

### CHAPTER III THE MAKINGS OF A TOWN

A black and white portrait photograph of a man with short, dark hair, wearing a suit jacket and a white shirt. The photo is mounted on a light-colored card.

WAYLAND HAYES  
Son of Richard Hayes



**LULA HAYES**  
(Mrs. C. W. Gaither)  
Daughter of Richard Hayes

## HAYES DESCENDANTS

A black and white portrait of a man with a full, dark beard and mustache. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and a dark tie. The portrait is framed by a simple black border.

JACK VANN

## A PIONEER RESIDENT OF THE TOWN OF AHOSKIE

## A FIRST CITIZEN OF AHOSKIE

A black and white portrait of a man with glasses, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera. The background is dark and indistinct.

**COLONEL GEO. H. MITCHELL**  
 Father of Dr. J. H. Mitchell  
 and J. Arthur Mitchell

**D. P. (PERCY) BAKER**  
An early Ahuskie merchant

## CHAPTER IV

## GETTING A TOWN STARTED

### Pioneer Merchant



At the time the mill explosion occurred, the operator—Fletcher Powell—was a clerk in the employ of W. W. Cockey, a large mercantile firm of Charlottesville and Whaleyville, Va. On a visit to the ruins and to see his family, young Powell was engaged in rebuilding the wreck and expanding the mill.