Fred also operated a general merchandising store at Pitts Crossroads, known as Warren's Store. Children of Fred and Mattie Webb: Fred Jr., Maruin, Edna Colson, Evelyn Crisp.

## Families of Macclesfield

### Gay - Eason Family



Pictured above: Elisha Cromwell (Crum) Gay. He was the son of John Thomas Gay and Ann Webb. His wife was Margaret Webb daughter of William Franklin Webb and Nancy Ann Eason. Elisha and Margaret Gay lived two miles from Macclesfield and were farmers. Children of Elisha and Margaret: Guy Gay, Daisy Gay Felton, and Beatrice Gay Edwards.

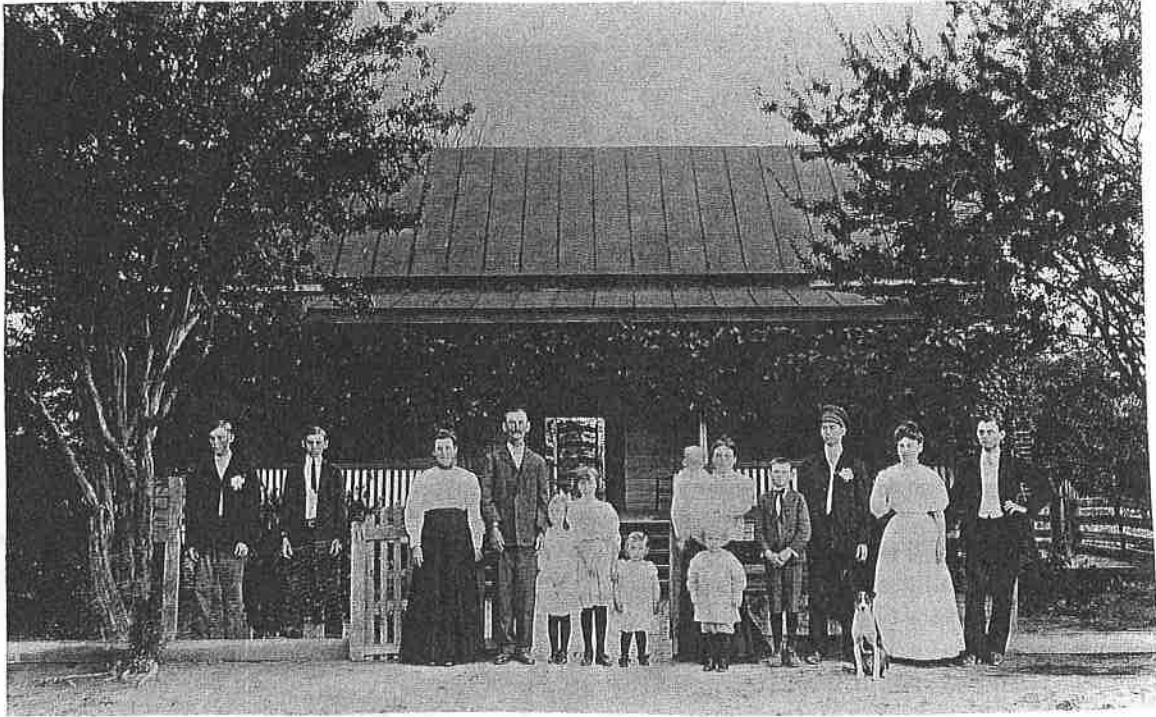
Pictured right: Roy and Dollie Bell Eason. Roy was the son of James Franklin (Jimmy) Eason and Mollie Bridgers Eason. Dollie Bell Eason is the daughter of Lillie Richard Bell and Bettie Owens Bell. Their home is in Macclesfield. Roy owned land and farmed around Macclesfield. Dollie taught school at Macclesfield School for 19 years and retired with 33 years of service. Children of Roy and Dollie: Terry and Jimmy.





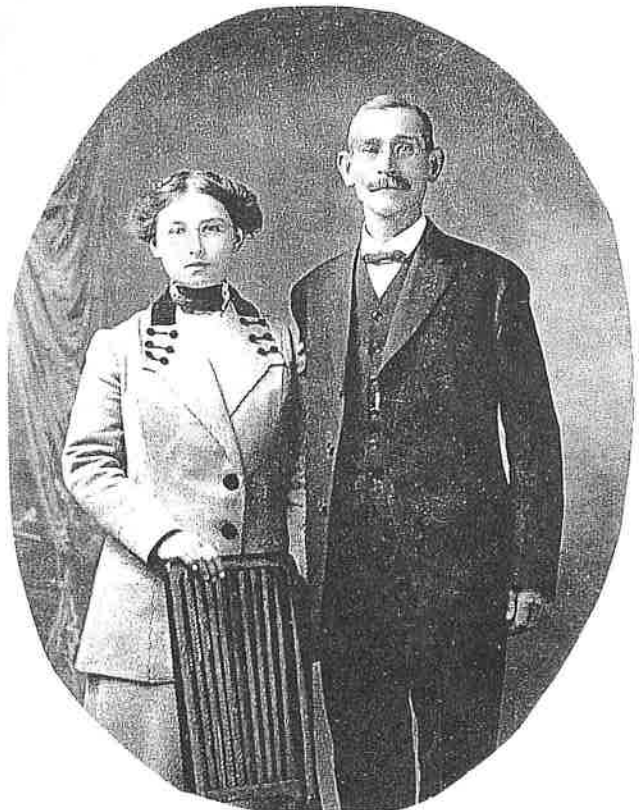
## Families of Macclesfield

### Eason Families



Family of Richard Bynum (Dick) Eason. Richard was born June 15, 1850 and died May 5, 1908. Picture was taken the spring of 1908, the year Richard died. He and his family were farmers and lived near Handy Corner. L-R: Richard, Gaston, Mary Owens Eason, Richard Bynum, Effie, Sudie (Mary Susan), Ora Walton, Martha (holding son Earl and son Carl standing), Joe, Jimmy, Spot (family dog), Cornelia, Benjamin Columbus.

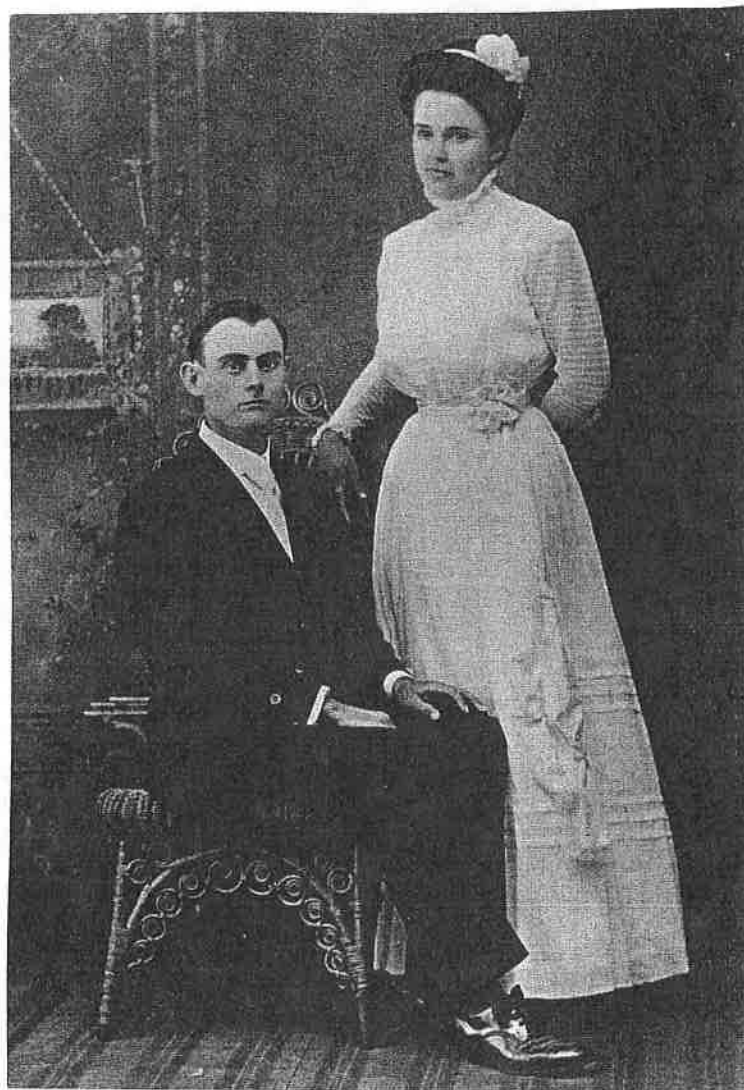
Right Gaston Eason and wife Sarah Elizabeth Peoples Eason. Gaston Eason was born 1855 and died 1918. On 12/13/1875 he married Mary Louvenia Amason and they were married 34 years and had no children. He married a second wife, Sarah Elizabeth Peoples. They lived and farmed on Hwy. 124 three miles from Macclesfield. He was a son of James Scarborough Eason and Lydia Hocutt Eason. Children of Gaston and Sarah: Lyman Eason, Elizabeth Eason Harris.



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### Eason Families

Pictured right: Benjamin Columbus Eason and Maude Leatha Weaver. Benjamin was born Jan. 28, 1882 and was married June 2, 1909. This appears to be their wedding photo. He was the son of Richard Bynum Eason and Mary Owens. They lived at his father's home place near Handy Corner. Children of Benjamin and Maude Eason, pictured below: L-R Front row; Ethel, Agnes. Back row: Lucy Maude, Richard, Maude (mother) Bynum Curtis, Richard Bynum (father).



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### Eason Families



Joseph Fletcher Eason and wife Acca Phillips Eason. Joe was the son of Richard Bynum Eason and Mary Owens. Acca was daughter of John Thomas Phillips and Martha Ella Forbes. In 1889 Richard Eason his family to Arkansas to grow cotton. During the time spent there two children were born, Gaston and Joseph Fletcher. Times didn't prove to be better, so the family returned to this area, after about five years. Joe and Acca bought and lived in the Jackson Glover house in Macclesfield. They were farmers and Joe was a part time barber. They were members of the First Christian Church. Their children were John and Eugene.



Joe and Acca Eason and son John.



Joe and Acca Eason and sons John and Eugene.

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### Eason Families



Pictured top left: James Franklin Eason and wife Stella West Eason. He was a son of James Scarborough Eason and Lydia Hocutt Eason. James Frank ran a bicycle shop for some years in Wilson and raced bike for pleasure. Pictured to the right is a bicycle he ordered from Pennsylvania for that purpose. The bike has had only four owners in about 80 years; James Frank Eason, Bob Ellington, Jet Ellis and today Edgar Baker. Children of James and Stella pictured below: Tom, Mildred, Sue Ruth, George, Samuel, and Edward to the right. Frank was a farmer and owned several properties in Macclesfield.

## Families of Macclesfield

### Corbett Families



Pictured top: Wm. Jackson Corbett and Sarah Vester Webb Corbett. Wm. Jackson was son of Washington Corbett. Sarah was daughter of Wiley Grey and Sarah Cobb Webb. Children of Wm. Jackson and Sarah: Logue, Wiley W, Sarah Elizabeth. They were farmer and lived on Corbett Farm Rd. Pictured middle: Logue Corbett and wife Annie Felton. Logue was son of Wm. Jackson and Sarah Webb Corbett. Annie was daughter of Turner Felton and Georgie Felton. They were farmers and lived on Corbett Farm Rd. Pictured bottom right: L-R; Front row: Mary C. Peele, Annie Corbett (mother) Louise C. Everette. Back row: Frances C. Eason, Ann C. Jefferson, Logue Corbett, Jr. all children of Logue and Annie Corbett.



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### Corbett Families

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Brown Corbett, wife of James L. D. Corbett. She bought the Dr. C. B. Walton House in 1914, after the death of her husband. Children of James L. D. and Elizabeth: Sarah, James Edwin, Robert Lee, Elizabeth, Mary Agnes.



Robert L. Corbett, was President of Merchants and Farmers Bank, and was born near Macclesfield in 1901. He returned to Macclesfield after his graduation from the University of North Carolina to become a farmer and a merchant. He owned R.L. Corbett Farm Supply. He was the son of James L.D. and Elizabeth Corbett.



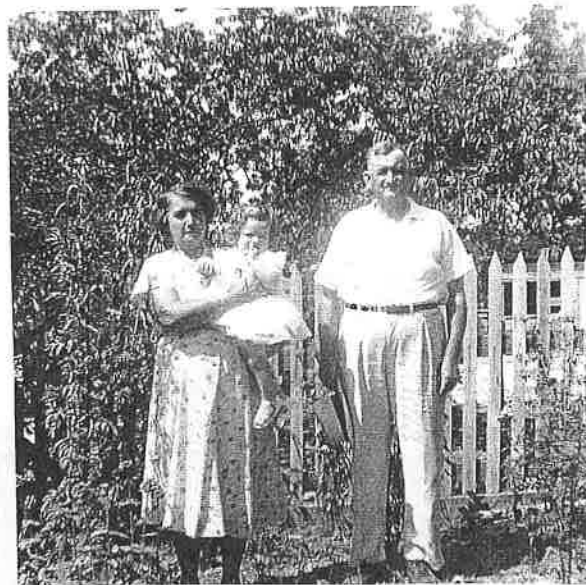
Beatrice Saunders Corbett wife of Robert L. Corbett taught in the Macclesfield Schools for many years, until it closed in 1962. She transferred to the South Edgecombe Elementary School and continued teaching until her retirement.

## Families of Macclesfield

### Varnell Families



Pictured above: Varnell Brothers in 1905; L-R, Jimmy Perry, Connie, Alex, Fred. The Varnell Brothers owned the Varnell Brothers Cotton Gin and were the first people to sell cars in the town of Macclesfield. The cars were shipped in on the train from Tarboro.

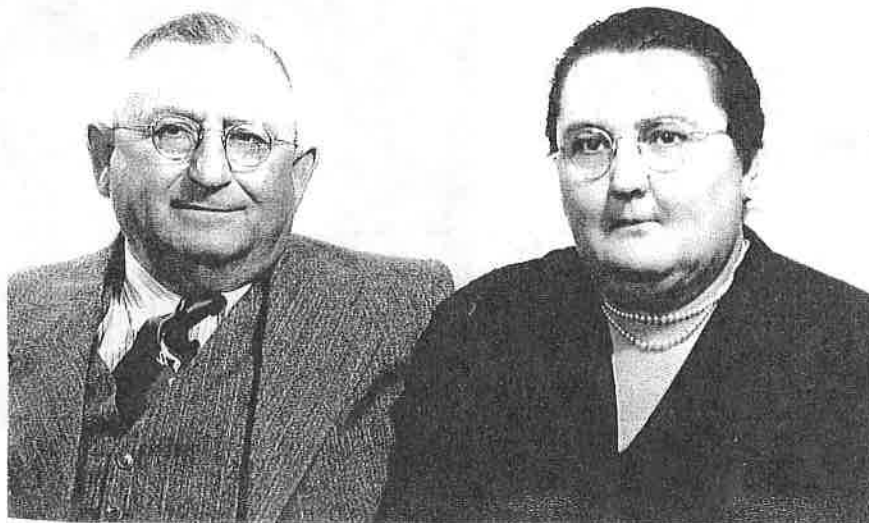


Pictured bottom left: Fred and Mamie Webb Varnell, Bobby Varnell and the goat Nan. Bottom right: Fred and Mamie Varnell, Jo Ann Carraway (granddaughter). Fred was son of Jackson and William Ann Webb Varnell. Mamie was daughter of Mark and Emma Wallace Webb. Fred was part owner of the Varnell Cotton Gin in Macclesfield. Fred and Mamie were farmers and lived just outside of Macclesfield. Children of Fred and Mamie: Bobby, Pearl, and Emma Ruth.

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### Varnell Families

Pictured right: L-R, Margie Varnell Dilda (granddaughter) and William Ann Webb Varnell, wife of Jackson Varnell.



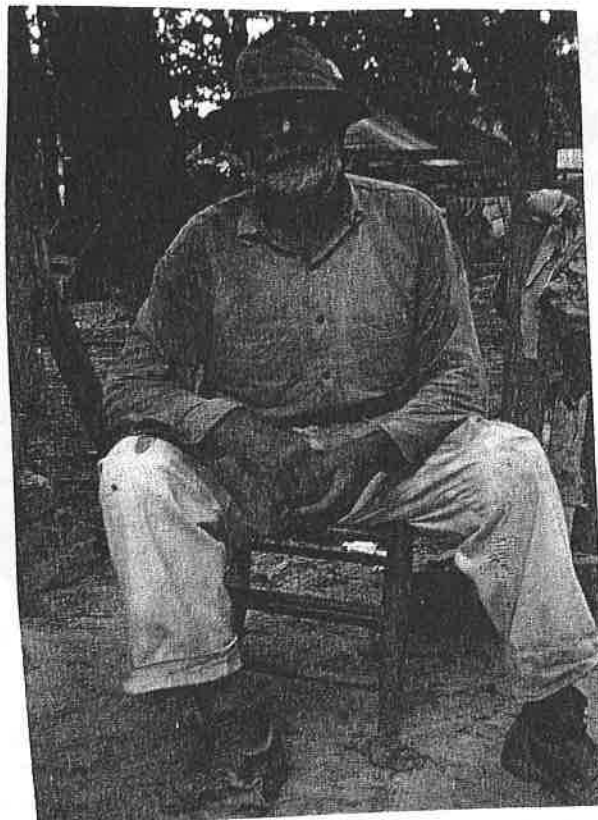
Pictured above: Jimmy and Maggie Wallace Varnell. Jimmy was son of Jackson and William Ann Webb Varnell. Maggie was daughter of Johnny and Dazelle Wallace. Jimmy and Maggie were farmers and lived in Macclesfield. Jimmy was part owner of the Varnell Cotton Gin, which was located on Edgecombe St. in Macclesfield. Children of Jimmy and Maggie: Ollen Varnell and Margie Lewis Dilda.



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### Varnell Families

Pictured right: Perry Varnell. Perry was married to Lina Price Rose and was the son of Jackson and William Ann Webb Varnell. He was part owner of Varnell Cotten Gin in Macclesfield. Perry had no children but Lina had two children by a previous marriage, Charlie (Doc) Rose and Pearl Lee Rose.



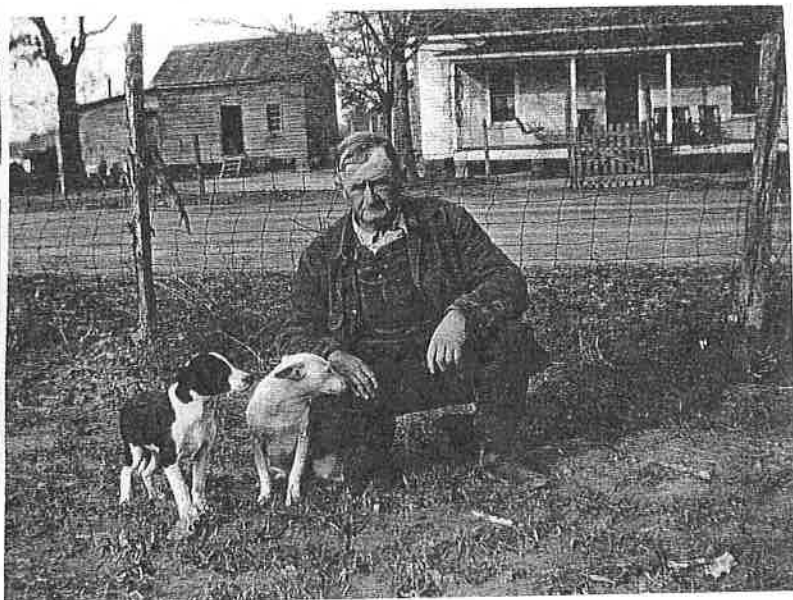
Pictured above: Albert Thomas Varnell and Mattie Wallace Varnell. Albert was son of Jackson and William Ann Webb Varnell. Mattie was daughter of Johnny and Dazelle Webb Wallace. Albert and Mattie were farmers. Children of Albert and Mattie: L-R; Erlene Varnell Champion, Aunt Alice Webb, Mary Alice Varnell Thompson, Vonnie Varnell Webb, Albert Thomas, Rachel Varnell Gardner, Mattie Wallace Varnell, Marium Albert Varnell.

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### Varnell Families



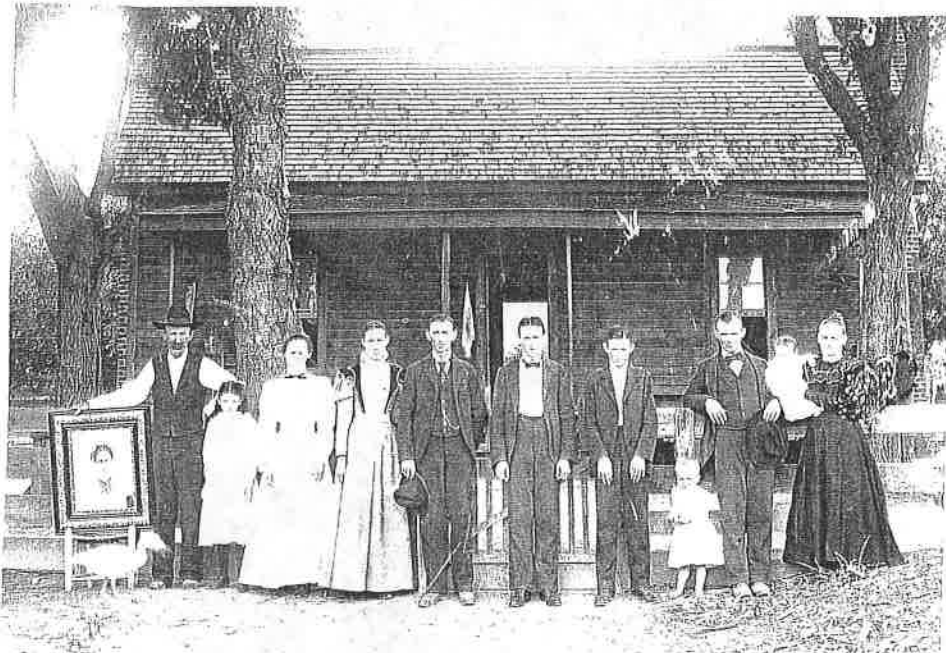
Pictured above: Connie Varnell and wife Betty Varnell, one when they were young and one when they were older. Connie was son of Jackson and William Ann Varnell. Betty was daughter of John and Sarah Varnell. Connie and Betty lived just outside of Macclesfield and were farmers. Children of Connie and Betty: Connie Cleveland, Mattie, Edna, Billy Brooks, John Albert, Walter Jackson, Council, Willis. (Note the older building in picture below; Kinchen Varnell, a Civil War Veteran was said to have died there).



Pictured above: Alex Varnell and Lucy Pitt Varnell (left). Alex Varnell on the right. Alex was the son of Jackson Varnell and William Ann Varnell. Lucy was daughter of Will Pitt. Alex and Lucy were farmers and their homeplace was just outside of Macclesfield. Children of Alex and Lucy: Madie, Sarah, and Elizabeth Varnell.

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### Pittman Families



The Benjamin Pittman family of Autry Creek (Otters Creek) in the year 1901. Benjamin was the son of Ann Pittman and his wife Elizabeth Phillips was the daughter of William Barber and Susan Edwards Phillips. The farmer is located near Macclesfield on St Rd. 1004 about 1/4 of a mile from Handy Corner crossing. Pictured from L-R: (Lady in portrait) Elizabeth Phillips Pittman, her husband Benjamin Pittman, daughter Mattie Pittman, daughter Susan Pittman, daughter-in-law, Janie Forbes Pittman, son Lafayette Pittman, son David James Pittman, son Battle Pittman, grandson standing Mark Pittman, son William Eddie Pittman, grandson in arms of mother Willie Pittman, daughter-in-law Delphia Webb Pittman. The house is still standing and is used as a farm building.



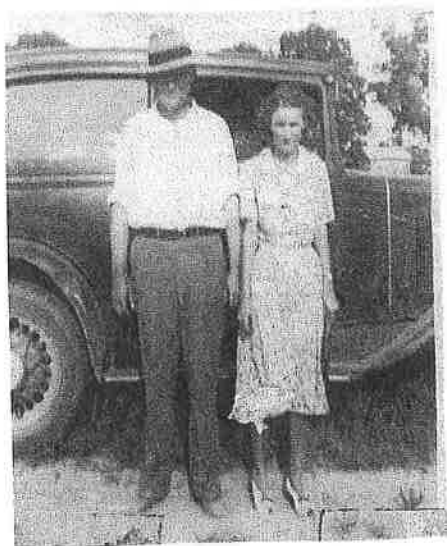
Children of William Eddie and Delphia Webb Pittman from L-R: Front row; Kinchen, Mark, Bennie Battle, Oscar. Second row; Alice, Blanch, Mattie Pearl, Susan, Lissie, not pictured is Willie who died in 1945.

## Families of Macclesfield

### Pittman Families



Mark Pittman and some of his grandchildren. Mark was the son of William Eddie and Delphia Webb Pittman. He was born in the Macclesfield community and lived most of his life there. He enjoyed fox hunting and cooking for a group. Pictured from L-R: Back row; Bob Pittman, David Earl Dawes, Faye Pittman Boyd, Betty Baker Reason. 2nd row Edgar Baker, Teddy (Shorty) Webb. Front; Mark Pittman.



Edgar Hines Baker and Margaret Pittman Baker

Edgar Hines Baker was the son of James Cleveland Baker and Martha Priscilla Webb Baker. Mark Pittman and Gertha Webb Pittman were the parents of Margaret Baker. Margaret (Dump) was born in Macclesfield in 1920 and after the death of her husband once again came here to live. Edgar and Margaret's children: Edgar Baker and Betty Baker Reason.

## Families of Macclesfield

### Pittman Families



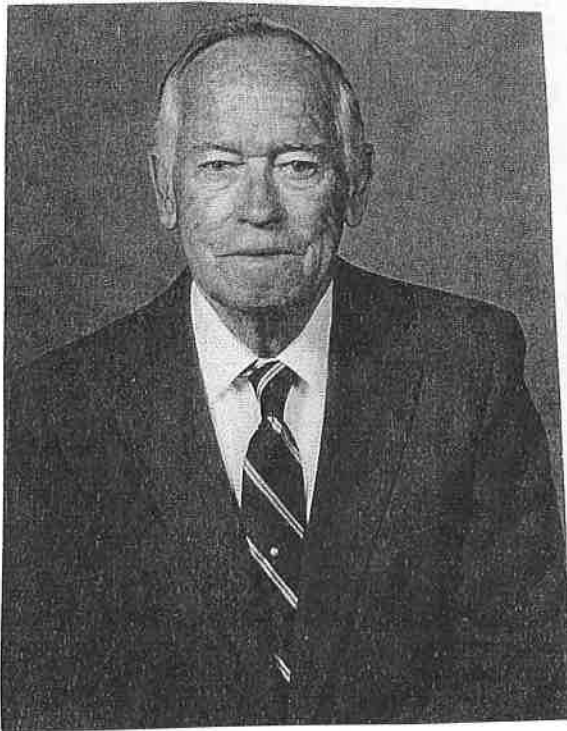
Pictured (left) Lafayette (Fate) Pittman and Janie Forbes Pittman and one of the children. (Right) Janie Forbes Pittman Harrell, she later married Albert Harrell. Lafayette and Janie lived about a mile from the Handy Corner Store and they were farmers. His parents were Benjamin and Elizabeth Phillips Pittman. Janie was the daughter of Rufus and Mary Jane Page Forbes. Children of Lafayette and Janie: Ashley, Charlie, Herman, Betsy, Lucy, and Nellie. After Janie married Albert Harrell they moved to Macclesfield to live.



Rufus Pittman and Mattie Ruth Whitley Pittman lived and worked many years in Macclesfield. Rufus was the son of Lafayette and Janie Forbes Pittman. Mattie was the daughter of Mack and Mollie Whitley. Rufus was employed by Robert Lee Corbett at Corbett's Store until he retired around 1970. Mattie Ruth worked part time in the Macclesfield Post Office and also had a catering business. She was well known for her great cooking. Children of Mattie and Rufus: Boyce, Mack, Ruth Ann, June, Linda.

## Families of Macclesfield

### Pittman Families



Herman and Mamie Felton Pittman

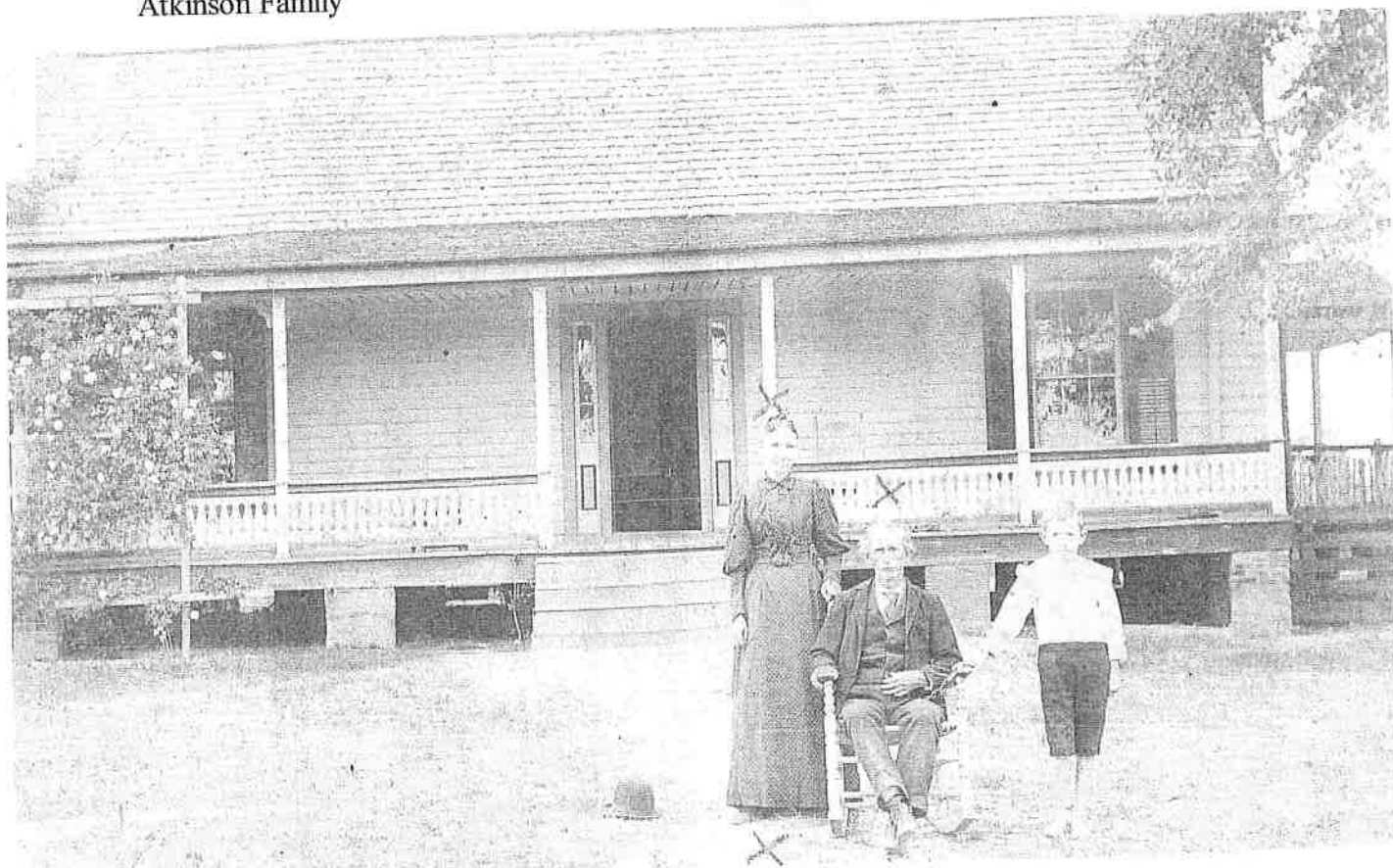
Mamie was the daughter of Mark Felton and Annie Dunford Felton. Herman was the son of Lafayette and Janie Forbes Pittman. Mamie and Herman lived in the town of Macclesfield. Mamie was freight agent for Macclesfield and East Carolina Railroad, for twenty six years, until it closed in 1965. She was said to be the prettiest woman ever to flag a train.

Mamie started working for the town in 1942, as town clerk, and worked closely with the Town Commissioners in trying to improve the town. She was credited with being instrumental in getting the new Town Hall built in 1963.

Herman as a young man, worked at the Zenith Service Station in Macclesfield and later owned and operated the Pure Oil Station. He also worked for many years and retired as a Macclesfield Rural Mail Carrier. He worked as Service Manager and later in the sales department of Brinsons Auto Sales. He was a member of the Macclesfield Volunteer Fire Department. Herman and Mamie had one daughter, Mary Jo Pittman Godwin. Herman is now married to Myrtle Owens Pittman.

Herman is also a World War II veteran.

**Families of Macclesfield**  
Atkinson Family



Mark Atkinson and wife Annie Webb Atkinson lived at Pitts Crossroads and were farmers. Mark was the son of Willie Atkinson and Annie was the daughter of Hyrum and Catherine Barron Webb. They had one son Alex Atkinson.



Alex and Lula Atkinson

## Families of Macclesfield

### Atkinson Family



Alex Atkinson and wife Lula Atkinson

Alex was the son of Mark and Catherine Webb Atkinson. They lived at Pitt's Crossroads and were farmers. His wife Lula operated a hat shop in the early 1900s in one of the stores in Macclesfield. They had one son Carl Atkinson who was also a farmer and married Frances Whitehurst. Carl and Frances children: Nina Kay and A.A. Atkinson.



Carl Atkinson when he was a child.



Carl and Frances W. Atkinson



## **Families of Macclesfield**

### **Dr. & Mrs. J. Edwin Drew Family**

Dr. J. Edwin Drew and family arrived in Macclesfield, NC in July 1961 to set up a family practice of medicine. He served in this capacity until 1992 when he retired to spend more time with his family.

Dr. Drew, a graduate of Wake Forest University and Bowman Grey School of Medicine, is originally from Duplin County. Mrs Drew, Mildred, is originally from Anson County. Their children are Melanie Anne Tripp of Greenville, NC; Mark Livingston Drew of Birmingham, Alabama, and Timothy Edwin Drew of Duplin County.

Volunteering has been a way of life for Dr. & Mrs. Drew; she has enjoyed serving most of all in their church (Eagles Baptist); with VOICE, a service organization in Tarboro, Edgecombe Chapter of the N. C. Symphony, Macclesfield Woman's Club. Dr. Drew has been active in their church, the medical society, Lion's Club and Edgecombe First, a local political group.

This family still enjoys life in Macclesfield and their six grandchildren think it's great.



Pictured are Heath, Kendall, Melanie and Mike Tripp  
Tim, Ed and Mildred Drew  
Mark, Patricia, Mallie, Mark, Jr., Carolina and Tillman Drew

## Families of Macclesfield

### Miles Reid

Miles Reid, a free person of color, came to the southern part of Edgecombe County around 1805-1810. He began to buy land in the Autrey's Creek area around 1811. He obtained about 600 acres by the time of his death in 1833.

By the time of his death, Miles Reid owned many acres in close proximity to what is now the town of Macclesfield. His land was divided between his nine children. Miles's children were Elizabeth (who later married a Bass), Miles, Jr., David, William, Auther, Mary, Tabitha, Elisha, and Jemima (who later married a Mitchell). All his land joined together but two plots. One of those plots was located in what is now Wilson County near the community of Webb Town. The other plot was located on Persimmon Tree Branch near what is now Pitts X Roads. The rest of the land was in one large plot running Rooty Branch to Little Swamp (known today as Bynum Mill Swamp) down Little Swamp to a place near or within the now town of Macclesfield.

Though his wife is not mentioned in the division of land, she was still alive and dowered on the homeplace which was located on or near Little Swamp and Cornfield Branch (near where the old Varnell homeplace stands today owned by Bobby Varnell).

Many of the African-American families living in Macclesfield today owe their heritages to Miles Reid. The last of the Reid land left the heirs hands in the 1920's and 30's except for the family cemetery and several small plots.



Mary Eliza Reid, B.1894 - D. 1997 age 103



Cornelius (Neal) Reid

Both Mary Eliza and Neal Reid were children of Alfred Reid Sr. and Polly Ann Mitchell. They were born and lived on the Reid farm outside of Macclesfield. When Mary Eliza's health failed, she went to live in Rocky Mount with William and Helen Hines.

Families of Macclesfield  
Miles Reid

James Reid and Russell Reid, brothers, lived on the Sue Pitt farm, which was part of the Miles Reid home tract. Russell worked for R.L. Corbett.



Motive Belle Reid and Alfred Reid Jr. were children of Neal Reid and Mary Ann Williams. They were born and lived on the Reid farm near Macclesfield. In later years they moved to Macclesfield. She was the President of Macclesfield Helping Hand Club for 28 years. Alfred was married to Mary W. Bynum.

Families of Macclesfield  
Miles Reid

William Earl Bynum and Bessie Mae Bynum;  
Bessie was raised by the Reids and she and  
William live on the Reid home tract. The Reid  
Cemetery is located behind their home.



Children of William Earl and Bessie Mae Bynum; pictured left to right, Jenniss Bynum,  
Jimmy Bynum, Cheryl Bynum, Gerald Bynum, and Jennifer Bynum. Cheryl is an author of  
poetry with several of her poems being published.

## Families of Macclesfield

Austin Barnes

Austin Barnes was probably born a slave, he was sold in Virginia to a buyer from North Carolina. After being bought he walked to the Bridgersville area of Wilson County. There he was owned by a Mrs. Barnes, which accounts for the surname of Barnes.

After the Civil War his whereabouts are vague but about the turn of the century he showed up in the newly developed town of Macclesfield. In 1901 he bought a small piece of land on the west side of town (D.B.101,P 155) from Joseph Cobb and wife. In a short time he had dismantled a two room house and reassembled it on the hill at the junction of 4th street and Edgcombe street. He began to raise hogs and sold many to be barbecued in the community. He also cured hams and other portions of the hog which he sold if they were not needed for his family. In 1902 he and his son Benjamin bought 27 1/2 acres in the country out near where the Living Hope School still stands (D.B.111-P 298).

Benjamin and his new wife Nettie, who were married January 25, 1905, moved to the land and began to farm. By 1906 Austin had sold his land in Macclesfield to Dr. C.B. Walton (D.B.123-P 405) and before he died went to live with his son on the farm. Benjamin and Nettie were prosperous in their farming and in 1919 bought another 16 1/3 acres from J.G. Stanfield (D.B.192-P 491) on the Pinetops and Macclesfield highway.

Benjamin and Nettie Barnes had eleven children, Austin Benjamin, Laura B., James F., Paul J., Margaret, Thomas H., Dora, Mary, Warren G., Clarence C., and Nettie. Thomas H. Barnes at the death of his parents bought out the interest of the other children, of the home place, and still lives there today.

Thomas married Mary Farmer and they had three children, Tomania Travis, Laura Denise, and Margaret. Travis lives here, Margaret lives in Raleigh and Laura is deceased.

The Barnes family were life long members of the Living Hope Primitive Baptist Church. They have been prosperous members of the community of Macclesfield for the last one hundred years.



Benjamin and Nettie Barnes were prosperous tobacco farmers.

Families of Macclesfield  
Austin Barnes



Front row left to right; Nettie Barnes, Mary Barnes, Dora Barnes, Margaret Barnes  
and Laura Barnes.

Back row left to right; Thomas H. Barnes, Paul J. Barnes, Austin B. Barnes,  
James Franklin Barnes, Warren G. Barnes, and Clarence R. Barnes.

They are the children of Benjamin and Nettie Barnes

## **Families of Macclesfield**

Albert B. Felton - William Rufus Felton - Alfonso F. Felton

Albert B. Felton was one of eight children born to W. Turner and Georgie Felton. He lived all of his years in Macclesfield and the surrounding area, and in his formative years he lived in what is now known as the Barley Lewis house.

He married Ida Forbes in 1904 and in 1905 built a home on Green Street in Macclesfield, where they reared five children, Rufus, Alphonso, Dorphy, Williard and Ida Ruth.

Town records show that in the very early 1900's he held either the office of town clerk, or policeman for several years. He and Ida were charter members and were very active in the First Christian Church. He was a successful merchant and farmer.

### **William Rufus Felton**

William Rufus Felton was the eldest of five children born to Albert Burton and Ida Forbes Felton. He was reared in the family home on Green Street and spent most of his life in Macclesfield.

In 1925 he married Daisy Gay the daughter of Elisha Cromwell (Crum) and Margaret Webb Gay. They reared four children Grace, Bill, Peggy, and Allen.

He was a farmer, and also spent most of his adult life working in the tobacco industry in Georgia, North Carolina and Kentucky. In 1947 he and his son-in-law Jim Harrell opened a grocery, hardware and farm supply business under the name of Felton and Harrell which they operated until his death. He was a member of the First Christian Church, Concord Lodge AF&AM and Sudan Temple of the Shrine.

### **Alfonso (Fonzie) Felton**

Alfonso (Fonzie) Felton was a citizen of Macclesfield during most of the 20th Century. He was born in Macclesfield on May 15, 1908.

He served the town as a commissioner and as mayor for many years. He was a successful farmer and business man. He also built homes for many people, and made it possible for the people to own them. He was a staunch elder and supporter of the First Christian Church.

When he was a young man, he was an outstanding baseball player; playing with many player who went on to the major leagues. Later at age 46 he took up golf and became the

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Albert B. Felton - William Rufus Felton - Alfonso F. Felton

Club Champion at Farmville Country Club at age 56. He was one of the main supporters and workers as well as a founder of Maccripine Country Club.

He was married to Dora Ellis Felton, and they have three sons: Milburn, Jonathan, and Turner. Fonzie died after a successful life, on July 29, 1986.



Albert and Ida Forbes Felton



Mr. Albert Felton in his younger days.



Albert and Ida Felton and grandchildren.



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Albert B. Felton - William Rufus Felton - Alfonso F. Felton



William Rufus and Daisy Gay Felton



Children of William Rufus and Daisy Felton from left to right; Grace Felton Harrell, Allen Felton, Peggy Felton Norville, pictured separate, Bill Felton, sitting in front Daisy Gay Felton.

**Families of Macclesfield**

Albert B. Felton - William Rufus Felton - Alfonso F. Felton



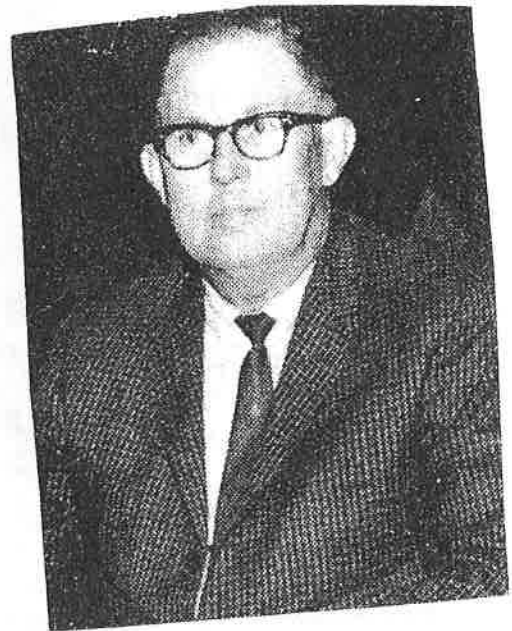
Alfonza and Dora Felton



Alfonza Felton as a young man.

**Families of Macclesfield**  
**Felton Family**

Dorphy Lassiter Felton was a son of Albert B. Felton and Ida Forbes Felton. He was a member of the Board of Directors for Merchants and Farmers Bank and was a Town Commissioner from 1948-1952. He work as Sales Manager for Brinson Chevrolet and Edgecombe Motor Company.



Ella Mae Felton, wife of Dorphy, taught at the Macclesfield School for several years, and was the first woman Postmaster in Macclesfield. She was a Charter Member of the Macclesfield Womans Club. Both she and Dorphy were active members of the first Christian Church. Children of Dorphy and Ella: Albert Felton, and Mae Felton Shirley.



ELLA MAE FELTON

## Families of Macclesfield

### Felton Families



Pictured above: Willard B. Felton and wife Esther Rodgers Felton. Willard B. Felton is one of five children born to Albert B. and Ida Forbes Felton. He served his country during WW II in Europe and after the war he served a tour of duty in Japan. After his military service he lived in Florida where he managed his own business. Upon coming home he worked several years at Wesleyan College in Rocky Mount. He moved back to Macclesfield in the late sixties and held the job of town policeman, a job that had been held by his father when he was a young man. He is married to the former Esther Rodgers of Rocky Mount. Children of Willard and Esther: Dinah Best of Macclesfield and Ken Felton of Maryland.



## **Families of Macclesfield**

Jackson Edward Watson Glover - John Harvey Speight

Jackson Edward Watson Glover left his home community of Stanhope in Nash County when his young wife and infant died in childbirth. He rode his bicycle to Macclesfield in Edgecombe County where he lived and worked until his death in 1946. Jackson Glover was elected mayor in 1902 and later served as commissioner.

In 1912 he established Macclesfield's first big company, the Mint Cola Plant which distributed soft drinks. The drinks were delivered by mule and wagon. He also owned an ice house where he stored ice that come in on the railroad from Tarboro. People in the community would come by and get their ice. The Mint Cola Plant and the ice house were located where the bank is now in Macclesfield.

Over the years, he served as a rural mail carrier, a cotton buyer for Thomas & Company, and worked for Thad Cale's corn mill.

Jackson Glover married a beautiful young school teacher named Betty Elizabeth Snell, who taught at the Old Mill School and the school at Harvey Webb's Crossing. They had seven children: Johnny, Benjamin, Joseph, Sarah Elizabeth, Josephine, Charlotte, and Roland. Of these two are still living. Charlotte G. Craft lives in Orlando, Florida. Benjamin F. Glover lives in Wilson, NC, and at 93 years of age, proudly claims to be the oldest living man in Macclesfield.

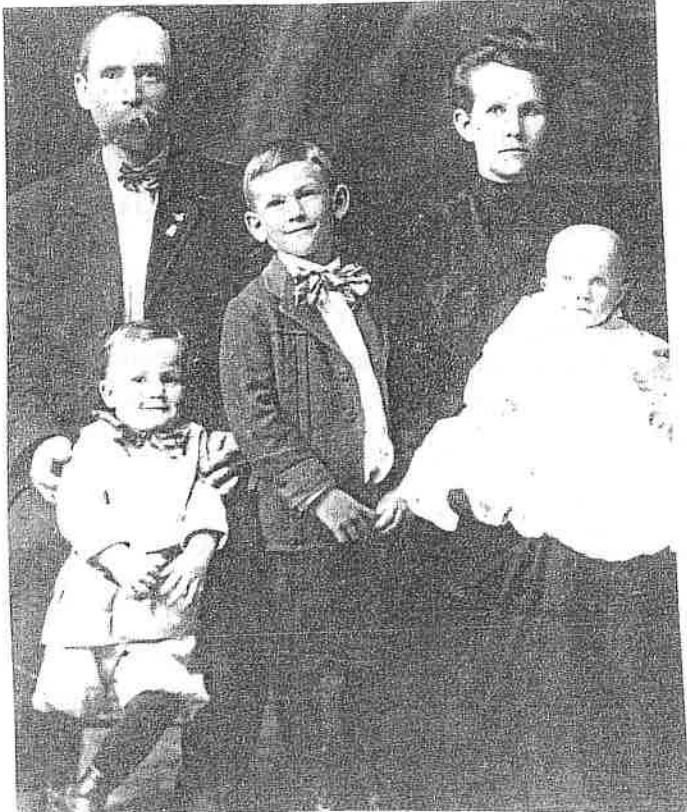
### **John Harvey Speight**

John Harvey Speight was a farmer who was reared in Greene County and moved to Wilson County near the Edgecombe County line where he began buying, clearing and tending land when he was a young man. He and his wife, Amanda Louise Edwards Speight, and daughter Mary Bryant Speight, moved to Macclesfield about 1920. Mary Bryant graduated from South Edgecombe School, attended Peace College and in 1932 married Benjamin F. Glover. The family lived in Macclesfield until his death in 1946.

Benjamin and Mary Bryant Glover lived in Macclesfield until 1938 when they and their son John Speight Glover, moved to the homeplace in Wilson County. Benjamin Glover operated the Speight Farms until his retirement. The farms, now known as B.F. Glover Farms, are operated by John Speight Glover and his son, Paul Jackson Glover.

## Families of Macclesfield

Jackson Edward Watson Glover - John Harvey Speight



Jackson Glover and wife Betty Snell with sons Benjamin, Johnny, and Joseph. Pictured to the right is the two children not in the early picture, Roland and Charlotte Glover Craft.



Benjamin Glover at the farm.



Benjamin Glover at age ninety-three.

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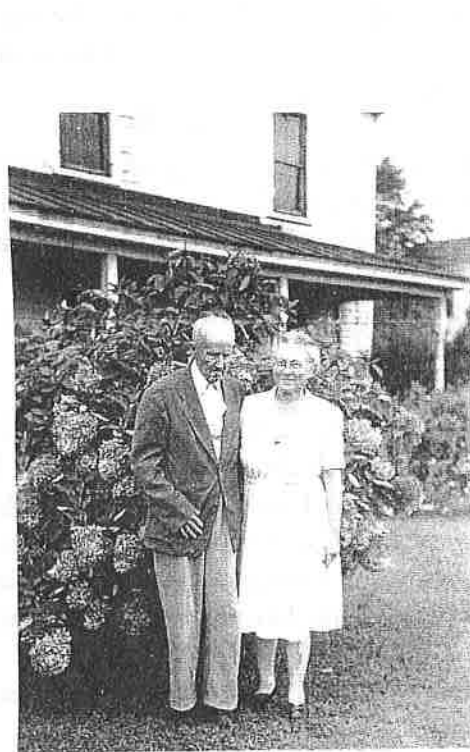
Jackson Edward Watson Glover - John Harvey Speight



John Harvey Speight House. It is located on highway 111 just acrossed the Wilson County line. Pictured are John H. Speight, Louise Edwards Speight and Mary Bryant Speight.



John H. Louise Edwards Speight



John H. Speight and 2nd wife, Ava Gardner Speight, in 1945.

## **Families of Macclesfield**

### **Joshua Thomas Winstead Family**

Joshua Thomas Winstead married Lucy Virginia Wiggins in 1900. They settled in Macclesfield and began their family. In 1907 Josh opened J.T. Winsteads and Co., a general merchandise store catering to the needs of the local farmers and families. Fertilizer was picked up from the dock in Old Sparta, and hauled via mule and wagon. One hill was too much for the loaded mules. Half the fertilizer was unloaded at the bottom of the hill. Then the rest was driven up the hill and unloaded. Back down the hill to get the remainder and then up the hill to reload the wagon completely. China ware and crockery, molasses and more came up the river and to Macclesfield by this method. "The Store" also doubled as the Post Office in Macclesfield with Josh as the Post Master. The mail slot on the front door was there as long as the store stood. Joshua and Lucy were charter members of the First Christian Church and Joshua served as Sunday School Superintendent for 45 years. Their home also provided a place for teachers to live. Annie Morris Phillips enjoyed the tale of being the first one to try out a new claw footed bathtub there, winning a foot race with Ralph for the privilege. Lucy Winstead lived to be 78 years old. Joshua Winstead lived to be 92, remaining active gardening and walking down to the store daily and to church every Sunday. Lucy and Joshua had 7 children, but only 5 survived to adulthood.

Their daughter Elsie Winstead Griffin began her career as a teacher/principal at the Macclesfield School, and went on to become a piano teacher, church organist and Sunday School teacher for Macclesfield First Christian Church for over 50 years. She had a talent with sewing and with crafts that she shared willingly by sewing for herself, her husband Claude, and family. Aunt Elsie taught all her nieces to sew, to play the piano, and not to be afraid to try new things.

Their son, Colonel J.T. Winstead, Jr. served in the Air Force and both trained pilots and flew missions, including the last mission flown in World War II. He is remembered in Macclesfield for the crash landing he made in a local field. His father was the first on the scene. Josh, Jr. was on his way to meet his future wife Becky. He married Rebecca Pridgen and they had two children, Kay and James. His Air Force career made them a well traveled family.

Howard Walton Winstead, known as Wimpy, served in the Navy and made his career in the Employment Security Commission. Walton married Josephine Jackson and they had three children, Tommy, Gay, and Jo Ellen. Walton and Jo loved to dance and were good at it. Walton also loved baseball, and would sometimes play hooky from his dad's tobacco field to get in a game. Walton's exemplary work in the Employment Security Commission and his love for dancing, friends, and family made him well loved throughout the state.

Wilbur Winstead served in the Air Force and was killed in World War II. He is buried in France.

Ralph Woodard Winstead served in the Army in Iceland, England, and France. he was on Normandy Beach on D. Day. Of all the children, Ralph is the one who stayed and made his home in Macclesfield, farming and operating the family business, J.T. Winstead and Co..



## Families of Macclesfield

### Joshua Thomas Winstead Family

In 1949 Ralph met and married the love of his life, Mildred Ellis, who he met at a square dance in Fountain. Together they raised a family of three, Elsie, Mary, and Woody, and ran the store, which became more of a gift shop under their management. Ralph was also active in the church, assisting his father in the early days building the fire in the pot bellied stove to heat the church and ringing the bell to call worshipers. He recalls the first building that burned and being the one to stand up in church and yell "Fire". The church rebuilt and Ralph too served as Sunday School Superintendent after his father, as well as a deacon and elder for many years. He was active in community service in the Lion's Club and Volunteer Fire Dept., serving as a volunteer fireman and the first secretary for the Fire Dept. and secretary to the Lion's Club for years. It was not unusual to hear the fire whistle blow and see Ralph close the store and run down the street to man an engine. He even traveled to Kellogg, Michigan in the mid 1950's to take delivery on a then new fire truck and drove it back to Macclesfield. Mildred and Ralph are well known for their silk flower arrangements, chatting to customers seated on stools by the sales counter and their love for their neighbors and community. Mildred took an active role in community affairs in the Women's Club and Home Demonstration Club. A notable Women's Club project being the Town Park. Ralph's green thumb in the garden is evident as is his love for sharing the bounty and traveling whenever he gets a chance. Mildred on the other hand is a country cook equally generous to family and friends and homebody enough to keep them coming home again to Macclesfield.



Joshua Thomas Winstead and his bride  
Lucy Virginia Wiggins.

**Families of Macclesfield**  
Joshua Thomas Winstead Family



Ralph and Mildred Winstead



Joshua and Lucy Winstead on their  
50th anniversary

## Families of Macclesfield

### Harrell Families



Pictured above Albert and Lucy Forbes Harrell, (top) in their younger years, (bottom) later years at the old homeplace. Albert was son of Amos Harrell and Cynthia Felton. Lucy was daughter of Rufus Forbes and Mary Jane Page. Albert and Lucy were farmers and lived near Handy Corner Store. Children of Albert and Lucy: Mattie, Katie, Helen, Tommy, Willie, Carrie Bridgers and Ernest Bridgers children of Lucy's by a previous marriage.

## Families of Macclesfield

### Harrell Families



Pictured above (top): Lafayette (Fate) Harrell and Leah Varnell Harrell. Fate was the son of Amos Harrell and Cynthia Felton. Leah was the daughter of John and Sarah Varnell. Fate and Leah were farmers and lived near Handy Corner Store. After their retirement they moved to Macclesfield and spent many years here until their death. Children of Fate and Leah: Jodie, Amos, Johnny, Cynthia, Betty, Sarah, Oscar, Arther, and Repsey, a daughter of Leah by a previous marriage. Pictured below: Sammy and Alvin Harrell, grandchildren at the old homeplace.

Families of Macclesfield  
Samuel Harrell Family cont.



Elisha Harrell, son of David and Charlotty Webb of Edgecombe Co., N.C. Born February 10, 1834 and died June 12, 1895, Sussex Co., Virginia.



Jackie Ann Webb Harrell daughter of William and Sally Lewis Webb of Edgecombe Co., N.C. Grandparents of Orrin Felton Harrell of Ahoskie, N.C.



Elisha Harrell's store building over 100 years old in 1979. located at Handy Corners, Edgecombe Co., N.C. The floors in the building are slick having been used as a dance floor in more modern times.

Families of Macclesfield  
Samuel Harrell Family cont.

Elisha Harrell the great-grandson of Samuel Harrell left Edgecombe County and the Handy Corner area about 1870 to move to Sussex County, Virginia. He owned the farm now owned by Mr. B.C. Eason's heirs, and ran a store there also.

The following insert are two journal type letters written by Elisha himself and the other by Jackie Ann Harrell his wife. She was the daughter of William Webb and the granddaughter of John Webb Sr. Elisha was also the grandson of John Webb Sr. on his mother side. Elisha was the son of David and Charlotta Webb Harrell

*State of N.C.  
Edgecombe County*

*I was bornd the 10 day of Febuary and in the yare of our Lord, 1834. it is now August 1852 the "30" day. I am now young not grone. how long will this be on this paper in the Book after I am Dead and gone And if I am when you read this think of me if you please. think A Bout how I have bin and how I am now and wher I am now. This I rote on Sunday 1852 Aug. 30.*

*Eliaha Harrell Juiner*

*May the 25, 1871*

*I will rite a few lines a bowt a old ladyes life. tha may set at home all ways by thre self and the old man gone a poking a bowt and takeing thre plesure. I my self has to set at home. I no it is Sunday to day and I am hear and Elish is gone to look a bee tree. It is first a fishing and then a hunting and then to look a bee tree and i may stay her and clean fish and cook and cook and cook. but it is little that i eat. I can make out vury will till after dinner then I hav to go from one dore to the other and look to see if Elish is a coming with a turkel. The way for a man to do to keep pease is to stay at home with his wife and when she wants to go over to a nabers house, take the baby and tote it fur her and go with her and talk with her good.*

*J. a. H. (Jackie Ann Harrell)*

The spelling was left the same as it was written to retain the flavor of the entries. These were taken from a family history written by Orrin Harrell the grandson of Elisha and Jackie Ann Harrell who lived in Sussex County but who has since passed away.

## **Families of Macclesfield**

### **Clayton Harrell Sr. family**

The Clayton Harrell, Sr. family was one of the early settlers in Macclesfield. Clayton Harrell, Sr. was born and raised on a farm four miles outside of Macclesfield on the Wilson-Edgecombe County line.

In 1902, he married Annie Walston and brought her to his farmhouse, which he had inherited. The couple lived there for ten years and during this time had four children. Mrs. Harrell and his mother were home-schooling the children. In order for the children to attend public school, it would be necessary for Mr. Harrell to stop work and hitch up the horse to the buggy. He would then have to take the children the four miles to the nearest school. Again, in the afternoon, the process would have to be repeated. Obviously, this would require Mr. Harrell to frequently interrupt duties on his farm. Mr. and Mrs. Harrell begin to ponder the idea of moving to Macclesfield, where there was a school, so that the children could walk to and from school. This would enable Mr. Harrell to tend to his farm duties without interruption.

In 1912, Mr. Harrell purchased a house and adjoining lots on Railroad and Pitt Streets. He and his wife, their four children and his mother, Edith, moved to Macclesfield by way of horse and buggy. It was said that the knee baby, Cad was nestled in a washtub for the trip.

In the years to follow, eight more children were added to the family. Clayton along with his children continued farming. He bought more land adjoining the town boundaries and operated a general store on Edgecombe Street to aid in supporting the family. Later the business was moved to a larger building on Railroad Street, which had been an old schoolhouse. The "Old Store" as it was called was later used as a storage place for cured tobacco. The "Old Store" remained standing until just a few years ago when the town promoted an all out clean up and tear down of old buildings not in use.

Mr. Clayton Harrell, Sr. served as a town commissioner from 1915-1920 and again from 1934-1936. He was an active foxhunter and loved his dogs.

In 1948, Mr. Harrell bought the John Speight house on Wilson Street. He and Mrs. Harrell moved and lived the remainder of their lives there. The Harrell's celebrated their 60th anniversary in 1962; fifty of those years lived in Macclesfield.

Following is a list of the children of Clayton Harrell, Sr. Many of his descendants have lived in the Macclesfield area their entire lives or have returned after a brief departure. For those individuals additional information has been added.

Alice married Buren Lewis and they lived in the Macclesfield area for a few years before moving their family to Nash County. There were three children born to the couple, Milton Hoytt, Edna Vann, and Ann. After serving in W.W.II, Milton Hoytt returned to Barton College and upon receiving his teaching degree, taught at South Edgecombe High for a short time, before returning to Nash County to assist his parents in operating the family farm. Alice moved back to Macclesfield about 1980, and Edna Lewis Looney returned to Macclesfield in 1981. Ann married Samuel Jenning Cole, and they live in Raleigh, NC, where he retired as Superintendent of the Schools for the Deaf and Blind in North Carolina.

Thad and his wife, Sudie Langley, lived in Macclesfield for the first years of their married lives. Thad farmed and later worked in the ABC Store. He served on the Board of Commissioners from 1937-1945. He also served as a scoutmaster for a number of years. The family moved to Rocky Mount for 23 years but Thad and Sudie returned in 1971 when Thad retired. He remained in Macclesfield until his death in 1993. Sudie still lives in Macclesfield. The couple's four children, Allan, Jack, Stephen (Boots), and Milliard were all born in Macclesfield. Jack served in the Korean War. He and his wife, Brinkley Crisp, purchased a lot on Greene Street from Clayton Harrell, Sr., Jack's grandfather, and built on the site. Jack worked with Edgecombe County Law Enforcement. Later he was a town policeman and retired as Chief Magistrate. He and his wife raised two children in Macclesfield, Pat and Jay. Milliard, Thad and Sudie's

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### **Clayton Harrell Sr. family**

fourth son and his wife, Kay Barnes raised three children in the community, Kenneth, Mark, and Jason. Milliard is retired from the telephone company.

Cad farmed and lived at home with his parents until he served in World War II. When he returned home, he and his wife Martha B. Phillips moved to what is called the "Pomp Place" adjoining the family farm on the Wilson-Edgecombe County line. The couple raised one child, David. David married Brenda Perkins and they have one child, Stacy.

Vonnie married Haddley Webb and the couple lived and farmed on his homeland near the Wilson County line. They had one son, Jerry.

Marvin served in World War II, worked as a mechanic and later in the ABC Store. He married Ruby Wooten and they raised three children, Ruth, Macey, and Joe, in Macclesfield. Macey and his wife Nancy Green, brought up two children in Macclesfield area, Beth and Dale. Macey retired from Firestone in Wilson and is now deceased. His daughter, Beth, who married Clay Ruffin III has moved to her grandfather's home site in Macclesfield. Joe, who commutes to Scotland Neck for work, married Barbara Lewis. They raised two children, Clay and Tyler.

Gretchen married Graham High. She worked for Dr. J.E. Wright for several years. She is now retired and lives on the old Clayton Harrell, Sr. home site on Pitt Street.

Clayton, Jr. and his wife, Nita Baker raised one daughter in Macclesfield, Myrna. Clayton, Jr. farmed and worked on the Wilson Tobacco Market seasonal. The family was active members of the Macclesfield Presbyterian Church where Clayton, Jr. served as an Elder for several years. He also served as a town commissioner from 1946-1948 and again from 1958-1961. He and Mita celebrated 54 years of marriage before his death in 1994. Mita still lives in Macclesfield. Myrna has one daughter, Karen E. McClean by a former marriage to Dr. William P. Edwards. She now lives in Tarboro and is married to Wayne Truscott.

Helen worked for the county agent in Tarboro before she married Luther Lewis and moved to Raleigh. She is now widowed. The couple had two sons, Donald, who died as an infant, and Emmett.

Gladys married C.F. Stallings (now deceased) of the Crisp Community. The couple eventually moved to Raleigh with their two children, Linda and Hal.

Max, who served in World War II, married Nannie Gay. They live at the Harrell home place on the Wilson-Edgecombe line. He is a retired farmer. The couple raised two children, Donald and Bill. Donald and his first wife, Debra Phipps, have one daughter, Kayla. Donald who is now married to Jennifer Owens works with Pepsi Cola. Bill and his wife Josie Hendricks raised two children in Macclesfield area, Christopher and Chelsea. Bill works with the State Department of Transportation.

Carson served in World War II where he received five battle stars and the Bronze Star. When he returned home to Macclesfield he farmed. Later he worked at the Cotton Belt in Pinetops and the Imperial Tobacco Company in Wilson. He is now retired.

Ledger, married Virginia Anderson. He is a retired farmer and a respected foxhunter like his father before him. The couple celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1998. They had five children, Aubrey, Susan, Ted (died as an infant), Norris and Larry. The remaining four children continue to live in Macclesfield or the Macclesfield area today. Aubrey served in Vietnam. He and his former wife, Teresa Reeves, had one son, Nicholas. Aubrey farms and is raising his son, who is currently a college student at Barton College. Susan lives at home with her parents and enjoys foxhunting with her father. Norris remodeled the Speight House that his grandparents, Clayton, Sr. and Annie, had lived in before him. He and his wife Teresa Harrison, are raising four children, Austin, Rebecca, Laura Beth, and John Clayton in the restored home. Norris is a farmer. Norris and his children are the designers of the Macclesfield town

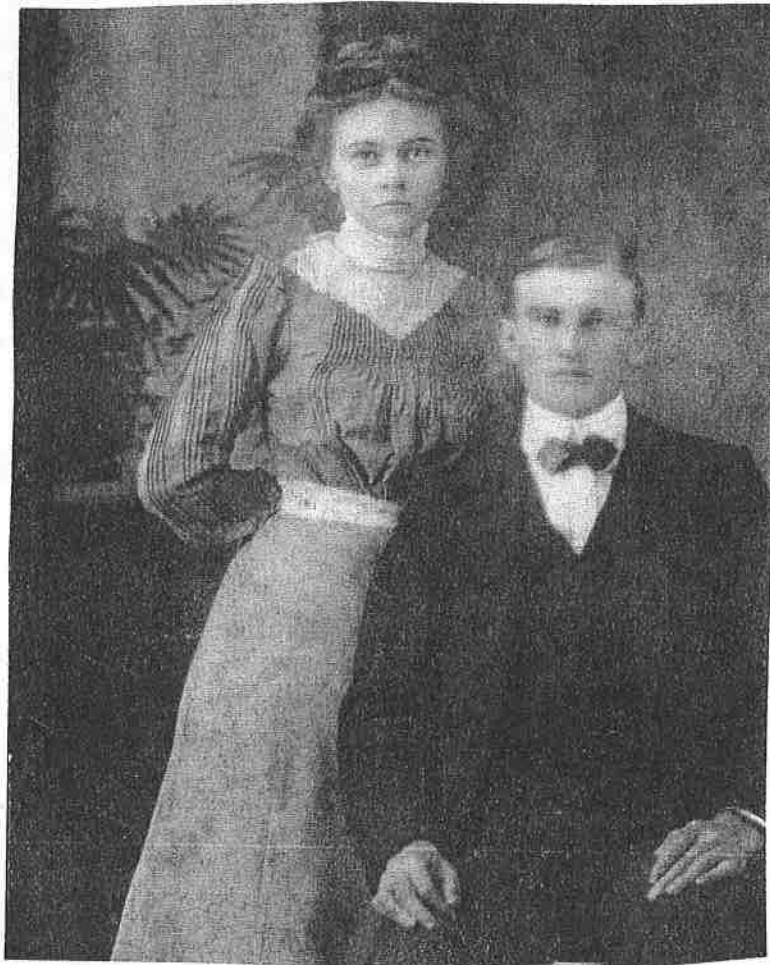


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### **Clayton Harrell Sr. family**

logo. Larry is Edgecombe-Nash Co. sergeant for the NC State Highway Patrol. He married Sandra Cherry and they have two children, Brittany and Daniel.

Written by Nita Baker Harrell



**Clayton Harrell and Annie Walston Harrell  
on their wedding day.**

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Clayton Harrell Sr. family

Clayton Harrell and Annie Walston Harrell  
on their 50th anniversary.



The Clayton Harrell Family

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### Forbes - Flowers Families

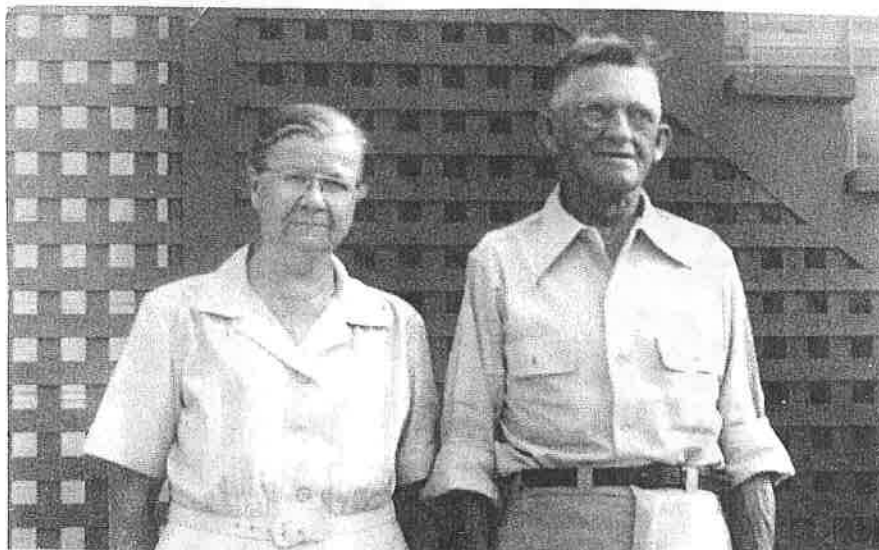
Macclesfield comes to mind when ever a place that has a very friendly atmosphere is mentioned. It's name could easily be changed to "Friendlyville". Many happy years of my life were spent there. I often wondered why they needed a jail; except for one regular "guest" who usually spent Saturday nights there.

In the 1880's James Ashley Forbes and Martha Ella Green were married. They began housekeeping on East Wilson Street. Later in 1914 they built a home on Green Street, which was the first brick dwelling in town. He was known by nearly everyone as "Uncle Jimmy", and she as "Aunt Ella". Both were dedicated to their family, and worked very hard. He always loved horses and operated a livery stable. Often he would drive his carriage around town which was pulled by his finest horse. For years he worked in a store on Green Street. He farmed all of his life and died on the way to deliver cured tobacco to a warehouse. Public affairs always concerned him. His personality was outstanding. Believe it or not, he could do most anything except whistle a tune, yet he whistled continuously.

Aunt Ella was quite reserved. Her church was important to her. She was an excellent cook, and loved to share with neighbors. There were always extra ones at mealtime, and many lived in the home permanently. Pleasing others was her pleasure.

A daughter was born to this union, Mary Walton, named for Dr. Walton. She married Paul Sanford Flowers of Wilson County, and they lived with her parents. He operated a grocery store on Green Street. She taught at Macclesfield School for many years, which she thoroughly enjoyed.

Submitted by Effie Walston Bass



James and Martha Ella Green Forbes

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Forbes - Flowers Families



Paul and Mary Walton Flowers with baby Paul.



L-R Mary Walton Flowers, Ella Forbes, Blessing Green and Paul.



Paul and Mary Walton Flowers

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Jessie C. Woodard - Ruffin Hyman Families

Jessie C. Woodard Sr. was born February 14, 1905 to William and Lizzie Woodard in Wilson County, NC. He was one of 10 children. He was uneducated and lived his entire life as a sharecropper between two brothers, Essex and Ernest Webb, until he purchased his own farm in Wilson County near the Webb's Lake area in 1946.

In March, 1927, he married Dora Hyman and sired eight sons and five daughters. Jessie C., Jr. (JC) died in 1983; Eddie B. (Booley) died 1962; Graham (Bay) died 1999; Clarence Bruce, Sr., Ruffin Durwood, Milton Lawrence (Pete), and James Douglas (Doug); Dorothy, Elnora, Odelphis, Melva, and Ann Lois. Three of his sons still live on the farm, as did George until his death. His widow and son still live there.

Jessie had a very active presence in the community, and was known for lending a helping hand wherever possible. He offered his services freely, and if he heard of anyone in need, he was there without being asked. No job was too big for him to tackle. He dug wells for people before running water was prevalent; he trimmed the hoofs of mules when they were used for farming; he built homes for many and never charged for his services. This mentions only a few of the services he rendered. In his young age he was a boxer, wrestler, baseball player, mechanic, and literally "jack of all trades." In his older age he was a fisherman and spent all of his spare time fishing. No distance was too great if he heard that fish were biting and he'd gather up a carload of people and off he'd go. He was top-notch in all of his endeavors.

Jessie joined Living Hope Primitive Baptist Church in the late 1930s, and served as assistant deacon, then deacon of the church for around twenty-five years.



Jessie C. Woodard, Sr.



Dora Hyman Woodard

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Jessie C. Woodard - Ruffin Hyman Families



Dora Woodard holding family shield presented to her at Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by 3rd generation Woodards honoring "Grandma and her children" in 1994. The shield symbols the cat family (Grandma loved cats); the family, the farm, and the church, all of which Grandma strongly believed in and lived for. The acronym "JACBAW" means "Just Anybody Can't Be A Woodard", presented by her grandchildren exemplifies the strong values being passed down through generations. Pictured left to right (Rear) Ruffin Durwood, James Douglas, Odelphis, Clarence Bruce, Sr., Melva Dean, George Edward, (Front) Dorothy Graye, Ann Lois, Graham, Elnora, Dora H. Woodard (mother). Milton Lawrence, Eddie Bryant (Booley) and not shown Jessie, Jr. (JC) deceased.

### Ruffin Hyman Family

Ruffin Hyman was born 1870, and was reared from an early age by Joe and Mattie Webb in Wilson County near the Webb's Lake area, about five miles from Macclesfield, NC. He spent most of his life in that area. Little is known about his birth and the first few years of his life, but later years have produced relatives who have roots in the Leggett area, and it is likely that he might have been born there. There were two sisters, Tempie and Elizabeth, and possibly two brothers; it is not known for sure.

In 1902 he married Martha Reed, and sired seven children: three boys and four girls. William Ruffin, born December 24, 1911; married Christine Jones and had ten children:

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four boys, six girls. Luther, born 1914; married Dora McNair, had one daughter and raised a nephew; died February 1953, age 39. Dudley died at age five in early 1900's. Mary, born early 1900s; married Charlie Robinson, no children; died at age 19. Leora, born January 30, 1908; married John Fuller, had three daughters; later married Lester Atkinson and had one son and four daughters; died December 21, 2000; age 92. Dora born September 20, 1909; married Jessie C. Woodard, Sr. in 1927; had thirteen children: eight boys and five girls; died February 28, 1997, age 87. Calleatha, born January 14, 1916; married James Knight; later married James A Johnson; no children, one stepson. Another daughter, Lena Smith, married James Taylor, had one son and one daughter; died around 1960. Martha Hyman died at a relatively young age in 1915, and Ruffin later married Emma Cobb, who also had several children. He preceded her in death in 1937.

Ruffin was noted for his ministerial talents as a young lad; it is said that his father's name was Ruffin and was also a minister. He joined Few-In Number Primitive Baptist Church (PBC) near Wiggins Cross Road, about three miles from Pinetops, NC, around 1910. He was ordained as an Elder during the Association (annual meeting of all the corresponding churches) in 1911; later became Moderator of the Association and served until his death. He also pastored Living Hope, Bethlehem, and Few-In-Number PBC.

Both Elder Hyman and his wife held memberships at the same church, and their strong religious beliefs and practices spread over into the lives of their adult offspring, who also joined primitive baptist churches. William Ruffin joined Few-In-Number in 1951. He also pastored New Hope, Few-In-Number, and Bethlehem PBC, and served as Moderator of the Bethlehem Association for several years. Luther joined Willow Chapel located in Old Sparta community, in 1933, at age 19; pastored Zion Hill, New Hope, and Bethlehem PBC. Leora, Dora and Calleatha joined Living Hope PBC. Dora served Mother at Living Hope for forty two years, and for several other churches in the association during their times of need. Calleatha served as Clerk for many, many years until her illness in March, 1997.

Their legacy has left footprints on the sands of time.

Submitted by Dorothy Woodard Wooten

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### Ellis Family



Pictured above (left) Willie Ellis and Victoria Webb Ellis, (two of their children), (right) Willie and Victoria in their later years. Below: (left) Luther Ellis, (right) Tommy Hick Ellis and wife Louise Moseley Ellis, and son Edwin. Willie was a son of Hickman Ellis (1845-1914) and Treacy Webb (1839-1882). Victoria was daughter of John and Beady Webb. Willie and Victoria built a house in Macclesfield in 1902. Willie was a farmer, carpenter, and a brick mason. He was in business with Carlilse Funeral Home and operated a branch office in Macclesfield, located on Green St. They sold caskets and held funerals. Children of Willie and Victoria: Grover who died in 1911, Tommy Hicks, and Luther.



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Ellis Family of Handy Corner



Thad Ellis and Rosa Phillips Ellis  
They were farmers in the area of Handy Corner



Thad Ellis when he was older.  
He was born in 1877.



Mary Susan Phillips, B. 1856  
Rosa Lee Phillips, B. 1884

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Ellis Family of Handy Corner



The family of Thad and Rosa Phillips Ellis. Back row from left to right; Herbert Ellis, Henry Ellis, Willie Ellis, Albert Ellis, Fred Ellis. Front row from left to right; Ruth Ellis Mosely, Mary Ellis Webb, Minnie Ellis Webb, Dora Ellis Felton, Sudie Ellis Harrell.



Pictured left: Treasy Varnell Baker Ellis. Right: Treasy Ellis, Lina Gardner, Dorothy Gardner Smith, Earl Gardner, Clark Smith, Jr. Treasy was the daughter of John and Sally Varnell. Her first husband was Riddick Baker and second Dow Columbus Ellis. She lived near Handy Corner for many years and later moved to Macclesfield. Children of Treasy: Ada Baker Lewis by 1st marriage, 2nd marriage produced, Walter, Jett, Dow, Cad, Thad, Charlie, Lina, Lucy, Mattie, Hattie, Sally.

## Families of Macclesfield

Cale and Allen Family



Pictured above: David Cale (1894-1965) and Hattie Sharpe (1900-1983) on their wedding day. They were married in the yard of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Batts and the ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace, Jackson Glover. The year was 1915. Below: Jesse William Allen stoking a tobacco barn in 1939. Jesse, Goldie and sons Wayne and Dan Allen, putting gas in the car at Cale's Store in 1955.

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James Starky Howard - Battle and Elizabeth Thorne



James Starky Howard moved to Macclesfield in 1903. He and his brother Epp Howard owned and operated Macclesfield Supply Co. for many years. He was a farmer and was the first President of Merchants & Farmers Bank. He built a house, in Macclesfield on Second St., which later became the Elisha Phillips House. He and his wife, the former Ava Johnson had three children: J.S. Howard, Jr., Mrs. W.E. Minchew, and Mrs. W.T. Dickinson. He was a member of Macclesfield Christian Church.



Pictured above: J.A.B.(Battle),and Elizabeth Norville Thorne. He was a farmer and lived behind the new Webb's Chapel Church. Children of the Thornes: Elizabeth who married Thadeous Lewis, Molly who married Lee Batts, Ode who married Betty Phillips. Ode owned and operated a flue shop in Macclesfield. Children of Ode and Betty Thorne: Henry who married Loney Webb, Madie who married Jimmy Little, Willie who married Mattie Harrell and Lina who married Julius Morris.

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Frank Batts - Dr. Yates Barber

Pictured to the right: Frank and Narcissus Batts on their 50th anniversary. He was the first cashier of Merchants & Farmers Bank in 1916. He later went in the mercantile business in town. He served as a town commissioner and also as a town policeman. Children of the Batts: Frank Batts, Jr., Evelyn Batt Bailey, Raymond Batts, and Joyce Batts Bardin.



Pictured above: Dr. Yates M. Barber and Family. L-R, Bruce Barber Long, Yates Barber and wife Mavis, Elizabeth Barber Long and husband Dallas Long, Elizabeth Barber (sister of Dr. Barber), Dr. Yates M. Barber and wife Eve Barber, John Clark Barber and Clark Jr., and wife Francene. Front row: John Dallas and Steven. Dr Barber came to Macclesfield in 1917 and took the place of Dr. George Mitchell. Dr. Barber left in 1934, to practice in Gaithersburg Maryland and was replaced in Macclesfield by Dr. Sam Justa.

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### Moore Family

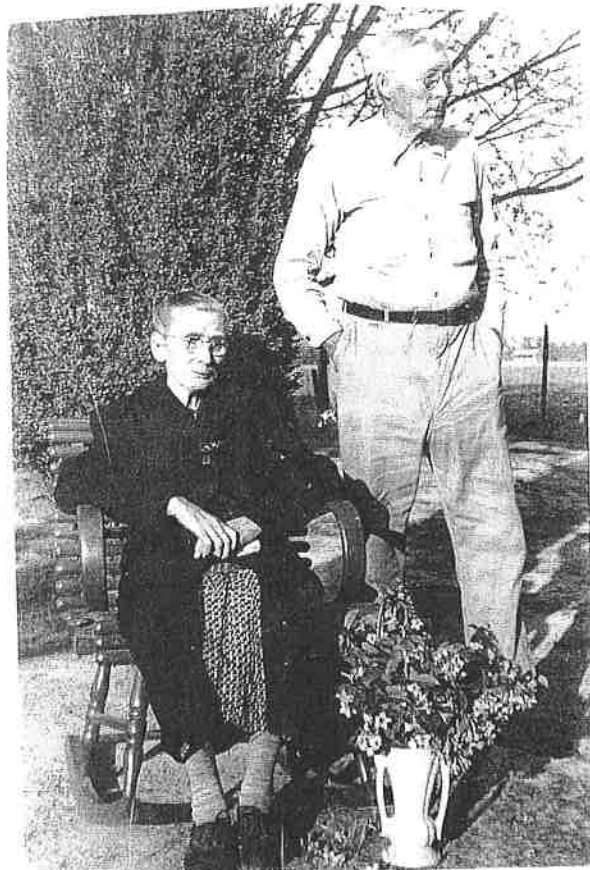


Pictured above (top) Marcellus and Sue Cobb Moore. (Below) Battle Webb (left), Dorothy Moore Webb and son Brooks Webb (right). In 1903 W. Marcellus Moore came to Macclesfield as a clerk for Cobb & Walston, which later became Cobb & Harris. He later went into mercantile business with J.L.D. Corbett, in the store later owned by J.H Corbett. They later built a brick store where R.L Corbett's store is today. Marcellus served as Mayor of Macclesfield three different terms from 1910- 1923,when he died in office. In 1904 Sue Cobb wife of Marcellus Moore held the first school of any kind taught in Macclesfield, teaching three student, Charlie Walton, Harry Walton, and Betty Lewis. The nearest school at that time was near Harvey Webb's Crossing, about two miles from Macclesfield.(Note that pictures at the bottom show the old bandstand and the old mill in the background.)

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### Braswell Family

Henry Braswell and wife Nannie Wallace Braswell:  
They were farmers and lived on the Old Stagecoach  
Road near Macclesfield. (Saratoga-Tarboro Rd.).  
Children of Henry and Nannie: Herbert, Clay, Dawin,  
Will and Sarah.



Guy Webb and Effie Braswell: Guy was son of Ezelle  
and Patty Webb. Effie was daughter of Henry and  
Nannie Braswell. Children of Guy and Effie: Nanny Gray,  
Katherine, Dorothy, Jean, Pete and Ted.



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### Wallace Family

Dazelle Wallace wife of Johnnie Wallace: Dazelle and Johnnie were farmer and lived about three miles from Macclesfield on the old Stagecoach Road. Johnnie was a son of John and Elizabeth Wallace and Dazelle was daughter of Redden Webb.



Children of Johnnie Wallace and Dazelle Webb Wallace: In no particular order, Albert, J.T., Thad, Lucy, Maggie, Mary, Lillie, Mattie, Dora, Sudie.



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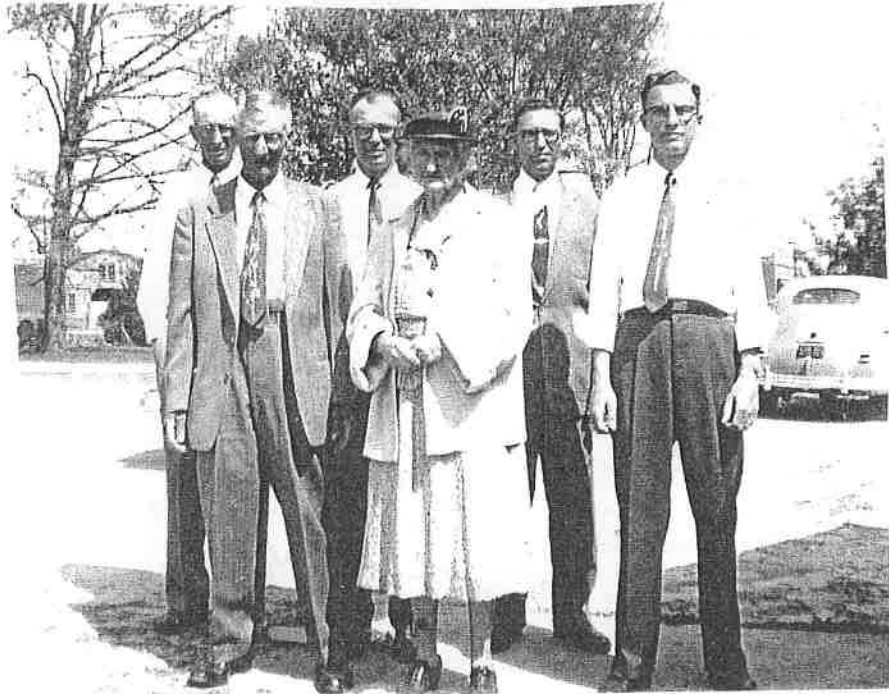
### Wainwright Family



Octavious Wainwright and wife Alice Webb Wainwright, above when they were younger and below when they were older. They lived near Macclesfield and Octavious was a carpenter. He built many houses in and around Macclesfield. Children of Octavious and Alice: Mary Ella Hayes, Beula Craighead, Dora Hathaway, Margaret Culifer, Betsy Hathaway, Sarah Owens, Milton Wainwright, Thurston Wainwright, G.E. Wainwright.

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Gardner Family - Owens Family



Johnson and Martha Stubbs Gardner Family: Johnson and Martha lived most of their married life in and around Macclesfield. They had four sons; Archie, Joseph, Raymond, and David. The Gardners farmed and Johnson work at the Machine Shop where flues were made.



Will Owens and wife Lizora Webb Owens: Will Owens was son of William Robert Owens and George Ella Owens. Lizora was a daughter of Wiley Gray Webb and Sarah Elizabeth Cobb. Will and Lizora were farmers and lived near Pitts Crossroads. Children of Will and Lizora: Carrie, Ethel, Mable, Georgia, and Leona, who worked as agent for East Carolina Railroad.

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### Whitley Family

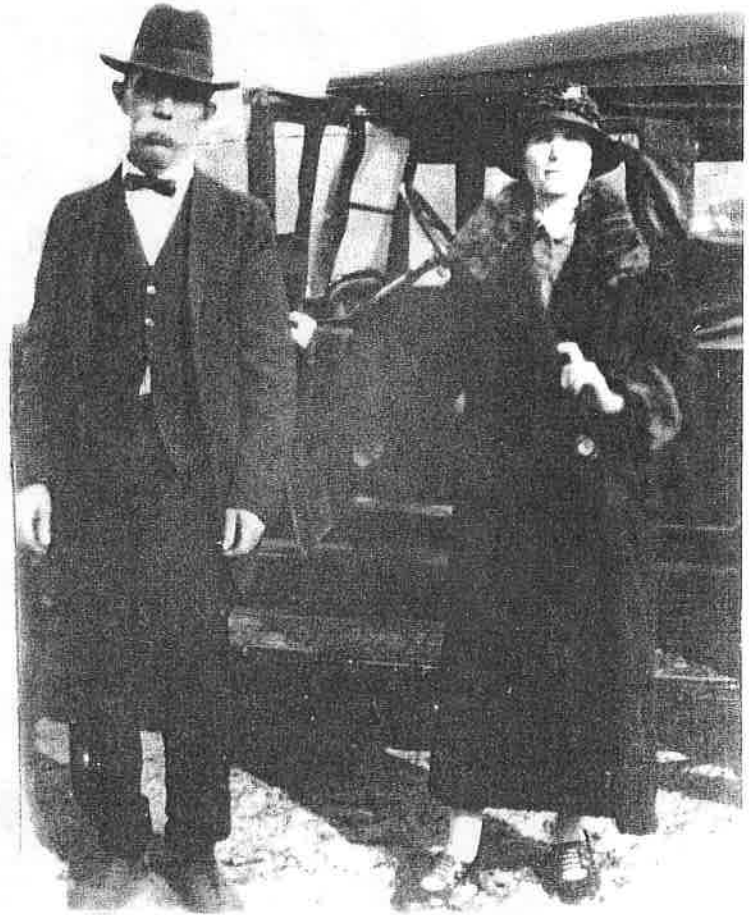


Sam and Ida Webb Whitley Family: Top; Sam Whitley and Ida Webb Whitley. Bottom left; Sam Whitley in 1956. Bottom right; Whitley children: Elmore, Odene, and Joseph. Sam was son of Joseph Elmore Whitley and Victoria Proctor. Ida was daughter of Harvey and Mary Elizabeth Webb. In the early 1920s, Sam bought from David Cale a service station and garage, located where Kwik Stop is today. He operated it until 1939. He then moved across the street and built the Zenith Service Station next to Mechants and Farmers Bank. He helped build the Macclesfield Fire Station where it stands today. Sam was chosen first fire chief when it was first organized and was chief for many years.

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### Edwards Families

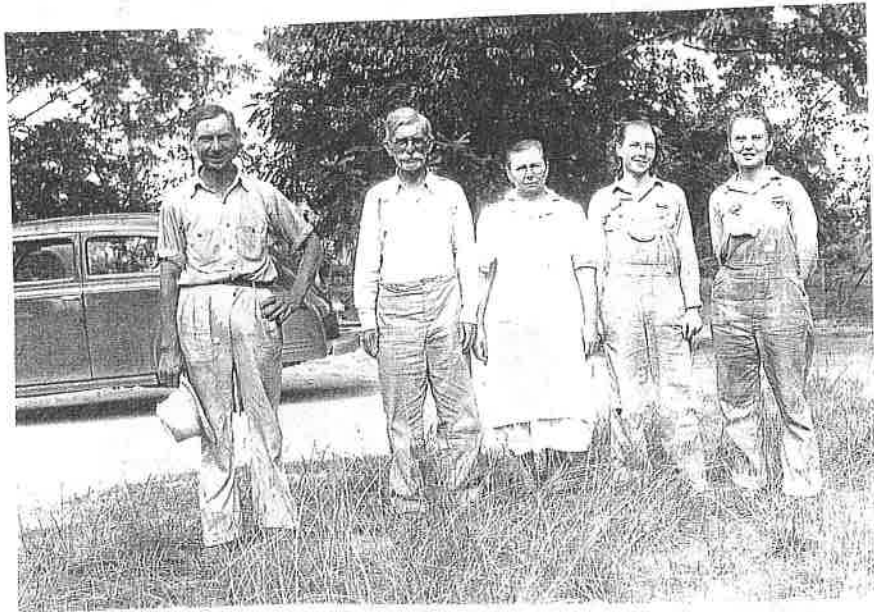
Pictured right: William Bennett (Buddy) Edwards  
B. March 9, 1873 - D. October 29, 1947  
Cora Lewis Edwards  
B. December 23, 1878 - D. December 30, 1963  
William and Cora farmed and lived on Corbett  
Farm Road. Children of William and Cora Edwards:  
Mary Edwards Cummings and Jonas Edwards.  
The car in the background is a 1920 Model T Ford.



Pictured from L-R: Henry and Mary Edwards Cummings, Jonas Edwards. Henry and Mary lived and owned property in Macclesfield. Along with other property they owned the Old Exxon Station, downtown. They also owned and farmed the Edwards farm on Corbett Farm Rd. Mary and Jonas were the children William and Cora Edwards. Mary taught school at Macclesfield School.

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## Edwards Families



Jonas Edwards and Alice Lewis Edwards Family: Top Left, Jonas and Alice Edwards and children; Henry, Lizzie and Arther. Top Right, L-R front row; Sudie Blanch Edwards, Jonas and Alice Edwards, Mary Alice Edwards. Back row; James, Kinchen, Lee, Mariun, Lizzie, Arther, Willie, Joe. Bottom Left, L-R: Arther, Jonas Edwards (father), Alice (mother), Mary Alice, Sudie Blanche. Bottom Right: Jonas and Alice Lewis Edwards and grandchildren.

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### Pridgen Family



Charlie and Betty Forbes Pridgen

Charlie Pridgen and his new bride Betty Forbes moved to Macclesfield in the year of 1927. Soon after that they purchased the William Windly House which is well known today as the Pridgen House. The house was torn down to make way for the new Barbecue House. Charlie went to work for the town as the town policeman and soon after that as a Deputy for the Edgecombe County Sheriffs Department. He work in that capacity for the next 35 years. He also continued as the town policeman on a part time bases until the 1940s. He ran a pressing club in town for a few years, situated where the ABC store is today. Charlie was the son of Richard and Ida Page Pridgen and Betty was the daughter of Hiram and Ida Bridgers Forbes. Betty and many of her children continued to live in Macclefield after the death of Mr. Charlie. Betty lived a long life, well into her 90s and was very active in the community most of her life.



Children of Charlie and Betty Forbes Pridgen: Back row L-R, James, Rodger, Ray, Ida Faye, Rebecca, Judy, Milton, Tim, Phillip, Charles. Front row, Mary, Mable, Betty Pridgen (Mother), Loretta, Donna.

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### Hearn Family



Pictured above: Rufus Hearn and wife Mollie Crisp Hearn. Rufus and Mollie built a house in the new town of Macclesfield in the early 1900s. Rufus was a farmer and Mollie worked for the Macclesfield Supply Co., which later became J.T. Winstead & Co. Children of Rufus and Mollie: Martha, Mack and Moses.



Pictured above: Mack Hearn and wife Annie Webb Hearn. Mack was son of Rufus and Mollie Hearn. Annie was daughter of Walter Webb. Mack and Annie lived in Macclesfield and Mack was a farmer and a painter. Children of Mack and Annie: Stanley, Rufus, Walter, Jane Carol, Alvin, Ronald.

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### Bridgers Families



Pictured top: Mary Gardner Bridgers wife of James William Bridgers. Children of Mary and James: J.R., Kate, Peter, Henrietta, Mark, Joseph C., George W., D.L., Mollie, B.B., and Kenneth. Pictured bottom: Joseph C. (Joe) Bridgers and wife Nannie Owens Bridgers. Joe was the son of James W. Bridgers and Mary Gardner Bridgers. Nannie was daughter of William Robert Owens and George Ella Owens. Joe and Nannie were farmer. In 1920 he bought from the Macclesfield Co. part of the old Barley Lewis tract of land, and this was his homeplace. Children of Joe and Nannie: Fred, Lee, Joseph, Frank, Luther, Paul, Nina, Lula, Carrie, Mary and Mozelle.



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Bridgers Families



Pictured above (both top & bottom): George Washington Bridgers (B.1868) and wife Lucy Pitt Brown Bridgers (B.1875). They were married in 1892. Farming was their occupation and they lived where the Lamb Farm is today, on Webbs Chapel Rd. Children of George and Lucy: Willie H., Walter Thomas, Betty Lee, Henrietta, George, Eddie, Lucille, Kathryn, James.

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### Bridgers Families



Pictured above: Chester Carl Lamb and wife Lucille Bridgers Lamb. Carl was son of Gordon H. Lamb and Minnie Lamb. Lucille is daughter of George Bridgers and Lucy Brown Bridgers. Carl and Lucille were farmers and Lucille worked 23 years for the Postal Service in Macclesfield. She first worked as clerk and later as Postmaster. Children of Carl and Lucille: Chester Carl Lamb, Jr., and Jimmy Lamb.



Pictured right: Chester Carl Lamb, Jr., and Lucille Lamb (his Mother). He was accepting a certificate honoring him as a 50th year Mason.

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### Lewis Families

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Pictured above left: Kinchen C. Lewis(B. 1814-D.1894). Kinchen C. Lewis was son of James Lewis. Kinchen and his wife Millicent Eason Lewis farmed and resided on Lewis Rd. They had several sons to serve in the Civil War. Children of Kinchen and Millicent: Kindred, Mary Ann, James L. Reddin, Jackson, Kinchen Thomas, Kenneth Cannie, Margarett, Robert Rasberry, Amanda Millicent, William Thadeous. Pictured above right: William Thadeous Lewis(B. 1859). William Thadeous was the son of the above Kinchen and Millicent Lewis. He was married first to Elizabeth Thorne and 2nd to Martha Wiggins. They were farmers and lived on Lewis Rd. Children of Wm. Thadeous and Elizabeth: Alice Anna, Emma. Children of Wm. Thadeous and Martha: Ben Franklin, Elizabeth Millicent, Carrie Lee, William (Bill), Noah Thadeous, Ledger Lee, Van Buren, Winniford Susan, John Paul.



Pictured above: Van Buren and Alice Lewis. Van Buren was son of Wm. Thadeous and Martha Wiggins Lewis. Alice was daughter of Clayton and Annie Harrell. Though both Van Buren and Alice were born here, they moved to Nash County after they married, but Alice moved back to Macclesfield following his death. Children of Van and Alice: Ann, Edna and Hoyt.

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### Lewis Families



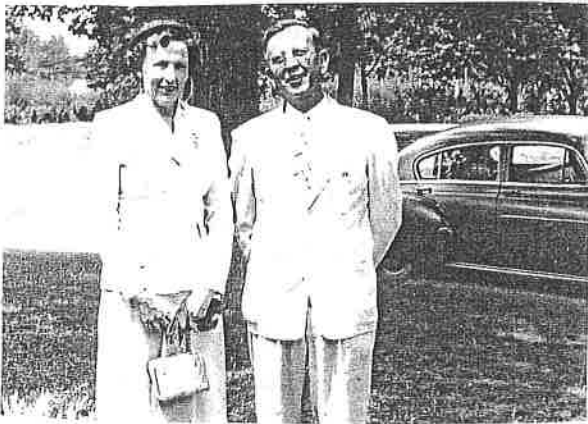
Pictured above: William Kindred (Bill) Lewis and wife Ada Baker Lewis. Bill was a son of William Thadeous Lewis and wife Martha (Pat) Wiggins. Ada was daughter of Riddick Baker and Treasy Varnell Baker Ellis. Bill and Ada were members of Macclesfield Presbyterian Church. They farmed and lived on Lewis Rd. near Macclesfield. Children of Bill and Ada: Thad Lewis and Velma Lewis Bridgers.



Pictured above: Noah Thadeous Lewis and Dora Webb Lewis. Noah was son of William Thadeous Lewis and Martha Wiggins Lewis. Dora was daughter of Van and Fanny Webb. Noah and Dora were active members of Webb's Chapel Church for many years. They were farmers and lived on Lewis Rd. Children of Noah and Dora: Myrtle Tugwell, Fannie Carr Beamon, Linda Pearl Lewis.

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### Lewis Families



Rufus and Lela Webb Lewis



Edith and Barbara Lewis with Alice Lewis

Rufus Moore Lewis served 52 years as a Rural Mail Carrier for Macclesfield. He may have set a postal record for longest numbers of years as Rural Mail Carrier. He took his oath of office from his Father, Kinchen Cobb Lewis (son of Redden Sugg and Sarah Page Lewis), Macclesfield's first Postmaster.

On May 1, 1918, he began carrying mail by horse and buggy. After three years of traveling up and down muddy dirt roads, Rufus sold his horse and buggy and bought a "highwheeled tin Lizzie". A rural route is very hard on automobiles because of starting and stopping so many times a day. During the years, he had 32 cars. Among them were 10 Model T Fords, 3 Model A's, 1 Model B, 1 Maxwell, 2 Hudsons, 10 Chevrolets, 3 Pontiacs and 2 Plymouths.

Rufus was married to Lela Webb, daughter of Van and Fannie Webb. Lela was manager of the lunch room cafeteria at Macclesfield School for 15 years. Children of Rufus and Lela: Edith Lewis, and Barbara Lewis.



Kinchen Cobb Lewis, Macclesfield's first Postmaster was born on November 22, 1856, with his wife Sarah Alice Moore and children Rufus Moore Lewis and Bettie Rogers Lewis. Pictured to the right: Porter Pender Norville and his wife Bettie Rogers Lewis.

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In 1786 a man named Solomon Phillips purchased his first land near present day Maccripine Country Club. He accumulated about 1600 acres by the time of his death in 1798. His estate was divided between his nine children. Children of Solomon Phillips were Benjamin, William, Solomon, Andrew, Elizabeth, Peggy, Nancy, Hardy, David.

David Phillips, married Elizabeth Wilkins, sold his interest in his father land and purchased a 300 acre tract which spanned both sides of todays Corbett Farm Rd. In 1830 when David died his estate consisted of about 600 acres. Most of the Phillips in this area descended from David. Children of David and Elizabeth were Celia, Benjamin W., Mary Maund, Amalvina, Amanda, Peter Priden, Prudence, Martha, Caroline, Richard Thomas, David Taylor, Susan, William Barbee.

William Barbee Phillips was born December 1, 1815 and married Susan Phillips, January 3, 1839. He received land from his father David but choose to moved down the road a short distance from his father to live. He purchased 100 acres from James E. Lewis on the North side of Otters Creek, which became his homeplace. When he died in 1876, his estate contained about 225 acres. He lived off of Webbs Chapel Rd., between Fountain Rd. and Handy Corner. Children of William Barbee and Susan were David James, Richard William, Bryant, Peter Hines, Amos, Elizabeth Ruffin, Mary Susan, Solomon, John Thomas, Benjamin.

In the next few pages you will see the families of three of William Barbee children, Benjamin, John Thomas, and Solomon. Elsewhere in this book you will also find the family of his daughter Elizabeth Ruffin who married Benjamin B. Pittman.



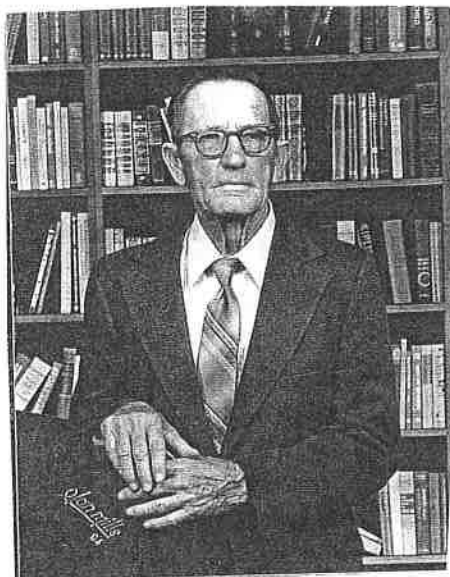
Pictured above: Benjamin Phillips (B.1850-D.1917). He was the son of William Barbee and Susan Phillips. In 1872 he married Henrietta Bridgers. They were farmers and lived about 3 miles from Macclesfield, near Webbs Old Mill. Most of their children continued to live around Macclesfield. Children of Benjamin and Henrietta: Barley, married Alice Dilda, Betty, married O.A. Thorne, Louise, married Willie Everette, Catherine, married Albert Harrell, James W., married Nannie Woodard, Bryant, married Betty Webb, Cannie, never married, Charlie, married Minnie Winstead, Lawrence, married Mary Ellis, Alfred, married Minnie Corbett, Amos, married Repsey Phillips, Bennie, married Sarah E. Webb.

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Pictured above: Lawrence Phillips. Lawrence was a son of Benjamin and Henrietta Bridgers Phillips. Lawrence and Mary Phillips were farmers and lived near Webb's Old Mill. They later moved to Macclesfield when they purchased the Dr. Barber House, which was built by Dr. Mitchell. Lawrence also owned several buildings in the town. They had one daughter Novelle Phillips Edwards.



Pictured above: Charlie Edwards and his wife Novelle Phillips Edwards. They were farmers and lived in Macclesfield in the Lawrence Phillips House. Children of Charlie and Novelle: Charlie Earl and Donald.

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Pictured above left top: Bryant Phillips and Bettie Webb Phillips. Right top: Bettie Webb Phillips. Bottom center: Children of Bryant and Bettie Phillips: Mary Katherine Summerlin, Golden Phillips, Bruce Phillips, and Nellie Phillips Webb. Bryant was son of Benjamin and Henrietta Phillips. Bettie was daughter of Elwell Webb and Mary Jane Varnell Webb. They were married in 1908. They were farmers and lived about three miles from Macclesfield, near Webbs Old Mill.



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Pictured above: Benjamin (Bennie) Phillips and wife Sally Webb: Back row, Pat, Bennie Clark, Bernice, Mary Elizabeth, and Billy. Benjamin was son of Benjamin and Henreitta Phillips. Sally was daughter of Wiley Grey Webb and Sarah Cobb Webb. Bennie and Sally were farmer and lived on the old Benjamin Phillips homeplace.



Pictured above: Alfred Phillips and wife Minnie Corbett Phillips. Alfred was son of Benjamin and Henreitta Phillips. Minnie was daughter of Joseph Corbett and Trecy Harrell Corbett. When the town of Macclesfield was formed, Joseph (Josey) Corbett and family were living in Macclesfield, in a log cabin standing where the town park is today. Alfred and Minnie were farmers. Children of Alfred and Minnie: Cassie Mae, and Margie Ruth.

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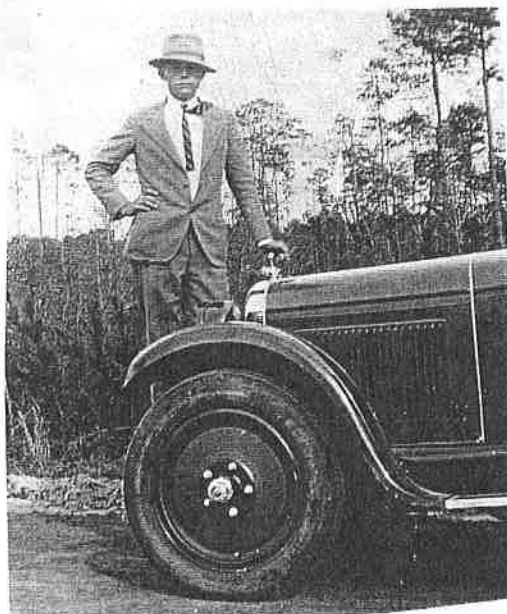
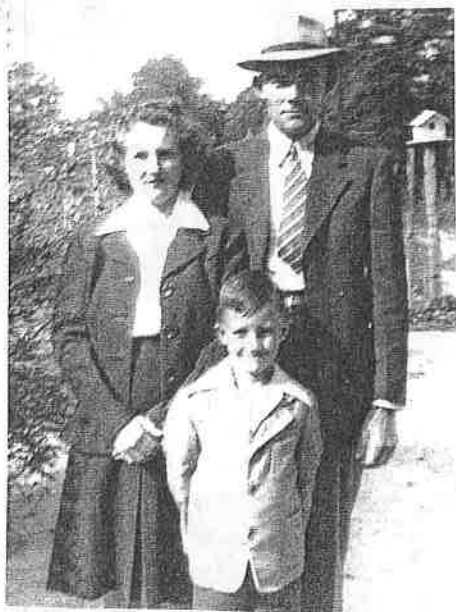
Pictured above top left: Solomon Phillips (B.1859-D.1930), wife Charlotta Gay Phillips and son Jeffy. Solomon was a son of William Barbee and Susan Edwards Phillips. Charlotta was a daughter of Henry Gay. Solomon and Charlotta were married in 1881 and their home was what later became the Jeffy Phillips homeplace. Children of Solomon and Charlotta: Delpha A., Susan A. Mary E. Jeffy D. Pictured above top right and bottom left: Jeffy Phillips and wife Minnie Webb Phillips. Jeffy was a son of Solomon and Charlotta Phillips. Minnie was daughter of Hill and Jean Felton Webb. Jeffy and Minnie were farmers and lived about a mile from Macclesfield. Children of Jeffy and Minnie: Willie, Lester, Walter, Annie, Katie, Gladys and Dorothy. Pictured bottom right: Annie, Minnie, Jeffy Phillips, Katie, Walter, Dorothy.

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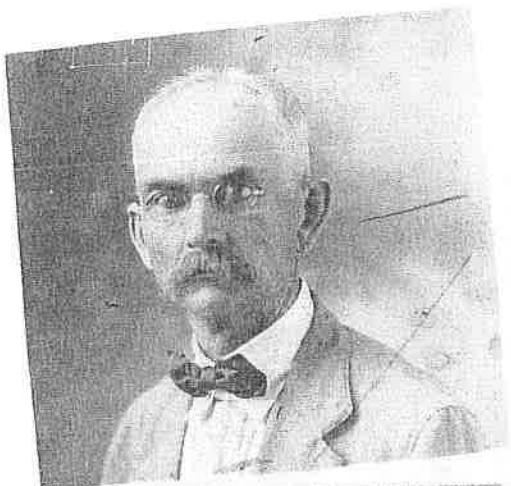
Pictured above top left: Elisha Phillips and wife Betty Webb Phillips and children, Roy, Arthur, Herbert, William, and Katie. Pictured above right: Betty Webb Phillips. Elisha was a son of Peter Hines Phillips and Artmissie Harrell Phillips. Betty was a daughter of Nathan and Peinna Webb. Elisha and Betty were farmers and around 1926 bought the Jim Howard House in Macclesfield, on Second St. Children of Elisha and Betty: same as in picture above.



Pictured above bottom left: Arthur Phillips and wife Mollie. Pictured bottom right: Arthur Phillips. Arthur was son of Elisha and Betty Phillips. They were farmers and lived outside of Macclesfield. Children of Arthur and Betty: Doris Phillips Ellis, Roy Phillips.

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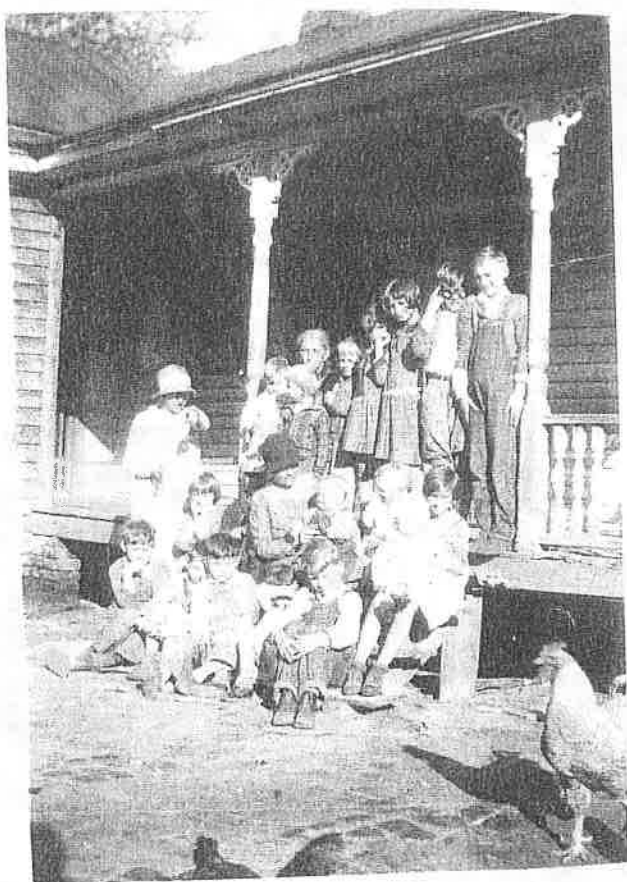
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Pictured top left & right: John Thomas Phillips and Martha Ella Forbes (M. March 14, 1883). Center left: Anna Phillips Price. Center right: Tommy and Mamie Phillips Webb. Bottom right: Martha Ella Forbes Phillips, Mamie Phillips, Maggie Phillips Gardner. John Thomas was son of William Barbee and Susan Edwards Phillips. Martha Ella was daughter of Randolph Forbes. They lived about a mile from Macclesfield, behind the Jeffy Phillips homeplace. He was a farmer and in later years he moved to Macclesfield and built the house that is the Turner Felton House. He also owned and operated a General Merchandising Store located where Southern Bank is today. Children of John Thomas and Martha: Acca Phillips Eason, Anna Phillips Price, Bennie Phillips, Maggie Phillips Gardner, Henry Phillips, Mamie Phillips Webb, John Wright Phillips, Barney Phillips.

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Pictured above top left: Acca Phillips Eason and children. Pictured top right: John Thomas Phillips in front of his store in Macclesfield where Southern Bank stands today. Bottom left: Descendants of John Thomas Phillips and Martha Ella Forbes: Thomas Webb, Lester Webb, Frances Webb, Vivian Webb, J.L. Webb, Susie Gardner, Ollen Webb, Mildred Price, Velma Price, Eugene Eason, Maggie Gardner, Doris Price, Mamie Webb, Lee Gardner, Garland Price.

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Pictured above left: Barney Phillips, Sr. (B.1884) and wife Cora Keel. Barney was a son of John Thomas and Martha Forbes Phillips. Above right: Sallie Varnell Phillips, 2nd wife of Barney Phillips. Barney was a farmer and also operated the General Merchandising Store in Macclesfield that his father ran before him. Children of Barney and Cora: Barney Phillips, Jr. Ella Phillips, Ernest Phillips, Wiley Phillips.



Pictured above left: Barney Phillips, Jr. and wife Lillie Mae Cobb. Barney was a son of Barney and Cora Keel Phillips. Barney and Lillie were farmers and he was also a painter. They lived in Macclesfield. Children of Barney and Lillie: Janice Brown, Judy Bridgers, Bobby Phillips. Above center and right: Wiley Phillips and wife Martha Brown: Wiley was a son of Barney and Cora Keel Phillips. Wiley and Martha were farmers and he also worked at the Pure Oil Station in Macclesfield. Children of Wiley and Martha: Graham, Alene, Donald. Martha B. Phillips later married Cad Harrell and had 1 son, David.

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Vainwright - Wooten



Pictured left: Archie Vainwright: He was the son of Ernest and Effie Eason Vainwright. Effie was the daughter of Richard and Mary Eason. Children of Ernest and Effie: Archie, Hardy, Jimmy, David, Alice, Wayne.

Pictured right: Cora Lee Dawes Wooten. Cora was the daughter of Thomas Dawes and Rena White Dawes, and is a Macclesfield native. She married James Wooten. Mrs. Wooten taught school at Living Hope School for twenty four years and Carver Elementary School for nine years. She retired from teaching in 1983. She was recognized for perfect attendance from 1979 to 1982 with an honorary plaque. All the children she taught loved "Miss Wooten".



## **WEBB'S LAKE**

### **of the Community of Macclesfield**

In 1909 Mrs. Mattie Felton Webb traded land she had on the Jobe Felton farm for the Webb's Lake farm owned by J.R. Eagles and Nannie Lee Eagles. Mattie Felton Webb died in 1913 and in her will she left lifetime right to her husband J. Tom Webb and at his death the land went to Mattie Felton Webbs children.

Shortly after 1913 the Lake was developed and became somewhat a recreation place. There was dancing, swimming, bathing suit rentals, diving board, silent movies, most of this on Friday and Saturday nights and Sundays. Along with these there was a pool hall, a store for refreshments and a place for picnics. All in all it became the place to be for the local folks as well as people from all over the counties of Edgecombe, Wilson, Pitt and more.

The Lake had many amusements and lots of ways to spend money. Just imagine a small fair in town every weekend. That must have been the feeling that most people had about Webb's Lake especially the young people. It had a motorized cable that you could get on that would carry you across the lake and bring you back if you were able to stay on, if not you fell in the lake. There were several different kinds of booths, one that Margie Strickland Eatmon remembered was knocking down milk bottles and you got a prize for the best. The lake had a water slide well before the ones of today. It was a huge slide that you could get on and go into the lake. If you got hungry it had a place to buy hamburgers and hot-dogs and a store in part of the house to buy drinks. If you were thirsty and happened to be on the other side of the lake Mr. Essex Webb sold drinks from he back porch to the patrons of the lake. Along with all this I'm sure the lake was also used for fishing.

Many people of the Macclesfield Community have fond memories of Webb's Lake. Susan Strickland Owens talked to some of those people about those memories. Mr. R.R. Stokes, father of Margaret Stokes Norville of Falkland, once said that Webb's Lake was the only place of its kind, night spot and everything to go with it and on Sunday the lake was full of swimmers. Mrs. Al Fountain Hanes of Fountain once said she always looked forward to the weekend so she could go to Webb's Lake. Mr. Conway Bridgers from Macclesfield said what he remembers most was how he got in and didn't pay the ten cent admission fee. Luther Bridgers and Paul Bridgers would lift him up and put him in the dance hall , back then there were no fans, and the building had props on each end that you could open and this is how Conway would sneak in. He stated he went everytime he got a chance. Now, he said let me tell you why I didn't pay the ten cent. I had an eye on Velma Lewis and I knew I was going to need those dimes later.

Mr. Webb had his own electric plant that was located inside the house. It occupied one room. Nothing was free at Webb's Lake you paid for everything.

Webb's Lake also had a band that played often. The band played for the dances and was called "Missing Links". The members were Delphia Webb Shackford, mother of Thyra



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Shackford Little of Wilson, who was the piano player, Owen Webb, father of Vicky W. Cherry of Holden Cross Roads and Winnie Webb of Raleigh, was the banjo player, Jim Webb, father of Yates Webb, Adrian Webb, Orlean W. Kitchen and Delance W. Green of Holden Cross Roads, was the guitar player, Harrison Forbes, who was married to Mary Agnes Corbett (sister to Robert Lee Corbett) and the father of Harrison Forbes, Jr. of Wilson, was the saxophone player, and Mack Jenkins was the trumpet player.

Mabel Pridgen Weaver said that Mr. Charlie Pridgen of Macclesfield was in the Sheriff Department and one of his stops, while on duty, was Webb's Lake. We think he was assigned to it because of all the traffic and "maybe other reasons also". Webb's Lake was down a path and people said that sometimes the yard was full, the path was full and cars were parked on the road. The road was a dirt road back then.

The amusement part of Webb's Lake closed in the late 1930's

The lake was not always for amusement there were church related events also such as baptizing. There were many occasions when church related events have been held at the lake by different churches.

Mr. J. Tom Webb died in 1944 and at that time the Webb's Lake farm went to the heirs of Mattie Felton Webb who were Mamie Webb Strickland, Minnie Webb Webb, and Alice Webb Edgerton. Alice Webb Edgerton sold her share to Lawton Strickland husband of Mamie Webb Strickland. Mamie and Lawton moved to Webb's Lake with their children, after damming and refilling the lake and remodeling the house in March of 1947. The children of Lawton and Mamie Strickland were Margie S. Eatmon of Wilson, Kenneth Strickland of Rt. one Fountain, Susan S. Owens of Macclesfield, Cathryn S. Bridgers of Wilson, Alton T. Strickland of Rt. one Fountain, and the late William (Billy) E. Strickland.

The Webb's Lake farm is now owned by Alton T. Strickland and wife Doris Harrell Strickland and is restricted to fishing by membership only.

Interesting facts, in 1948 the property taxes on the Webb's Lake farm was \$35.10 and tobacco was selling at 60 cent per pound.

Typed by Betty Reason  
almost entirely from notes of Susan Strickland Owens

Notes from Betty Baker Reason.

My father and mother met at Webb's Lake on a Sunday afternoon and were married Sept. 26, 1936. My father was the late Edgar Baker the son of James and Priscilla Webb Baker, and my mother is Margaret Pittman Baker and the daughter of the late Mark and Gertha Webb Pittman.

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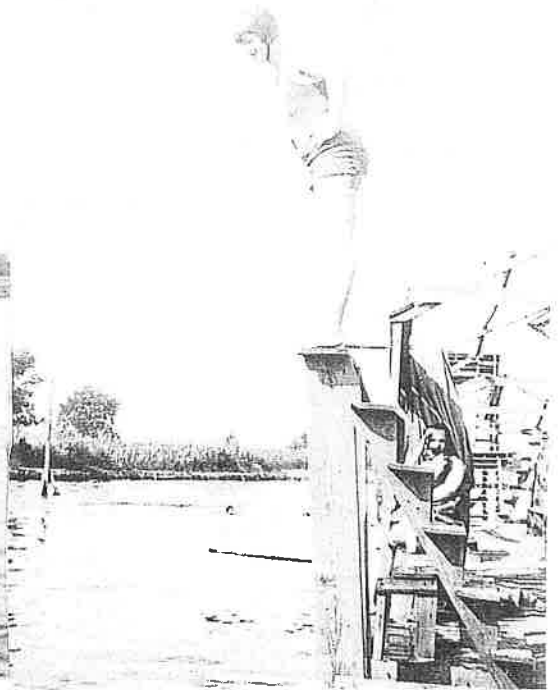
J. Tom Webb owner of Webb's Lake.



Lula Dawes Webb, 2nd wife of Tom Webb.



Unknown swimmer enjoying a day at the lake.

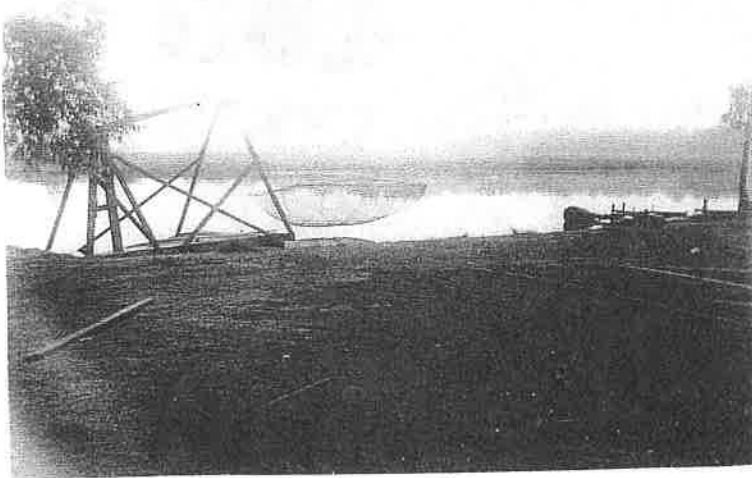


Ella Webb Woodard diving from the pier at the lake.

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Delphia Webb Shackford and Ella Webb Woodard  
relaxing on the pier at the lake.



Pictured is a winch used at the lake to catch minnows to sell at the store for bait. 1952

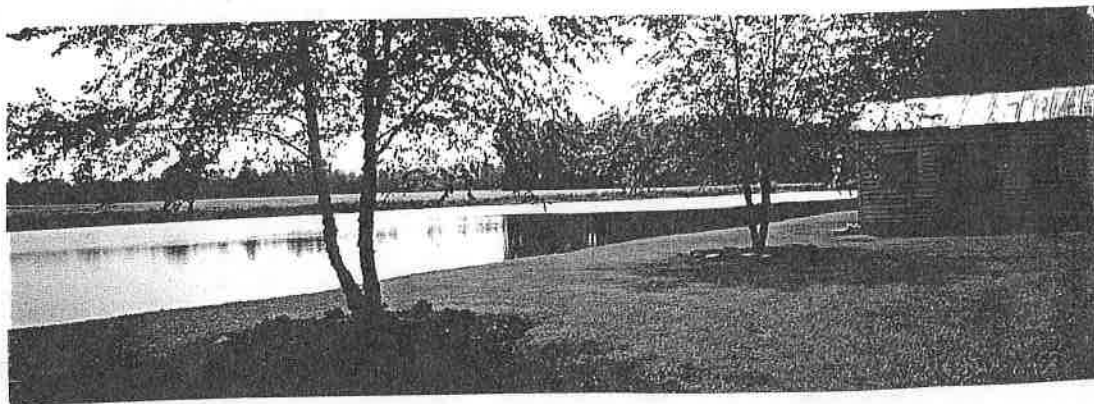


The lake was also used for baptisms  
by the local churches. Pictured are  
Lillian Webb and Rev. T.W. McKneely

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Pictured is Lawton Strickland's Store which ran from 1948 to 1965. The people in the picture are Clifton B. Webb and William (Billy) E. Strickland. Clifton died at Webb's Chapel Church on July 10, 1988. William (Billy) Strickland died 1979 and he was the son of Lawton and Mamie Webb Strickland. The store was located really close to Webb's Lake, you could almost jump from the store to the lake.



Webb's Lake in Year 2000

Old Lawton Strickland store is in the background. The lake is owned today by Alton and Doris Strickland and is run as a private fishing club.

## Edgecombe County Law Enforcement Officers from Macclesfield Community

Sheriff James L. Knight



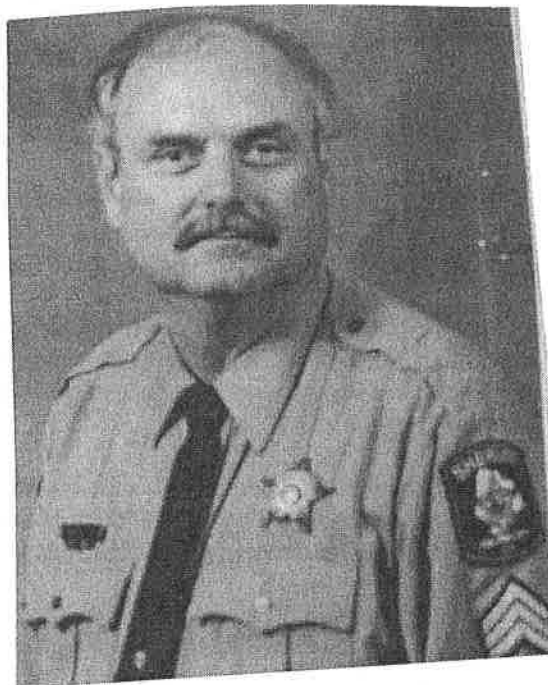
Sheriff James L. Knight is a native of Edgecombe County and a resident of the Macclesfield Community. He is married to Margaret S. Knight. They have two children, James Lee Knight, Jr.; age 16 and Jamina LeAnn; age 13. He is a member of the Anderson Chapel Baptist Church where he serves as a Trustee. Before acquiring his present position, Mr. Knight served as the Edgecombe County DARE Officer and implemented the Sheriff's Department Crime Prevention Program.

Mr. Knight was nominated as a community hero and selected to serve as an Olympic Torch Bearer by the USOC for the 1996 Olympics. Mr. Knight has constantly been a champion for the protection of Edgecombe County citizens and the education of children. He has received numerous awards including the: Citizen of the Year, James B. Hunt, Jr. Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Volunteer Services and a Certificate of Appreciation for Outstanding Law Enforcement.

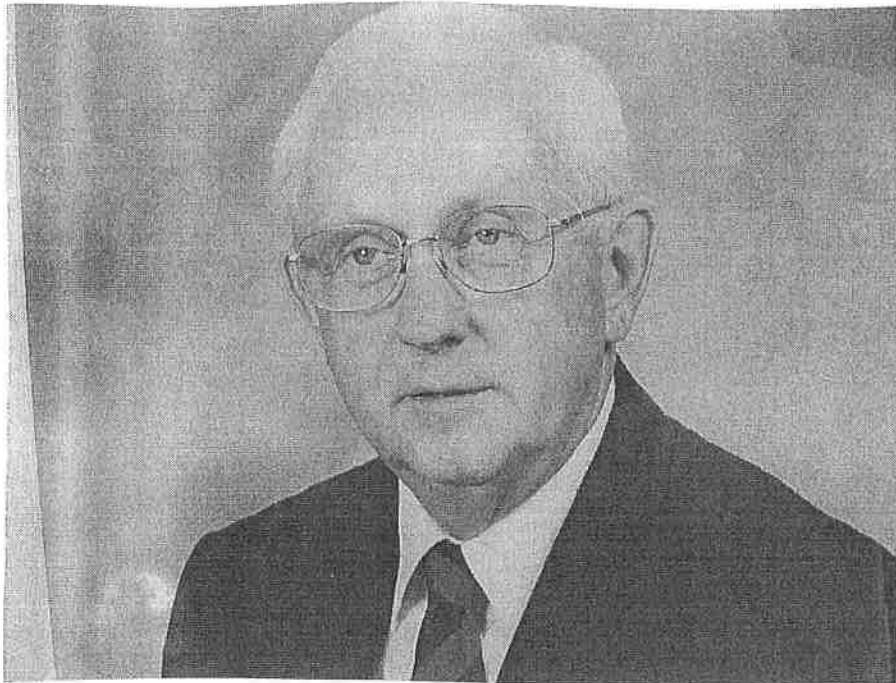
Sheriff Knight is eager and willing to serve the county. His goal is to provide effective law enforcement while building a strong and trusting relationship with the citizens.

Pictured to the right: Bynum Curtis Eason. In 1975 Curtis worked for the city of Rocky Mount. The next year he began work as a Deputy Sheriff for Edgecombe County. He was born near Macclesfield and for the past 25 years he has been dedicated to his work as a Law Enforcement Officer. He serves the people in and around Macclesfield and all other areas of the county.

He is son of Bynum Custis Eason and Edith Horton Eason of Macclesfield. He has a daughter Christina; age 15 and a son Benjamin; age 13.



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**Phillip H. Ellis**

Phillip H. (Phil) Ellis was the third child and only son born to Henry B. and Adele W. Ellis on November 18, 1941. He was raised on a farm about two (2) miles South West of Macclesfield.

He attended grammar school at Macclesfield Elementary School. He graduated from South Edgecombe High School in 1960. He attended Campbell College (now Campbell University) from 1960 until 1962. He then enrolled at Atlantic Christian College (now Barton College). He graduated in 1969 with a BS degree in Business Administration.

He married his high school sweetheart, Connie Shelton in 1962. They have a son Shelton, age 22.

He began his law enforcement career in 1964 when he became an ABC Officer with the Edgecombe County ABC Enforcement division. His duties included detecting; investigating and arresting those involved in the manufacturing and sale of non-taxed paid liquor.

In 1969 the North Carolina Probation Commission appointed him to the position of probation officer. As an officer of the court, he was responsible for supervising those placed on probation by the courts. He reported to the courts any violations of court orders or conditions of probation. He attempted to help probationers in special need.

In 1973 he was appointed Chief Juvenile Court Counselor for the Seventh Judicial District which included Wilson, Nash and Edgecombe Counties. His responsibilities included supervising seven court counselors who worked with children that had been adjudicated delinquent by the court.

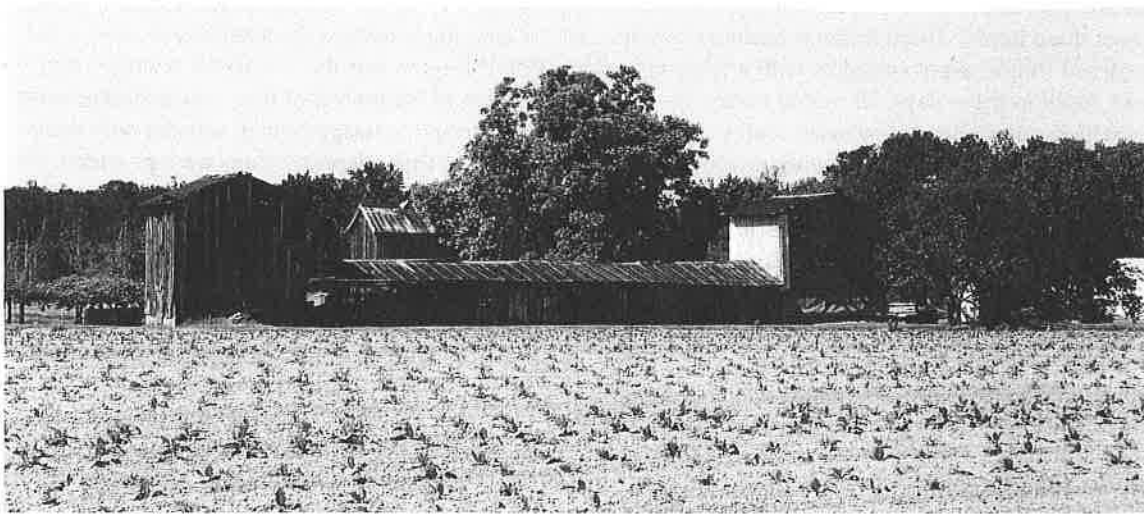
Upon the announced retirement of then Sheriff Tom Bardin in 1974, he along with nine others became a candidate for the Office of Sheriff of Edgecombe County. He won the election in a second primary in June 1974. He was sworn in on September 1, filling the unexpired term of Sheriff Bardin. He began his own

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term in December 1974. The citizens re-elected him to five (5) consecutive terms. he retired from office on December 31, 1996. When he was first sworn there were eighteen (18) employees in the Sheriff Office. When he retired the staff had increased to over seventy. He was responsible for law enforcement and civil service to the citizens in the county, detention, court security and emergency service (911).

His main philosophy was that everyone was to be treated with respect no matter his or her race, social status or political persuasion. Helping someone whom didn't know where to go or what to do was the most satisfying thing about his tenure as the Sheriff of Edgecombe County.

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Memories of days gone by.

## The Early Days of Macclesfield, N. C.

By Josh T. Winstead

I was born in Macclesfield on August 14, 1910, and grew up there until 1928 when I left to attend N. C. State College. With Macclesfield as my home base, however, I continued to visit there frequently over the years and have never forgotten many of my childhood activities that I experienced with the town. Accordingly, the time frame of my experiences and the people I mention covers the period from about 1918 to 1928. Also while writing at this time strictly from memory and at age eighty-nine, my memories must be tempered with this fact in mind.

My conceived ideas are that Macclesfield was founded about the turn of the century and as a result of the East Carolina Railway connecting Tarboro to Farmville. Macclesfield apparently got its name from the city of Macclesfield, England, which is a large industrial city about one hundred miles from London. This Macclesfield, N. C. site along the railroad provided a strategic location to accommodate the local farmers in this part of the county. Accordingly, the various appropriate businesses and activities were created to meet these needs. These original business activities sort of developed around the sizable and substantial railroad freight depot complete with a telegraph office. Bob Ellington was the first depot manager that I can recall in those days. He would notify the various merchants of the arrival of their merchandise, most of which was shipped in wooden crates. He also delivered telegraph messages which was the only means of communication with the outside world. I don't know when the first telephone lines were provided. The freight train was also supplemented with a passenger "streetcar" that carried passengers for many years and until the advent of better roads and the automobile. Along the railroad and on the north side of town a brick kiln operation had closed down some years earlier. Closer into town on the north side of the tracks a cotton gin was in full time operation and owned by the Varnell brothers. Just north of the railroad depot was the livery stables and blacksmith shop. I believe the blacksmith shop was operated by Mr. Richard Ellington and the livery stables by Mr. Jim Forbes. The principal activity of the blacksmith shop was to shoe horses and mules. The livery stable was active in trading and boarding horses and mules.

The first stores probably were a line of cheaply constructed small buildings that paralleled the railroad tracks and just across the road from the railroad station. They were mostly small stores, bar and poolroom combinations and predated the year 1900. There were hitching posts in front and these small stores, poolrooms and the facilities provided a hangout for the local farmers coming into town to gossip and socialize. Bottles were passed around and tobacco juice spittle sizzled off the hot potbellied stoves. There was one general store at the north end of this line of buildings which was newer and by the time I came along I believe Mr. Clayton Harrell ran this store. Probably the next group of stores were built about 1900 and were a group of brick structures on both sides of a street that ran perpendicular to the railroad, just north of the freight depot and west of the railroad. My earliest recollection of these buildings is that D.F. Batts and Co., General Merchandise, occupied the northwest building and adjacent eastward was an automotive garage with a hand pump for gasoline service at the front. Next in line was J.T. Winstead's general merchandise, Daniel Owen's barber shop, a movie theater, and a manufacturing shop that made tobacco barn flu. Across the street the most westerly building housed the Merchants and Farmers Bank. A big window sign said: "Capital and Surplus \$25,000". Mr. Levi Walston was the cashier and he was ably assisted by Miss Betty Lewis. Next to the bank was the drug store. I don't remember its name but it was owned by Mr. Pete Harris and the soda fountain was operated by his son Theodore. There also was a pharmacy in the store. I believe the Doctor's office was associated with this business. Cokes were served in the original big coke glasses and it was a pleasant hangout. I can't remember the next Eastward unit. I have a dim association of some business by Mr. Ep Howard and his son Starkey. The next unit was separated by a walk-way between the buildings and it was a two story structure. The up-stairs was used for town meeting and Modern Woodmen meetings which my dad belonged to and it was a mystery to me as what they did at their secret meeting. The first floor of this building was a grocery store and meat market.

There was another larger store facing Green Street. This was a substantial general store operation by Mr. Marcellus Moore. He was a prominent merchant in the earlier days. His children were: Sarah, Dorothy,



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Joshua and Susan. Later this same store was the headquarters of the Robert Lee Corbett operation. Mr. Corbett was a second generation business man and was very active and civic minded. He married my 6th grade school teacher, Miss Beatrice Saunders.

The town jail was located in an alley and in a spot just to the rear of the bar and poolroom stores. It was a small brick structure probably about fifteen feet square and without any facilities. As a matter of fact, none of the business activities had any facilities except for the "out house" and possibly a hand-pump water supply.

The pioneer town of Macclesfield lazed along over the years between 1900 and 1920 in its isolation, although quite self-sufficient with supplies shipped in by rail, for it's cotton gin, livery stable, bank, general stores, bars and poolrooms and a doctor. There were no paved streets and a lot of the traffic was horse-drawn which caused a sanitation problem and with no town facilities to clean up the debris. In the winter time and wet weather the streets would become muddy and difficult to walk or drive over. The two rows of brick stores, however, did have a large concrete walkway in front of them and this walkway was covered with a metal awning projecting from the roof of the stores.

The first medical doctor that I can recall was Dr. Walton and later on Dr. Barber. Dr. Barber, by the way, became renowned for saving many influenza patients during the great epidemic of 1918. No one knew much about the flu bug in those days and most patients shut themselves tightly in their houses and died. It was Dr. Barber's belief that fresh air was the best antidote and he was right. When he called on a patient he would ventilate the house with fresh air which was later discovered to be the correct procedure.

Tobacco farming was the chief occupational activity. Macclesfield, Edgecombe and surrounding counties just happened to be in the center of the bright leaf tobacco zone and the area right around Macclesfield grew the best tobacco of all. The local farmers were experts at growing and harvesting the weed and as a result the community was relatively prosperous. As the farmers prospered so did the local business activities. After World War I the economy really took-off with tobacco selling for over a dollar per pound and cotton around sixth-five cents. At that time roads and transportation facilities to nearby big towns were inconvenient so most farmers traded with local merchants and businesses which was good for the local general stores. They were called "credit stores" or "time merchants". The store owner signed an agreement with the farmer or tenant farmer to furnish supplies on credit for the year. When the crops were harvested and marketed the customer would then settle his debts. This was a risky business before the days of FDR and crop insurance. Accordingly, the carrying interest was high (10%) and initial mark up of items sold was about 25%. So in a good year with no hail, boll weevils, and good weather the time merchant did well. However, in bad years it was easy for the exorbitant time merchant to go broke and sooner or later most of them did. In my father's case, he was very conservative and tried to hoard his profits for a rainy day. At one time he did fall way behind financially but he managed to make arrangements with his creditors and never closed the store while working out the situation. He didn't know the meaning of the word "allowance" so I had to fend for myself. I sold boiled peanuts, Rosebud salve, shined shoes and distributed the St. Louis Globe Democrat Newspaper. I clerked in my father's store and had great fun assembling bikes, wagons and other Christmas-time items.

In addition to tobacco as a money crop there was almost an equal amount of cotton grown. The farmers would haul it into town in a big wagon with a mesh fabric three or four feet high surrounding the sides of the wagon. It was taken to the Varnell Cotton Gin where the seeds were separated and the cotton baled. Afterwards the bale was usually taken to an outside platform attached to the freight depot where the cotton was then auctioned off to the local merchants. The local merchants (mostly the "time merchants") would ship their bales of cotton to Norfolk, Va. and store them there until prices increased in off-season months. Jones Brothers & Co. of Norfolk, Va. provided a storage facility and brokerage operation to eventually dispose of all the cotton.

I don't remember where the original post office was but when good times rolled around in the early 1920s no one wanted to bother with the low paying operation and it was slated to be closed. To forestall this, my

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father agreed to run the post office out of his store where it stayed for many years. Later on in the depression days this post office income turned out to be a godsend.

As a result of the high tobacco prices in the early twenties all of the big land owning farmers became quite wealthy. Accordingly many of them built large houses and up-graded their cars from Ford Model T's to Reos and Packards. Mr. Joe Bridgers was one who built a big two story house on the road to Pinetops. Mr. Jim Forbes did the same thing on the East side of town toward Crisp. My dad bought a big house from Mr. Ep Howard, who later moved to Wilson, N.C., where living was a little more civilized. Many of the people who over extended themselves by buying big houses were in danger of losing them when the depression years arrived. The drug store owner, Mr. Harris had built his large home some years earlier, just east of the railroad and facing what is now Green St. He was cutting weeds in his yard one day with a mule-drawn mowing machine. Not being a farmer, he had trouble with the balky mule with the mowing machine. Forgetting the blade was down and ready to mow, he started to beat the mule. The mule jumped forward, naturally, causing the mowing blade to cut through Mr. Harris's heel string. On top of this awful accident his big clapboard house was eventually destroyed by fire. It was never replaced and there is a filling station on the site today. The only fire fighting equipment available was a bucket brigade fed from pitcher mouth pumps and open wells. A well established house fire was impossible to extinguish.

In the early 1920s and with prohibition in effect, Macclesfield had its share of bootleggers and rum runners. It was pretty well known who they were but apparently they had to be caught in the act and enforcement was somewhat lax. They drove the big fast cars like a Stutz and they were hard to catch.

"Moonshining" was very prevalent. Later on, a county Deputy Sheriff was also the town policeman. This was Mr. Charlie Pridgen. He had this job for many years and I became quite friendly with him. On a couple of occasions he took me with him looking for whiskey stills. We were armed to the teeth and ready for action but I never experienced any hostile action. I understand that he did see some action with some shooting before his tour was over.

At one period of time about the middle twenties Macclesfield had an excellent baseball team. It belonged to the local league and was a going activity with league uniforms and one had to pay to see the games.

Before the days of radio and easy access to out of town entertainment, circuses would visit Macclesfield with their animal shows and pitch their big tents. Other forms of entertainment were local barn dances with fiddle bands for music. Professional fiddlers and Magicians frequently passed through town and performed at the school house. The movie theater which I mentioned earlier did not remain open very long.

My father was a charter member of the Christian Church and the Superintendent of Sunday School for as long as I can remember, and my Sunday School attendance was mandatory. My Mother, Lucy, supported my father in his church endeavors, they were both devout Christians. So for me and my brothers Walton, Wilbur, and Ralph and my sister Elsie, it was Sunday School every Sunday and church services about once a month by visiting preachers. In those days the Church could not support a full time pastor. The Atlantic Christian College would send down a student trainee occasionally but mostly the visiting pastors came from other Christian Churches in nearby communities.

About 1926 someone "torched" the Macclesfield School so the various school classes continued in vacant facilities like the Christian Church. My particular class went to the Crisp School until the South Edgecombe High School was opened in 1927. When my class graduated in 1928 we only had thirteen students in the class. Evelyn Batts, Vonnice Harrell and I were the only Macclesfield graduates. Before the days of compulsory education many of the farming families children dropped out of school when they became old enough to work. And later on in high school there were many drop-outs as they felt the need of further education was a waste of time for a farming future. At the same time in this economic and farming

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environment most children, both farming and otherwise, worked during the summer months in the fields and in the harvesting of tobacco. It was called "putting in tobacco" and before the days of mechanization it was laborious and hard work. Picking cotton was all done by hand. If you started early in the morning while the dew was still on the cotton you could pick a hundred pounds in a twelve hour day. The going rate of pay was one cent per pound.

One item of personal interest in my behalf and apparently never forgotten was my airplane crack-up on one of my visits home while I was on active duty with the Army Air Corps. Many of my home town friends have probably wondered what actually happened so I will try to condense the highlights. After graduating from N.C. State with a electrical engineering degree in 1928 there were absolutely no jobs of any kind. Accordingly, to provide for some means of existence, I applied for aviation cadet training, graduated from Randolph and Kelly Fields in San Antonio, Texas and was lucky enough to get my commission as a 2nd Lt. Army Air Corps Reserve. I requested and received a duty station near home. The principal reason being that one of the greatest ambitions of the new pilot graduate was to fly over his home town and show off. It was a well established ambition and over the years a number of such "show - off" had resulted in accidents. As a result, on my first such trip home I was very cautious doing acrobatics at a high safe altitude and everything was fine. On my second trip home, however, the Rocky Mount Airport was closed due to construction and I was not about to return to Langley Field, as I should have done; I had a date that night with my beautiful redhead in Elm City. Since I made the decision to land locally, I thought I might as well land at home to eliminate the transportation problem. So I picked the largest field I could find and according to the way we were taught, "drug" the field at a low level to check its suitability for landing. It looked smooth and firm with some grass showing which indicated firmness. Unfortunately it was not firm but had just been disk harrowed and left some grass showing but was soft as mush underneath. The minute my wheels hit they sank in and shuttered like a car when it is stuck in sand. The next thing I knew I was looking straight down with the airplane flipping over softly on its top wing and vertical tail fin. Afraid of fire, I flipped my safety belt and fell out of the open cockpit on my head almost breaking my neck. The field was in the area of the Bridgers acres and near my father store. I have never figured out how he got there so fast but he was one of the first there to meet me standing by my wrecked airplane. It was one of my most embarrassing moments. I had to call Langley Field and they sent a crew down to flip the plane up-right, take the wings off after which they tied the tail wheel of my airplane to the military truck and towed it to Langley with me riding in the truck as co-pilot. My commanders at Mitchel Field, N.Y. were, of course, upset with me and I was in a lot of trouble. I got a bill for the airplane for \$17,000, which was the rule in those days but collection was never followed through in such cases. Finally the base commander, after chewing me out decided that I might come in handy someday so I was not relieved from duty. Fortunately for me immediately afterward, President Roosevelt canceled the commercial air mail contracts and directed the Army Air Corps to fly the mail. This was a disaster in which 12 pilots were killed in aircraft accidents, before the fiasco was called off. In all of this confusion my case was forgotten about and I believe the accident records were lost.

I know this is a skimpy resume and I wish I could do better, but time has taken its toll and at eighty-nine, I have trouble remembering what day it is.

Condensed from the original by Betty Reason. None of the actual wording was changed, just some of the details left out.

## Interesting People and Their Recollection of Macclesfield and It's People

### Mrs. Lillian Pittman

**Mrs. Mary Lillian (Phillips) Pittman** was born May 15, 1890. Her parents were the late Mary and Peter Phillips. Mrs. Lillian had one sister, the late Leona P. Demuth, three half-brothers, the late Joe, Jimmie and Elisha Phillips, all of Macclesfield.

She attended school at Harvey Webb's Crossing. The teachers, Mrs. Betty Snell Glover, Mrs. Ella Moore Phillips and Miss Vacey Edwards all taught at this school. They boarded and roomed at the home of her parents. They and the children all had to walk to school. There were no school buses when she was going to school. Later on a school was built in Macclesfield and she attended there.

Miss Lillian grew up and recalled that her brother Jimmie was married and his wife passed away and left him with a son named Rubert. Her brother and Rubert went back to the old home place to live with her parents. During her childhood, Rubert was a small fry but they would get in the corner and he would tell Bible stories to Leona, her and the other children when her parents had company. Rubert would take each child after the Bible story and pretend to "baptize" them after he carried them backward and brought them back up, he would always say, "Bless your soul." He became a minister as he always said he was going to do. Rev. Rubert Phillips, now deceased, was a Christian Church minister. His dream was certainly fulfilled as he said when he was a small boy.

Miss Lillian married Charlie G. Pittman in 1920. The first world war was over now and they were happily married. They had three children, Charlie Jr., Ruby Elizabeth, and then Johnny was born October 19, 1928. Her husband Charlie died October 17, 1929, with Johnny liking two days being a year old. Ruby was just 3 on July 5 and Charlie Jr. was only 7. She said she didn't know how she could carry on alone. With her faith in God, but it was difficult, they managed during the depression in the real hard times. Lots of people told her sell her farm, but she did not, she struggled along and with Gods' help she was able to keep it. She had to work and work hard. It was sad to be left alone with three small children. She said she was born and reared there and had been there 85 years. On January 1 of 1975 she had a stroke.

She attended the Pinetops Missionary Baptist Church for her last five or six years when she was able with her daughter, Mrs. Ruby Abrams.

Mrs. Pittman had many happy memories and lived every minute in God's faith. She enjoyed fishing and visiting Mrs. Maggie Phillips Gardner and she missed Maggie so much when she passed away, because they grew up together from childhood. She remembered Maggie's brothers, Bennie and Barney Phillips as they played together.

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When she was 80 years old she still swept her yard and did all her house work. She always said the lord had blessed her and her children in many ways.

Charlie Jr. married the former Elizabeth Owens of Fountain and farmed many years for her there on her farm. They reside just outside of Macclesfield. Ruby is married to Roy T. Abrams who reside in Pinetops. Johnny married the former Daisy Summerlin of Elm City and resides near Rocky Mount.

*This was a newspaper article submitted to the Edgecombe Review in the 1970's (author unknown) after the death of her grandson Randy Abrams.*



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### The Handy Corner and a Game called "Cat" in Macclesfield, NC

About two and a half miles south west of the small town of Macclesfield lies a rural crossroads community called the Handy Corner. The Handy Corner has had several enterprises in its 70 year existence. The first was a small frame country store built and operated by brothers Jett and Dow Ellis in 1933. Jett Ellis my father and Uncle Dow borrowed money from a cousin Thad Ellis to build the store and begin the operation. The Handy Corner has had many owners and enterprises since it first started. It had a milling operation that mixed feed for animals and ground meal for good old country cornbread. For some time it was an eating establishment. The menu consist of BBQ and Brunswick Stew. Everyone thought Dow Ellis cooked the best BBQ and Stew in North Carolina. While Uncle Dow was cooking and operating this eating establishment the County Health Inspection was started in Edgecombe County. The Health Inspector make a visit to Uncle Dows operation and found everything in acceptable compliance (**except**) someone's hound dog was outside eating out of the black wash pot used to cook the stew. Uncle Dow told the Health Inspector that if the hound thought the water and remains of the stew were good the real thing should be even better. So come on in and have some.

Handy Corner was a gathering place for a small farming community, a place to get a cold drink, joke with your neighbors and get away from work for a few minutes. Perhaps the strangest happening around the Handy Corner was a game called "Cat".

Grown men would gather on Saturday and Sunday afternoon at the Cat Yard which was located about a mile from the Handy Corner. Mr. Jeffy Phillips allowed the young men of the community to clear a space of about 50 yards by 50 yards on his property to play "Cat".

This is what I remember of the game called "Cat". I went with my father and watched the game played when I was 7 or 8 years old. **The World Series, Super Bowl, Olympic Games** and **NASCAR**, had nothing on a good game of "Cat" on a summer or fall afternoon. All the young men for miles around came to play. Pride was the name of this game. You brought your team and if you could not win you might fight. I believe "Cat" was a spin off from the English Game of Cricket. It was played on a small field cleared off in the woods. You could have as many players on each side (team) as wanted to play. The equipment to play the game was readily available it consist of your Father or Grandfathers "lard paddle" a cotton ball wound from tobacco twine and a good pair of Blue Bell overalls. Most players removed their shoes if they had any and stumped toes were a common occurrence.

The "Cat" yard was swept clear of leaves and straw. Four poles were buried in the ground and left about 4 feet high in a square approximately 40 feet apart. The thrower (pitcher)

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stood in the center of this square and threw the cotton ball to the hitter at home base. The ball had to bounce before it got to the hitter. You hit the ball on the first bounce with an oak paddle. You had four attempts to hit the ball. Missed attempts to hit the ball were returned to the thrower by a player called a **pigtailler**. If you fail to hit the ball on four attempts you had committed a dead (**out**). If you hit the ball and it was caught in the air that was a dead out. If you hit the ball to the field and it was not caught in the air you had to run to the 1st stob (pole). The fielder would pick up the ball and throw at the runner before he reached the first stob. If you hit the runner that was a dead out. The next hitter followed much like baseball a hit advanced the runner to 2nd, 3rd, and 4th stob to home base for a score. The runner was always fair game as he advanced to the stobs and many times in a game you would hear a boisterous runner complaining that a fielder was chunking (throwing) at his head. This sometimes led to an altercation on the field and the game would be interrupted for a short time. When a team committed four dead outs the side was retired and went to the field. Some players appeared to enjoy the game more than others after they were seen visiting a jug in the edge of the woods. Occasionally someone might bring a small amount of white corn liquor to the game. I have asked many people in various locations where the game of "Cat" originated and no one seems to know. It appears to be confined to the small community of Macclesfield. It came in existence around the time of the Great Depression when our country was mired in great financial woe. Homes and farms were being lost to foreclosure and bankruptcy. People needed a way to vent their anger and frustrations. Somewhere along the way the game of "Cat" was founded. Anyone could play old, young, good, not so good, and the best of all it was inexpensive and didn't require a lot of specialized equipment.

The last "Cat" game I remember was played at the Jeff Phillips Cat yard in the early fall of 1945 at the end of World War II. Several of the young men that had played at the "Cat" yard never made it back home to play again. The men of the community started gathering early Saturday mornings in anticipation of the afternoon game. Someone in the crowd made the suggestion we have a BBQ after the game. At that time in order to have a barbecue you dug a hole(pit) in the ground, placed a piece of fence wire across the hole and put hot coals under what ever you were cooking. It would take about 8 hours to cook a small pig. Hogs were in short supply in 1945 due to war efforts. No one in the crowd could come up with a pig to cook. Mr. Seth Web said boys my Grandson Cole Webb has a nice GOAT and he would probably sell him at a good price. So off some of the men go to check on the goat. A short time later the men return with, yes you guessed it a "GOAT".

Someone asked what did the goat cost and one of the crowd replied we had to pay that boy .50 cents for the goat. Some of the men prepared the goat for cooking and the rest went to dig the pit and cut oak wood for the coals. Mr. Seth Webb was the assigned cook for the Goat Picking. In a short time Mr. Seth had the goat on the coals and cooking. Mid afternoon while the "Cat" game was in progress I went by the pit where Mr. Seth was cooking and that was the ugliest thing cooking I had ever seen. When a goat starts cooking he turns blue and I told Mr. Webb I don't think I like goat. The game ended around 5:30 PM and the goat was done soon after. After cooking the goat didn't look so bad and tasted even better than it looked. As I remember these events I find it amusing

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that for .50 cents a goat and a game created by some young men would provide entertainment for the entire community for the entire day. For this was a time when life was slower and more enjoyable. When you knew your neighbors, when we had time to stop and talk to each other. I remember a time when I knew every person that lived in Macclesfield. A time when we had no locks on our doors and no thoughts that harm would come to any of us. I tell my children and grandchildren that if I could have chosen a time to be born and live, I had the best of it. And if I could have picked the place it still would be Macclesfield, NC, the miracle town.

Written by Larry Ellis  
Fayetteville, NC

### Cat Game Player Lineup

Fred Ellis  
Jett Ellis  
Dow Ellis  
Cad Ellis  
Thad Ellis  
Thad Webb  
Hick Webb  
Harry Crisp  
B.C. Eason  
Roosevelt Webb  
Little Tom Webb  
Buck Webb  
Frank Webb

Willie Ellis  
Henry J. Ellis  
Albert Ellis  
Herbert Ellis  
Dick Smith  
Roy Webb  
Hadley Webb  
Battle Webb  
Oscar Ellis  
Sevie Baker  
Oscar Webb  
Bill Webb  
Walter Clark Webb



Jet Ellis, owner of store mentioned in store.

Some of the spectators that I remember at the Cat games are:

Ernest Webb	Seth Webb	Wright Webb
Gaston Eason	Jeffy Phillips	Uncle Willie Ellis
Guy Smith	Al Felton	"Short" Jimmy Webb
Bill Lewis	Noss Lewis	Walter Summerling
Conway Bridgers		



Dow Ellis, also mentioned as part owner of store.



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Pictures of Handy Corner



First Handy Corner Store run by A.D. Webb in the late 1930's or 40's.



A.D. Webb, Beadie Webb, Howard Jones, Bobby Jones at the new store, Handy Corner about 1957.



Handy Corner Store called Webb & Webb in the 1950's or 60's. Pictured is left to right, Wright Webb, Bruce Phillips, Carl Webb, Venerable Webb, Thad Webb, and Julius Webb.

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### Mule Day in Macclesfield

The town of Benson about 40 miles north of Fayetteville, NC, started the Mule Day Celebration approximately 20 years ago. It focused on the lowly "Mule". The animal that perhaps was the most important farm animal that has ever graced farms and country side in the Southern and Mid Western states. The Mule was the animal that made the farm successful, It pulled the plow, the wagon, the log cart and on Sundays the buggy for church or pleasure and never complained. Farmers took pride in their teams of mules, they dressed them up, shine the harness, cut the mane and today Mule pulls are still popular at County Fairs and gatherings from Texas to Maine.

One of the most important days in Macclesfield and many towns in North Carolina was Mule Day. Long before Mule Day in Benson mules arrived at the R.L. Corbett Company in Macclesfield, NC. They would have 1 or 2 train loads of Mules arrive and with much huffing and puffing as steam engines did, they would deposit the rail cars on the siding near the Depot. All the children should have the opportunity to see and hear a working Steam Locomotive, for you will never forget the sounds or majesty that I took for granted as a youngster.

When the rail cars were parked on the siding Mr. Robert Lee Corbett would send someone to Mr. Clayton Harrells house a short distance from the Depot and ask him to send one of his boys and a horse. Most of the time Mr. Clayton would send Ledger and a brown and white horse named Chief. You are probably asking why only one horse and one rider for thirty to forty Mules. But, for some strange reason Mules will follow a horse to their death. The doors were opened on the rail cars and the young Mules would jump out and would be led to a Mule pen about 1/4 mile from the siding. These Mules were wild off the ranges of Missouri or Arkansas, never a bridle or harness had been placed on them. Yet they would walk behind Chief to the livery stable. Most of the farmers from around Macclesfield would come to inspect the new arrival to see if they needed to make purchases for the next farming year. I would go to the Livery Stable and watch the new arrivals. Mr. Corbett had two men that would break the new young Mules to harness and plow. Let me remind you that those young mules were fresh of the range of Missouri or Arkansas, and bridle or harness were not their fancy. Bugg Dagwes and Russell Reid were two light skinned black men that were respected by all the area farmers. They were huge men close to 7 feet tall and 275 pounds each. I have these men back up to the depot and carry a 550 pound bail of cotton on their back and yet both could hold a small child in their arms like a Mother holds a baby. When they would start to work with the new Mules it was really amazing. They would find 2 mules the same color and size. They would run up jump on the head of the Mule and bite on its ear until the other could place a bridle on the animal. They would take the Mule outside the stables and hitch to a wagon. The wagon they used was an old army wagon. When the U.S. Army stopped using Mules in

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the 1940's they sold a lot of equipment to the private sector. The Army wagon was two or three times heavier than a standard farm wagon and the rear wheels were chained so the wheels would not turn. So after 20 or 30 minutes around the dirt streets of Macclesfield the new Mules were broke to the harness and ready to work. This process was repeated until all the Mules were harnessed and broke.

I watched this process for many years and never stopped being fascinated by this treasure in time. For now I see and have seen things that most people will never see. I lived in a time that was suspended between the old and the new. I have ventured from walking barefoot on a country lane to flying high on jet planes. I don't know that I like the new things very much. For now we have school violence, killing in our streets, having to lock our doors at night and not knowing our neighbors. I sometimes wonder if we have progressed or regressed. It seems the more we have the less we enjoy.

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Mules played a very important role in the farming operations around Macclesfield, as can be seen in this picture taken in 1939 of an unknown person getting the mules ready for a days work. Pictured on right; Bugg Dawes and Russell Reid, mentioned in the story.

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### **Mrs. Fannie Howard Walton (Author unknown)**

Mrs. Fannie Walton, former resident of Macclesfield, was born in Wilson County, December 11, 1877. The picture attached to this article was taken on her 93rd birthday.

Her first five years of married life were spent in Saratoga with her husband, the late Dr. C. B. Walton, MD

After these five years, they came to Macclesfield in 1903, after the late Dr. Jenkins had left Macclesfield to practice in Tarboro. This was a good place to begin practicing medicine again so the late doctor and Ms. Fannie began a new life.

After being here a short time Mrs. Walton began to look at the one room schoolhouse and with the help of people here and her concern this school was enlarged and it grew with great success.

During these first years of her residence, the late J. T. and Lucy Winstead moved to Macclesfield and lived with the Waltons until they could get themselves a home.

As time went on a great and wonderful thought came to Mrs. Walton. It was the need of a church in this small community. In 1905 a revival was held under a bush shelter in back of one of the business places that lasted for three weeks.

Mrs. Walton and the late J.T. Winstead organized a Sunday School which was held in a lodge hall. This is where the Redmen met before their new building was built just last year. Mrs. Walton taught all the small children and the late J.T. Winstead taught the adults.

By this time, Mrs. Walton and others saw the need for a regular minister. She was asked to contact people in Farmville for a minister. Then a decision was made to organize the First Christian Church, The Disciples of Christ of Macclesfield.

A lot was donated by the late Mr. Harvey Webb. The late Mr. Webb and the late Charlie Owens gave the lumber for this church. Most of the people in the community helped to build this church. The people had several box parties and other activities were held to make money to purchase an organ for the church. Friends were asked to donate money to buy the material to build the pews to be used in this church. Mr. W.E. (Bob) Ellington remembers sanding all of these pews.

One of the outstanding things that was done was making a quilt in 1910. Mrs. Walton cut each square and different people were given square, other groups went out and asked for 10 cent donations so their names could be embroidered on a square. There are 461 names

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embroidered on this quilt. The late Mrs. Mary Honeycutt and the late Mrs. Mary Webb helped in getting the squares together, also they feather-stitched each one. It was later auctioned of and her brother, the late Jim Howard received it.

Mrs. Walton had two brothers, that lived in Macclesfield and operated a store named, "Howard Brothers". They were Epp Howard and Jim Howard. These brothers along with their wives and children were a great help to the growth of the Macclesfield Community.

Finally the organ was bought and placed in the First Christian Church. The late Mrs. Lula Peebles was the church's first organist.

Mrs. Walton recalls she was the one that paid the minister many times, which was a very payment at that time. Dr. and Mrs. Walton had two sons, Charlie and Harry.

In 1913 Dr. Walton found he had an incurable disease and moved to Southern Pines. Dr. Walton died April 20, 1914. After his death, she and her two sons moved to Wilson.

During World War I she worked for Dr. Carl Moore for 12 years at Carolina General Hospital of Wilson, which has been torn down. She also worked for 6 years for Dr. Blackshear. Mrs. Mary Ella Taylor remembers waking up from having her tonsils removed and there stood dear Mrs. Walton which was over 40 years ago. After that she went to Florida to live with her son Harry. Now she resides at Medic Home Health Center, Wilson.

Also Mrs. Sadie Skinner, mother of Mrs Daphne Phillips, Macclesfield, resides there too. Mrs. Skinner is one of the first babies Dr. and Mrs. Walton delivered while he was a doctor in Saratoga. They always called Mrs. Skinner their baby. Mrs. Mary Walton Forbes Flowers of Macclesfield was named for the Waltons.

The wonderful memories, hard work for the entire community as well as her church and her prayers will always be remembered by each generation. These memories will never die. Thanks for your beautiful memories goes to Mrs Fannie Howard Walton.

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Mrs. Fannie Howard Walton on her 93rd birthday. She was the wife of Dr. C.B. Walton, who practiced medicine in Macclesfield.

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### George Senior Sharpe

George Senior Sharpe, best known as "Joe" was born in Edgecombe County on August 24, 1930 to Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sharpe of Macclesfield, North Carolina.

Mr. Sharpe attended Edgecombe County Schools. On April 4, 1951, He was drafted into the United States Armed Forces. After serving four years he returned to his home town.

Employment included 39 years of service as a Custodian for Living Hope School and Carver School.

In 1954, Mr. Sharpe, James Cobb, Earl Pitt and Willie Jones started the Boy Scouts of America Troop #320 in Macclesfield, N. C. This was the first African American Boy Scout Troop in Edgecombe County. He provided 25 years of service as a Troop Master. He has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) since 1993. He joined the Banner Cry Lodge #625 Masonic League in 1959, where he served as an active member until 1964.

Mr. Sharpe is a good husband and the proud father of four daughters, three grandchildren and one great-granddaughter. He is best recognized as a man who has shown boys how to be men. He is a man of honor who insists on giving his fellowman a hand up and not a hand out. George Sharpe continues to be a model citizen in our community.



George S. Sharpe helped form the first African American Boy Scout Troop in Edgecombe County. The Boy Scouts Troop #320 was formed in 1954 in Macclesfield, N.C.

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### I Remember "Miss Ola"

by Ella Mae Felton

She was coming towards me, trying to smile, but with that woe-be-gone look on her face, and as she reached the service window of the Post Office where I was, she closed her eyes, slightly shaking her head, and running her fingers through the silver wavy hair, she said, "I told Scott-". I knew what was coming next. She had been unable to say "no" to someone who wanted her to be chairman of something and she was out to find someone else to help her. She wasn't aware of it for years, but she always started half apologetically when soliciting funds for every good cause, by saying "I told Scott that I'd rather take a beating (or something similar) than to have to get out and beg for this cause-or to ask people to do this job, (her eyes still closed as though in a deep study).

By that time she had my sympathy (I knew the feeling) and I couldn't say "no" either.

It was difficult for anyone to say "no" to Miss Ola. She was a leader who led by example and somehow inspired others to follow. I knew her as a friend and co-worker in the Macclesfield Christian Church for forty-five years and I never asked her to do anything or asked her for anything and got a refusal.

Born in Bunn in 1898, "Miss Ola" was the daughter of the late Sidney J. Alford and Geneva Wilder Alford. She came to Macclesfield in 1919 as the bride of C. Scott Winstead. Immediately she became active in all phases of the church work.

Joshua T. Winstead had organized a Sunday School in the Christian Church in 1906, and "Miss" Ola began teaching. She taught for thirty-three years. But her teaching was only one of her many accomplishments. There was hardly an office in the church which she did not hold at one time or another. She was a born leader, as the old saying goes.

She organized the first Missionary Society, later renamed Christian Women's Fellowship, and served as president for ten years before she could persuade anyone else to serve in that capacity. Later she served five more terms intermittently.

When I think of "Miss" Ola, I think of our wonderful years together in the choir. She had a great music talent, and used the ability to sing, play the piano and direct the singing freely and lovingly.

Mrs. Elsie Griffin was the organist in our church and I played in her absence. When we both were absent someone would play the piano, very often "Miss" Ola.

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One Sunday when Elsie and I were gone and Miss Ola was asked to play she decided to play the Hammond organ. She often laughed and said, she didn't have any more sense than to try anything once. And doing something once usually resulted in doing it again. However, this was one time "Miss" Ola said once was enough.

"Miss" Ola usually was able to accomplish whatever she set her mind to do. One of her greatest attributes was the ability to get along with people. Her ability to laugh at herself, her sense of humor, her tact and her untiring devotion to her every task was the secret of her success.

There were trials and heartaches during the years, mixed with good times and happy endings. She laughed a lot but there were times when the tears flowed like rain. She told me once, "I have cried enough tears to wash the church building away" but then she would pray (another secret of her success) and start over.

Not only was "Miss" Ola active in her church but she followed her conviction that Christians should be active in all phases of community life. The schools, civic and cultural clubs as well as political activities all made their demands upon her and found her ready to share in the responsibility. She even served as the first woman Deputy Sheriff of Edgemcombe County from 1954 to 1962.

When sorrow or sickness came to families in the neighborhood, as long as her health permitted "Miss Ola was among the first to arrive to comfort and help.

In the late 1950's, "Miss" Ola's health began to fail and she often did not feel like getting out at night and she could not attend choir practice as often as she wanted to. When she was told how much she was missed and how much her presence meant even if she did not sing, she remarked, "I am so tired after working in Tarboro all day, when I get home I just don't feel well, but if I mean anything to you folks, I'll come if I fall in the door!" That's the spirit of "Miss" Ola.

She was a leader for so long, she in later years called herself "Muh" "Now listen children", she'd say, "Let Muh tell you something" and we'd listen, for we knew she gave good advice.

She looked upon all of us as her children, young and old alike and we looked upon her as our "Muh."

Her husband, "Mr. Scott", died in 1968 and she lived alone after that, refusing to become dependent on her children.

On November 2, Miss Ola's tired old heart just stopped beating and we knew she had joined the heavenly choir and had begun enjoying the rewards her Saviour had waiting for her. Our loss is heaven's gain.



## Interesting People and Their Recollections cont.

She leaves behind one son, John Sidney Winstead of Raleigh, four daughters, Mrs. Geneva Phillips, Mrs. Wesley B. Webb and Mrs. Luther Lewis of Macclesfield and Mrs. Tommy Cox of Goldsboro.

*Article placed in Edgecombe Review by Ella Mae Felton, January 7, 1976.*



"Miss" Ola Winstead was the first woman Deputy Sheriff in Edgecombe County, serving from 1954-1962.



Mr. C. Scott Winstead and "Miss Ola Winstead

## Interesting People and Their Recollections cont.

C. S. Winstead (Scott)

Scott Winstead was born November 17, 1890 in Wilson County, North Carolina. He was a veteran of World War I and a member of the American Legion for his lifetime. He married Ola Alford after the war and moved to Macclesfield N.C., living in the old Pete Harris two story house. The house burned in 1920 and he and his family consisting of only one son, John Sidney, moved to a home owned by J.T. Winstead and later belonging to Annabelle Price.

He was working for his brother, J.T. Winstead, in his general merchandise store, in the summer of 1930. The depression was raging and he was asked to leave because of poor business. Scott was a man who never let anything get the best of him, therefore he found a friend, Ernest Webb, who loaned him the money to buy an empty store, on the corner of Main St., Macclesfield. He made a deal with Mr. W.G. Clark of Tarboro to stock his store and sell to farmers on an annual basis. They called this a TIME BUSINESS. The name of his business was CS WINSTEAD & COMPANY.

His store was one of the favorite stores in town for men to come to and sit around the potbellied stove. They played checkers, had lots of fun just talking about their crops and telling funny stories. Scott read the News and Observer to all the men who could not read and help them with their business that required writing. He had gone to college before entering the army.

Mr. Scott was very active in the First Christian Church. He built all the fires in the church until the new church was built. He was a town commissioner and a school board member for many years. He later became an insurance salesman of burial insurance for Carlisle Funeral Home.

In 1952 he sold his store to his beloved son-in-law, Wesley B. Webb. After his retirement from the store, he could be seen six days a week at the Creeks near Macclesfield, fishing. Though he never saw the finished golf course he was very proud that it had been built around one of his favorite fishing spots.

Clover Scott Winstead died in 1968.

Prepared by Delanie Winstead Webb

**Interesting People and Their Recollections  
cont.**



C. S. Winstead & Company in 1949.



The same store building in the 1960's, by the name of Webb & Webb.

## Interesting People and Their Recollections cont.

Reminiscing  
by Virginia Harrell

When I married Ledger and left my parents, Albert Delton and Belle Zora Norris Anderson I came to live in Macclesfield. The year was 1948. Macclesfield was a bustling lively little town. People would come from across the Wilson County line, the Coason, Handy Corner, and miles around to shop, buy groceries, and trade. Many of the ladies would come to Macclesfield to get their hair fixed at Annie Bell Price's Beauty Salon.

Ledger and Carson would sit around the table and tell the children about Macclesfield when they were small. The men told about how Edgecombe Street, sometimes called Main Street had mercantile stores, the grocery store and the post office, which was in the back of J.T. Winstead's store, the Merchant's and Farmer's Bank which never closed its doors during the depression.

I remember hearing about the time there was talk around town that some men were coming to Macclesfield to rob the bank. I don't know where the information came from. Some of the town's people, like Mr. Walter Moore and Mr. Charlie Pridgen and others got on top of Mr. Scott Winstead's store and hid behind the store front that faced the bank and waited. The robbers never came. However, it must have been nice to know that our little town would have been protected. It was said that the event made the national radio news.

The Band Stand was on the corner of Railroad and Edgecombe Street across from the cotton gin. They said most anytime you could hear a band playing and singing. Green Street had mercantile stores, grocery stores, and a service station. On the corner of Railroad and Green Street was Mr. Rufus and Daisy Felton's store. The children loved to go visit Miss Daisy, as they called her, and buy penny candy.

My children used to enjoy hearing about the tent shows that came to Macclesfield in autumn. The tent was set up on the corner across from the bank on Edgecombe and Third Street. Mr. Harrell would get free tickets for his sons because the tent was set up on his property. Within the big tent, films were sometimes shown, like the westerns of actor, Bob Steel. It was funny to hear about the people in the audience who would yell at the screen to the actors, warning them that the crook was behind them and that he should watch out, or shoot him.

I've heard Ledger and Carson tell about how Mr. Robert Lee Corbett and their daddy would go to Shelbyville, Tennessee, buy mules, and ship them back on the train. Ledger and some of the boys would take their horses and lead the mules from the railroad depot down Green Street to R.L. Corbett's mule barn. In later years, that barn was turned into a shop where Wren Abrams worked on machines and tractors.

## Interesting People and Their Recollections cont.

The men loved to tell how Macclesfield had a great baseball team. If they played on Saturday or Sunday evening, more people would come to Macclesfield to see the ball game. After the ball game, people would gather at the drug store to socialize. It sounds to me as if people had some good times when they came to Macclesfield.



Ledger Harrell and Virginia Anderson on their 50th anniversary.



Ledger and Virginia Harrell with their children Susan, Aubrey, Norris and Larry.

## Interesting People and Their Recollections cont.

### My Remembrances of the Early Macclesfield Presbyterian Church

I can't begin to tell you very much about the beginning of the Macclesfield Presbyterian Church unless I tell you something about the person who had the vision and courage to leave an established church in the Valley of Virginia to come here to start a work from scratch. This person was Dr. Lemuel Isham Echols who was born in Lincoln County, Tennessee in 1869. He was the most saintly man I have ever known. I should know as I was in the family for ten years before he died in 1945. I knew him soon after he came to Macclesfield in 1922 and was married to his son, Joe, in 1935. In all I knew him and the family about 23 years.

Before deciding to leave Old Providence Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, Father Echols (as I called him) searched church papers for surveys to see where the most needy fields were. His first love, I think, was the Home Mission field. He decided that North Carolina was where he would like to be, partly because his wife, the former Mattie Dale, was not well and needed to be in a warmer climate. He had a nephew-in-law who was a doctor at the Tuberculosis Sanitarium, Dr. P.P. McCain. Mother Echols went to Montrose for treatments later.

In the early 1920's Father Echols came to Edgecombe County and looked the field over. He decided to begin work in Macclesfield. It took some time for the Home Mission Board to get arrangements for the manse and The Tabernacle to be built. The family moved the last of September. Joe finished up his senior year in high school in Raphne, Virginia. The first church service at the new Macclesfield Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church was on October 2, 1922.

One of the first things Father Echols did was to start a bus route to pick up children. Each Sunday (Sabbath as the ARPs would say) morning whoever was available (Roger, Joe and Father Echols) would pick up the children and bring them in to church services. The songs the ARP sang were psalms set to music. Some of the tunes were familiar hymn tunes. The musical instrument was a pump organ. Each summer there was always a Sabbath School picnic.

The Tabernacle was a large barn-like structure with two front doors and steps to the door sill then steps leading down to the saw-dust floor. The pews were made of rough lumbers.

It wasn't long before a small chapel was built where the worship services were held. Someone donated a piano which helped tremendously with the music.

On certain Sabbaths, Father Echols would go out to the Prison Camp to hold service. He enjoyed hearing the colored brethren sing. They appreciated Father Echols too. He had a good tenor voice.

## Interesting People and Their Recollections cont.

Father Echols was interested in Boy Scouts. Each summer he would take the boys camping in Halifax County.

I am not able to tell you when the church was organized but when it was Levy Walston, my half-brother, and Mr. Charlie Gardner, uncle of Ava Gardner, were the two elders. Ottie Walston, Levy's wife was the first member to move her membership. Her father was a Methodist minister in Virginia so she was accustomed to our kind of baptizing. Donald Walston, Miss Clara Dale, Mother Echols' sister was a member. The Fred Webb family became members early on. Florence Brown was pianist while she was in Macclesfield. Others who attended were Mr. Pell Lewis and family, Thad and Velma, Mr. Alex Atkinson and Carl, Guy Gay, Cecil Webb and the Joe Bridgers family (he was Katy Crisp's grandfather).

In the summers Father Echols would occasionally have services in the yards of some of the members of the church. Almost all of the homes were out in the country.

Father Echols was a very dynamic preacher. He was very dramatic in the pulpit. people were attentive to his messages. They knew that he was sincere in his dealings with them. They loved him very much. The town was saddened when he announced in 1930 that he had accepted a church in Concord. Before 1943 he had been made Superintendent of the Home Missions.

In the fall of 1930 the Rev. W.H. Quinn was called to pastor the Macclesfield Church. He was a good preacher but his prayers were as long as his sermons. He remained here until the church became the Southern Presbyterian Church.

In the spring of 1943 the little chapel was burned along with the church's rollbook and minutes.



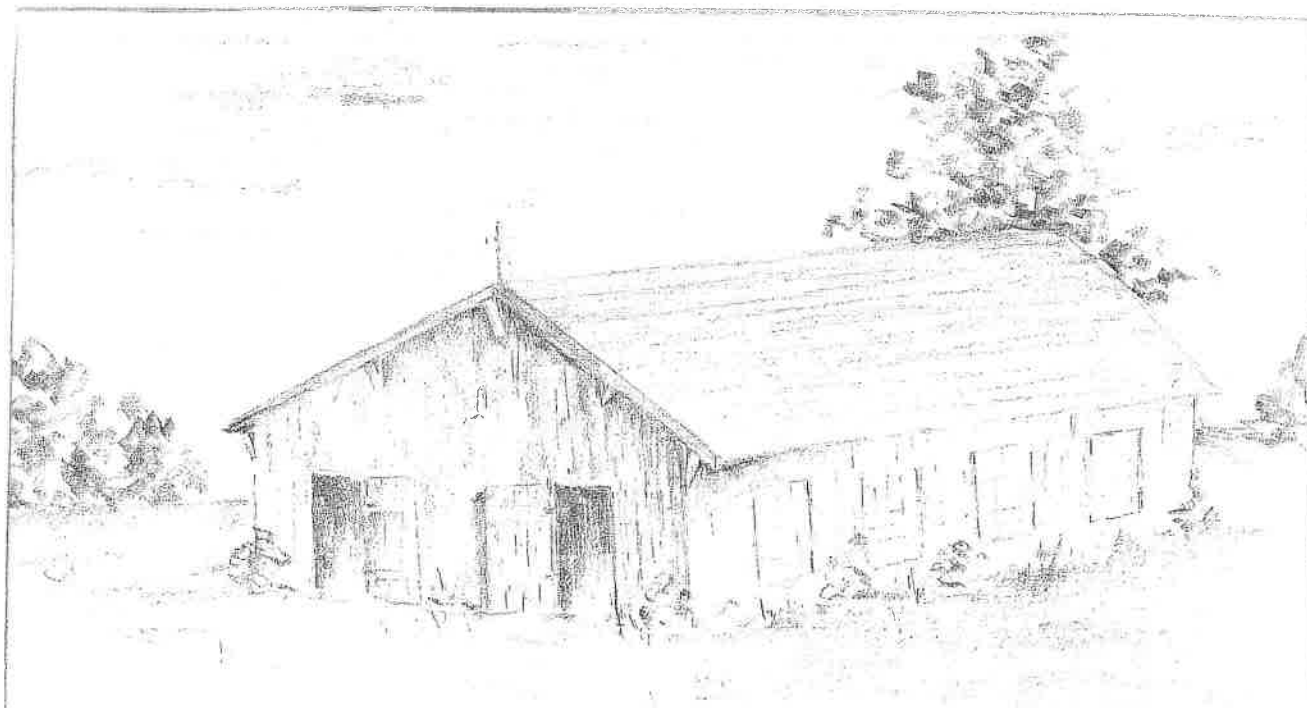
As remembered by Katherine A. Echols

Mr. Lemuel Echols

## Interesting People and Their Recollections cont.



Katherine Alford Echols married Joe Echols in 1935. They had seven children. Their names are Joe Todd, Linda (twins), Charles, Mary, John, Bruce, and Ruth. Mrs Echols not only reared her children, she also taught many Macclesfield children at church and school. She taught at the Macclesfield School three years. Mr and Mrs. Echols moved to Georgia for some years but later returned to Macclesfield. She taught school then at Living Hope and Carver.



Old Tabernacle



## Macclesfield Business

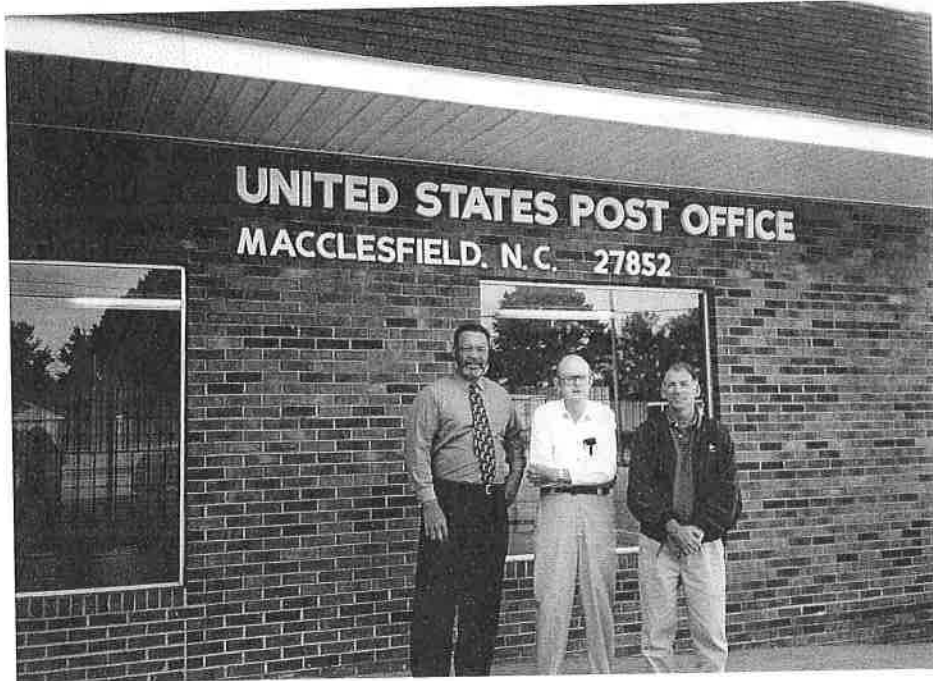


Pictured above: Macclesfield Town Hall. All the business of the town is done from the town hall. The employees are Shirley R. Bass full time and Ernestine Webb part time.

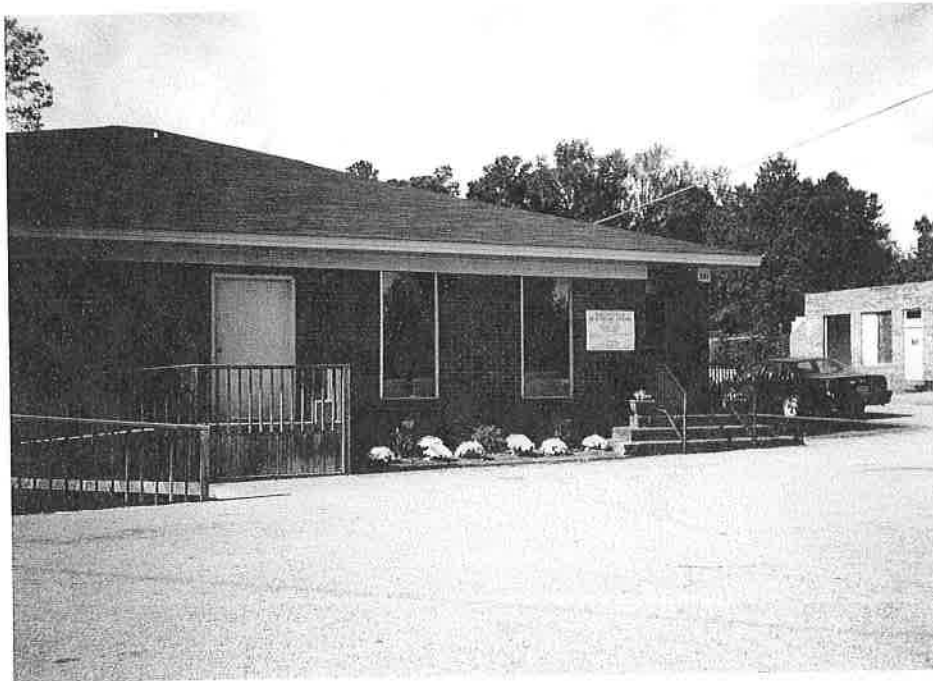


The Macclesfield Community Building

## Macclesfield Business



Pictured above: Macclesfield Post Office, L-R; Danny Manning, Postmaster, Sammy Harrell and Wes Webb, Rural Carriers. Alice Meadows (not pictured) works part time in the post office.

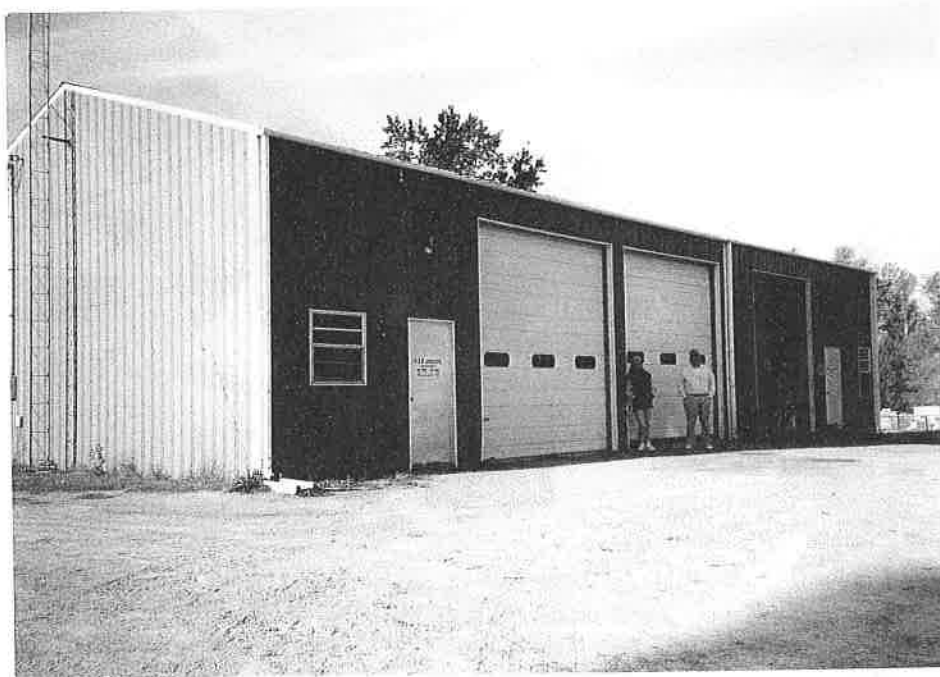


Pictured above: Macclesfield Health Care Center. Macclesfield has no doctor at the present time but there is a Doctor's Assistant on duty.

## Macclesfield Business

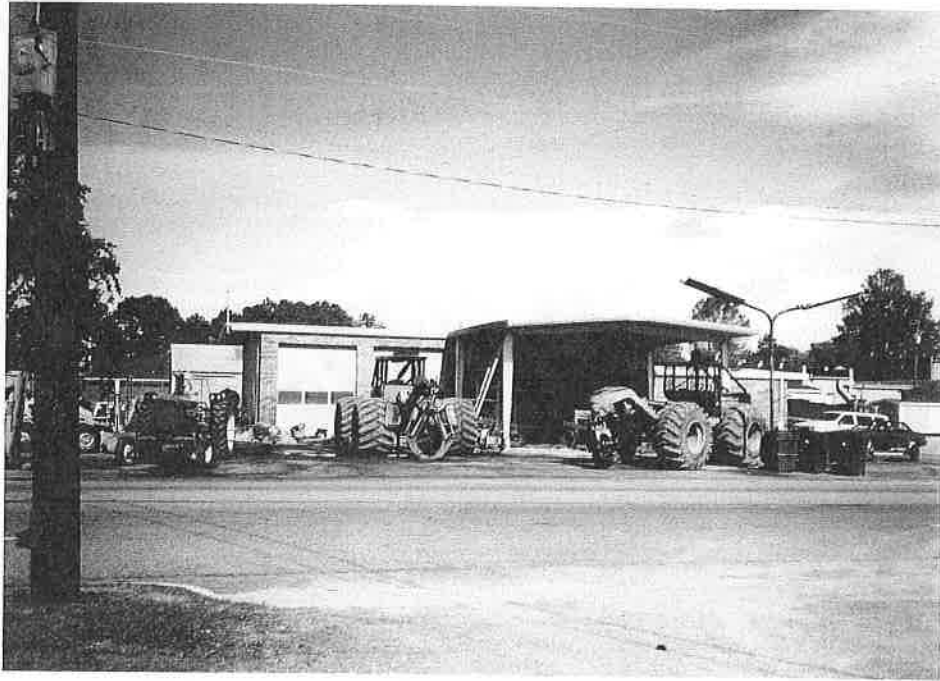


H & T Tax Service owned and operated by Lou Anne Bridgers



W W Landscaping owned and operated by Roland Wooten. Pictured is Debbie Pittman and Willie Wooten.

## Macclesfield Business



Tim Cole Logging and Tree Removal



Quinn's Upholstery owned and operated by Royce Quinn for the last three years.

## Macclesfield Business



Barbecue House owned and operated by Donald and Jean Morris.



Macclesfield Grocery Store, owned and operated by Mohan & Kusum Patel.

## Macclesfield Business



Macclesfield Beauty Shop, owned and operated by Patricia Webb Keel.



The River of Life Ministries Inc.; Pastor Donald Harrell. Located on Main Street.

## Macclesfield Business



H & H Service Station: pictured L-R, Joe Hathaway, Pender Hathaway (owner), Ryan Harrell. This station was run for 29 years by Wilton Owens and before that by Charles Lee Ellis.



T & L Garage, owned and operated by William Wooten and Willie Tyson, "Spooky and Short".

## Macclesfield Business



Kwik Stop Food Mart, owned and operated by Dilip Patel and Lata Patel.



Peaden's III, owned by Bill Peaden.



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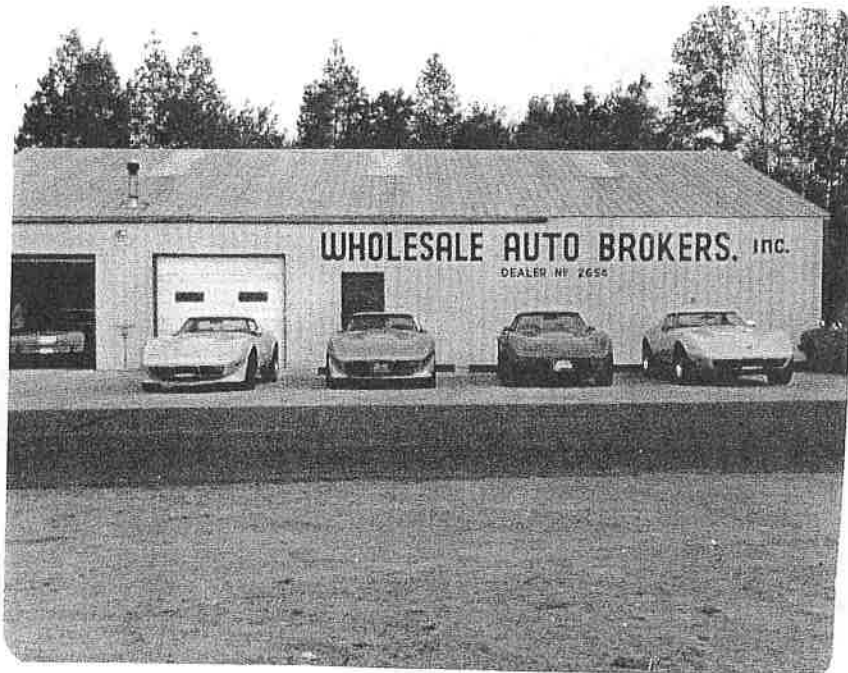


Amerigas Corporation: Manager Johnny Respass.



Macclesfield Oil and Gas Companies: Macclesfield Oil is owned by John and Eugene Eason and was started in the late 1940s by Junior Jones and R.L. Corbett. Macclesfield Gas is owned by several different people: John and Milburn Felton, John and Eugene Eason, Roy Flora, Dr. Edwin Drew and Luke Lewis.

## Macclesfield Business



Wholesale Auto Brokers Inc. is owned and operated by Durwood Allen. The business was started in 1978 and employs six people.



Macclesfield Retirement Home is owned and operated by R.B. Owens.

## Macclesfield Business

### Southern Bank and Trust of Macclesfield



Pictured above: Employees of Southern Bank. L-R, Chris A. Royal - Assistant Vice-president. Right, Peggy Webb, Shelby Allen, Katie Letchworth, Shelia Clemmons.

Businesses not pictured

Bakers Plumbing Company

Coles Logging Company

Harrell's Performance Engineering

Jeffries Construction

Webbs Construction

## Macclesfield Business



Pictured above: Roservelt Porter and Phillip Wainwright (Utilities Supervisor). Other town worker not pictured are Antonio Porter and James Linkous.

**Town of Macclesfield-Light Department**

Date 6-6-30 No. \_\_\_\_\_

Electric Current for Month of May

State of Meter 1276

Previous State 1255

24 K. W. @ \_\_\_\_\_ \$ 3

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Mrs. Mollie Hearne

If Light Bill is not Paid by 15th of the Month Service will be Discontinued.

Pictured above a Town of Macclesfield light bill for Mrs. Mollie Hearne dated 6-6-1930. The charge \$3.15, quite a bit of difference from today.

Macclesfield, North Carolina, United States 27 Feb 1994



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