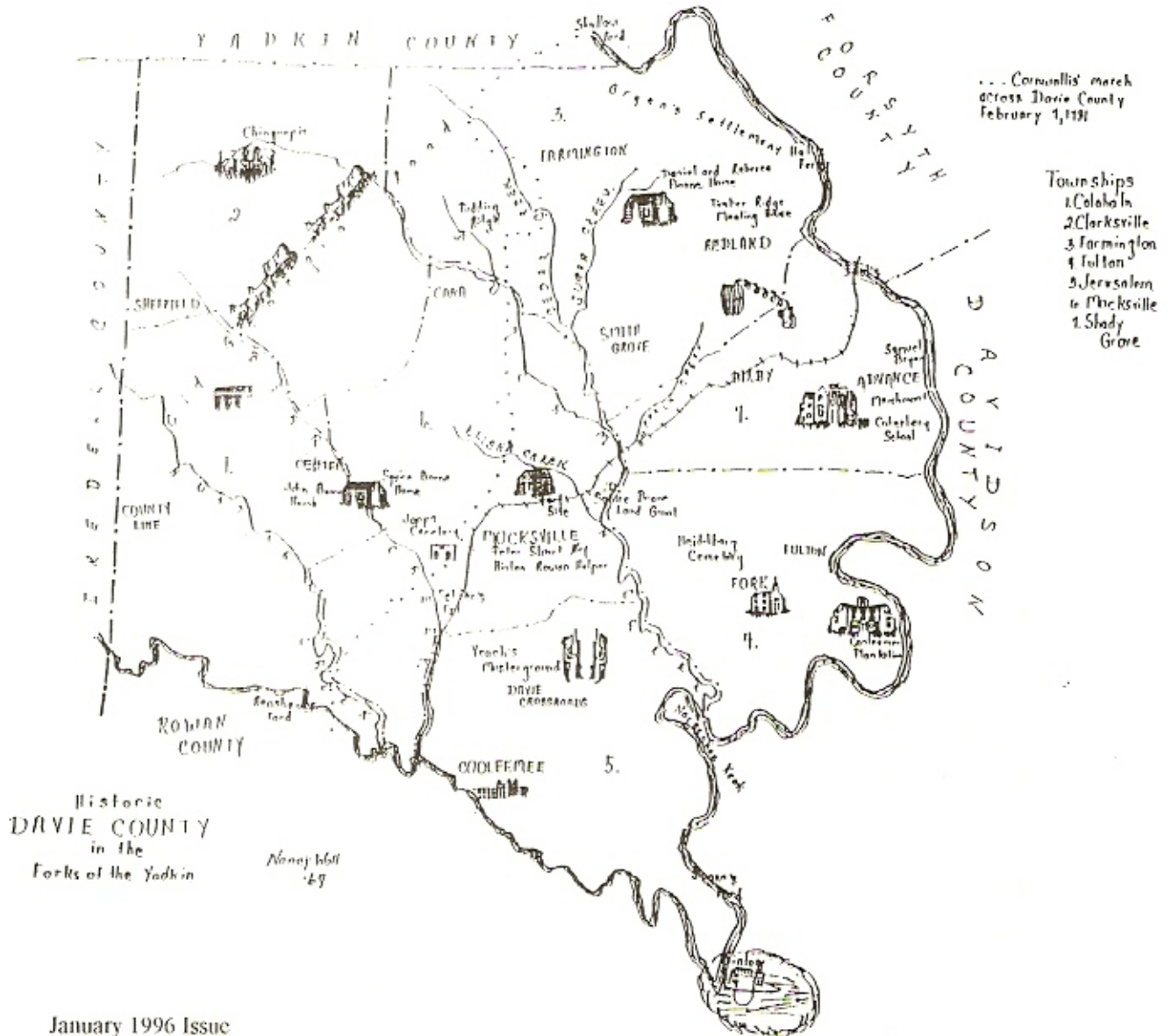


# DAVIE COUNTY HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

Mocksville, North Carolina



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371 North Main Street  
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The following are industries and businesses in the Advance areas, some I remember and others my Mother told me about,

Charlie Deems Ward had a tobacco factory where he made chewing tobacco. He also sold men's dress clothing for which he sent the measurements to a mail order house along with the type of material the customer wanted.

John Edward Bell Shutt was involved in many things. He was the local undertaker and embalmer along with building coffins, building and repairing wagons and general woodworking activities.

Kate Shutt had a loom in her home for making rugs of various types and sizes. This is the way she supported herself and her daughter.

Jacob A.S. Shutt also made coffins along with general woodworking and carpenter work.

John Wesley Shutt also did repair work on things made of wood along with his farming operation. His father, Christian Shutt was a shoemaker, according to the 1850 census, but in later life came to live with John Wesley and I don't know if he continued his trade as shoemaker.

George Henry Clay Shutt evidently made wagons since he had a complete set of patterns in his shop. I do know he made grain cradles and barrels for the liquor trade which was legal at the time. He also grew sweet potatoes and shipped them to various places by rail.

Arthur Lee Shutt ran a garage and sold gasoline and oil. He did all types of repair work as well as being the community plumber and electrician. He moved the old Shutt school building from it's original location out to the main road and converted it into a feed mill. Arthur later went back to making grain cradles but when the combines came into their own that ended the cradle business. He went to building cabinets, cedar chests and other types of furniture.

William Adam Leonard ran a livery stable for several years after the railroad came through Advance. He would meet the trains and either take people where they wanted to go, much like the taxi of today, except this was in the horse and buggy days, or if it was too late in the day he would put them up for the night and early the next day take them to their destination. He called them drummers which we know today as traveling salesmen. After they finished their business he would see them back to the train. He also sold organs and pianos on the side as well as selling milk, butter and produce throughout the community.

I can not remember Dr. Byerly's first name but he lived behind G.H.C. Shutt's shop in a large house which later burned and Dan Carter built back on the same spot. Advance had two doctors, the other was T.T. Watkins who lived where Jack Vogler later bought.

H.L. (Tump) Foster had a large two story shop between his house and the Henry Smithdeal house. He made coffins along with other wooden articles. He later went into the billboard business.

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Will White ran a store across from the H.T.Smithdeal house on the east side of what is now 801 but it burned. Later the White house burned as a result of arson by the renter who lived there.

On the other side of the road was the Henry Smithdeal store. He carried a line of general merchandise and was a notary public, sold lamp oil and once a year would take orders for coal. When he got enough orders he would have a railroad car load shipped to the depot rail siding. The boys in the neighborhood would earn a few cents by shoveling coal and Ralph Carter or Hap Ratledge would drive the old model T Ford truck onto the scales at the old cotton gin, weigh it, then deliver it to the ones who had bought it. The boys again unloaded the truck. The boys would get so black from the coal dust which got into the pores of our skin, we just about had to let it wear it's self out.

Next to Henry Smithdeal's store was was another store of brick construction, owned by B.R.Bailey Sr. I think this store was in conjunction with the main store across the road which was also owned by the Baileys. This building was later used for a post office and that is where I started carrying mail on both rural routes out of Advance. The apartment up stairs was at one time occupied by Will Ellis.

The store across the road on the east side of the road was run by Brack Bailey and this was also the office for his farming and in the stillhouse days headquarters for that operation also. Brack also had a tobacco factory on the road that is now Peebles Creek. At one time he was a very big operator and land owner. having many people working for him.

North of Bailey's store was a store run by J.W.Jones who carried mostly general merchandise and groceries. This was on the corner of what is now 801 and Peebles Creek Rd. In this same building Piedmont Funeral Home of Lexington had a casket show room at one time. This could have been the same one that Charlie Thompson had a clothing store in.

Across the road on the west side Esther Hege had a milnery store for the ladies trade.and a line of toys for the kids. I think she had a line of shoe also.

Next to her store and across what is now Feed Mill Rd. was a tobacco factory owned by Uriah Orrell

In front of the Orrell factory in the forks of the road was Frank Poindexter's blacksmith shop.

Between the Baptist and Methodist Churches was Obe March'es woodworking shop where a lot of the furniture was made for this area. He was a gifted craftsman and built many of the houses in this and surrounding areas.His furniture is still in demand in the antique trade because of it's fine wood and durable construction.

Near the March shop and house was the Advance Academy which today is used as a fellowship hall by the Methodist Church today. It was the main school in the area for many years prior to Shady Grove High School.

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Tom Robertson had a shop in behind his house on Peebles Creek Road. He was a good craftsman, doing general repair work on guns and furniture as well as doing carpenter work.

The pride of Advance in the 20s was it's utility which consisted of a Delco light system. It was 110 volt dc and went as far south as Grover Shutt's house where the Stacys now live but I can't remember how far to the north it went. Being dc it couldn't go too far because of the voltage drop on the lines. Alex Kimbrough looked after the plant which was in front of Ance Cornatzer's house on the opposite side of the road in the oak grove. I remember, being a very small child, how Alex would start the generator in the late afternoon to charge the bank of batteries for the night lights of it's customers.

Several of the people had their own 32 volt systems but I do remember that the parsonage where Lucille Cornatzer now lives had 110v power. Of course when Duke Power came through in 1932 that put an end to private power plants in the area.

Taylor Bailey had a cotton gin that operated for several years. This was located on the corner of the Underpass road and the road that went to the Lum Myers house and next to the Luther Crouse house. It rotted down and fell in as many of the other buildings did.

Going north on the Underpass Road the next business was the Tom Mock store and the Advance post office before it was moved to the Brack Bailey brick building on the west side of the road next to Smithdeal's. The store remained and was later used by Frank Vogler as a meat market and grocery store. An addition was put on the store and John Vogler had his garage in it.

Next to John Vogler's garage was Will Davis' barber shop.

Then came the Office for A.C.(Pawdie) Wood's lumber yard and dry kiln. He also had a saw mill where people brought in logs to be turned into lumber. On out that street was Dr. T.T.Watkins office which Jack Vogler later bought when Watkins moved to Clemmons.

At the end of the street was Charlie Taylor who had a fruit tree business. He is responsible for most of the pecan trees introduced to this part of the country. During the time of year for planting these trees he traveled far and wide selling them. He would sell them and the ones he sold for would ship them in here for him to deliver.

Bailey's flour mill was a three story building with a saw mill behind it for custom timber sawing. This was located on the corner of the above mentioned street and the Underpass road. This operation was all run by steam. This was the last business on the east side of the Underpass Road.

Going back to the west side of Underpass and the road beside the railroad was Will Hendrix' Jottem down where he sold cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco cheese and cold drinks. I was told he could slice cheese so thin you could read a news paper through it. The Liar's club met there also.

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Next, going north on Underpass Road, was an enclosure made of logs which I was told that it's purpose was to hold wild horses still while they were being shod, so they could not harm the one doing the shoeing.

Then came Luther Crouse's store which was mostly clothing and shoes. This business folded about the time of the depression or maybe before. G.A.Potts and Charles Markland opened it up many years later as a grocery and meat market, which didn't last long. The building was torn down and hauled off.

Next to this store was the evening social center and weekend gathering place. This was run by J.A.C.(Lum) Myers. Many of Advance's Elite could be seen there headed up by Dr. Watkins, ere the sun went down,

The Advance Meat Market was next in line with Will Crews as it's owner and operator. He kept it open on Friday and Saturday. There was no refrigeration in that day and it kept one of his children busy with the fly problem. Also a problem was keeping Will's hand off the scales when he weighed the meat.

The last business before you came to the depot was a fertilizer business owned by Brack Bailey.

The Southern depot was next and did a thriving business at one time, having a long siding along with an express office. Cattle and horses were shipped in and out and in the days of the still houses whiskey was shipped out. The depot was also a gathering place for the local residents on weekends seeing who was coming in and going out, and where they were going also how much and what kind of baggage the travelers were carrying. Four passenger trains served the area daily along with freight trains running night and day.

On the Advance-Bixby Road was the Edd Potts house and barn where Wiley Potts had his head quarters for his threshing business and his saw mill was a little way to the north along the old road that went to Mocks Church, Of course that business ended when his steam engine blew up.

Shady Grove High School was next and was the center of much activity during the school year.

A little further up the road was Ott Zimmerman who had a cement business. He also at one time had a hatchery for baby chickens and I remember him curing tobacco at a barn behind the school building.

This was before my day but my mother told me that there were seven still houses in the area and that was the reason Advance was a town with a mayor and one policeman who was murdered in the old Jones store.

One thing I left out was that when John Shutt died his Son Walter carried on the wagon and woodworking business

Oscar Poindexter

ADVANCE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

<u>Surname</u>	<u>Given Name</u>	<u>Birth Date</u>	<u>Death Date</u>
Beck	Ralph Sowers Son of Thelma and M. C. Beck	November 16, 1926	June 14, 1927
Blake	Leona Aged 2 years, 6 months, 14 days	August 9, 1919	February 22, 1922
Burton	Clarence W. Son of R. B and M. F. Burton	October 12, ____	November 20, 1910
Burton	Cleo	February 25, ____	March 26, 1915
Burton	Ray H.	April 18, 1893	August 27, 1974
Burton	Infant Son of S. C. and A. M.	September 27, ____	September 29, 1919
Burton	Victoria Byerly	1867	1944
Burton	William T.	1857	1917
Childress	George Ray Husband of Edra Robertson Childress	August 24, 1930	December 23, 1968
Clinard	Dempsey Brown	June 2, 1904	February 1, 1969
Cline	Betty Miller	December 2, 1872	April 9, 1934
Cline	Thomas Hillery	May 4, 1856	October 3, 1933
Crawford	Christopher Shane	July 12, 1971	August 24, 1971
Domm	Annie Talbert	April 18, 1907	May 18, 1952
Domm	Captain Charles F.	November 23, 1872	October 18, 1952
Essex	Charlie Jennings	January 4, 1898	April 13, 1960
Essex	Essie Bell	1900	1949
Essex	Lucy Ann	1878	1942
Essex	Marion William Nelson	1873	1947
Essex	William Glenn	January 4, 1933	September 3, 1947
Frye	John Wesley, Jr.	no date given	February 25, 1924
Hall	Lucille C. Second wife of Ernest Hall	October 31, 1924	January 28, 1977
Hall	Thelma D. First wife of Ernest Hall	August 16, 1923	April 4, 1970
Hartman	Atley Elger	July 18, 1861	October 16, 1922
Hartman	Essie B.	July 22, 1885	April 15, 1959
Hartman	John Alfred	November 23, 1889	April 28, 1972
Hartman	Martha Ella	April 3, 1869	June 16, 1963
Hartman	Milton E. Company F., 119th Infantry, USA Camp Sevier, S. C.	August 25, 1894	December 7, 1917
Hartman	Modelle Daughter of A. E. and M. E. Hartman	March 8, 1893	October 4, 1902
Hartman	Ruth Butner	March 4, 1898	September 25, 1970
Hartman	Thomas Albert Aged 73 years, 6 months, 5 days	September 5, 1872	May 14, 1946
Jarvis	Bryant	July 3, 1860	August 21, 1946
Jarvis	Opal J.	December 4, 1889	June 11, 1917
Jarvis	Sallie Myers	August 12, 1862	April 22, 1947
Markland	Eliza Hutchens 2nd Wife of Lloyd Markland	September 29, 1890	October 2, 1977
Massey	Melissa Wife of Pink Massey	1871	1929
Massey	Pink	1871	1958

ADVANCE BAPTIST CHURCH CEMETERY

Miller	Sallie Wife of Icern Miller Mother of Betty Cline	September __, 1841	December 26, 1909
Myers	Judith Carol Daughter of E. C. and A. L. Myers	December 20, 1943	December 20, 1943
Myers	Eddie C., Jr.	June 15, 1945	August 25, 1962
Poindexter	Oscar B.	June 18, 1888	March 16, 1923
Potts	Alzene Paulina	April 27, 1855	March 25, 1913
Potts	Nathan W.	July 26, 1850	April 6, 1940
Potts	Ida Hendrix	October 19, 1881	July 24, 1961
Potts	John Carson Pvt. U. S. Army World War II	May 25, 1917	July 30, 1978
Potts	Wiley Frank	November 2, 1918	December 13, 1976
Shermer	Infant Son of P. R. and C. H. Shermer	June 15, 1930	June 15, 1930
Shermer	Barbara E. Aged 78 years, 11 months, 13 days	November 7, 1842	October 20, 1921
Shermer	Alphus B.	1912	1955
Shermer	J. Boyd	1874	1947
Shermer	Della Z.	1883	1955
Shermer	Minnie Caton	March 3, 1879	March 4, 1961
Shermer	Tandy M.	September 29, 1871	July 18, 1960
Shermer	William Gaston	no dates given	
Smith	Cecil D.	April 24, 1944	November 23, 1974
Stockton	Frank Son of Minnie and J. A. Stockton	July 4, 1914	July 13, 1915
Stockton	John Alexander	November 4, 1872	September 1, 1928
Stockton	Lillian Daughter of Minnie and J. A. Stockton; Twin of Vivian	August 4, 1919	February 7, 1937
Stockton	Mabel Virginia Daughter of Minnie and J. A. Stockton	June 24, 1918	December 19, 1918
Stockton	Minnie Morgan Wife of J. A. Stockton	July 24, 1881	July 14, 1944
Stockton	Paul Lafayette Son of Minnie and J. A. Stockton	April 19, 1909	July 19, 1910
Stockton	Vivian Twin of Lillian	August 4, 1919	December 19, 1919
Stockton	Willie Clyde Son of Minnie and J. A. Stockton	August 26, 1900	November 4, 1963
Talbert	Amy Jane	October 14, 1901	August 15, 1956
Talbert	Gannon	April 6, 1861	July 3, 1941
Talbert	Herbert Brendal Son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Talbert	February 25, 1918	July 10, 1918
Talbert	Rebecca	December 31, 1875	October 29, 1944
Talbert	Samuel L.	September 3, 1903	June 17, 1972
Talbert	William Howard	January 3, 1909	October 14, 1926
Tucker	Sonya Michelle Daughter of Donald and Judy Tucker	September 20, 1965	September 22, 1965
Waller	Roverta Robbin Daughter of R. L. and W. M. Waller	November 8, 1962	November 8, 1962
Wilson	Judy Daughter of Lucille Hall	April 9, 1945	January 28, 1977
Wood	William H. D. Aged 23 years, 9 months, 27 days Son of A. C. and I. A. Wood (Oldest marked grave in cemetery)	no date given	June 8, 1901



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A COLLECTION DAY FOR DAVIE COUNTY WILL BE ANNOUNCED SOON: THE ORIGINAL DATE WAS CANCELLED BECAUSE OF THE JANUARY SNOW.

