

RANDOLPH COUNTY

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varies in large tracts from \$1.50 to \$15 per acre. The assessed value is less than one-half of the real value. The rough topography and stony soils on the ridges make a considerable portion of the county absolute forest land. Approximately 70 per cent of the county is now forested. The northwestern section is cleared and cultivated more extensively than any other part. The region around Asheboro and south between the Uharie River and Old Plank Road is perhaps under present conditions better adapted to the production than to farm crops.

Gold mining has been carried on for many years. This industry, however, has never been of great importance, although several small mines are still in operation.

Approximately 80 sawmills are now in operation, cutting 50,000,000 feet B. M. annually, or an average cut of about 575,000 feet per mill. All but three of these mills are portable mills, cutting for the open market, while only three cut less than 200,000 feet a year. Of the annual cut 51 per cent is oak, 33 per cent is old field pine, 13 per cent "forest" pine, and 1 per cent poplar. Small amounts of gum, cedar, maple and hickory are also sawed.

The principal wood-using industries are located at Asheboro, Randleman, Ramseur, Liberty, Coleridge and Seagrove. Among these industries are furniture factories, chair factories, novelty works and a wheelbarrow manufacturing concern, using amongst them between six and seven million feet of lumber a year. Nearly all of this is obtained in Randolph county. In addition over ten million feet of rough lumber is finished into box boards, roofers flooring, ceiling, siding, etc., by several planing mills, and shipped to outside markets. The cross tie business is an important item. Nearly 1,000,000 oak crossties are shipped out of the county each year, representing a money return of nearly half a million dollars annually for this product alone. Recently a few pine ties have been shipped from Staley to be creosoted. At nearly every station there is a demand for cordwood. Several hundred cars are shipped annually to Greensboro, Danville and other nearby cities.

Randolph, at the present time is largely an oak producing county. The original forests were oak and forest pine, excepting the northeastern part, including Providence and Liberty townships and the northern edge of Franklinville and Columbia townships. Where forest pine is said to have never occurred second growth pine is, however, now coming in, even in this section. The forest pine has been almost entirely cut out; in fact, there are only a few scattered good tracts of timber in the county that have never been cut over.

In the northern end of the county, west of Deep River, there are a few good areas of timber, also in the southeastern part, east of Deep River. The predominant type is hardwoods only, and over 75 per cent of this type is oak. It has been estimated that there is still standing in the county about 220,000,000 feet B. M. of timber or an average stand for the forest land of 625 feet B. M. per acre. Approximately 50 per cent of this is oak, 27 per cent old growth or forest pine, 7 per cent poplar, 3 per cent hickory, and 3 per cent miscellaneous species, such as red cedar, sweet gum, walnut, and other scattered kinds.

The old field pine type constitutes about 27 per cent of the forested area. In the southwest near New Hope Church, it makes up 60 per cent of the forested area, while near Asheboro and south toward Eleazer only about 10 per cent is old field type. Shortleaf pine is practically pure in this type. The scrub pine occurs with the shortleaf northwest of Asheboro but taking the old field as a whole, less than 1 per cent would be made up of scrub or "spruce" pine. Loblolly pine is scattered through the county, but occurs more frequently in the southeastern corner. It is rarely cut in merchantable quantities. Longleaf pine extends into the county in the southeast, near Erect. Formerly a grove of this species of about 25 acres was

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boxed for turpentine, and in the last few years it has been cut into lumber. Second growth pine is rapidly becoming more important in this country. Stands of 30,000 feet per acre have been cut. The average yield per acre of merchantable size is 3,000 feet. About 70 per cent of this type is above 4 inches in diameter.

The hardwoods and pine type is rapidly becoming exhausted, being changed to the simple hardwood type by the removal of all the original growth pine. A few good stands yet remain on the summit of the ridge of hills north of the Farmer road. Only about 20 per cent of the total forested territory is hardwoods and pine. The average yield per acre in this type is about 800 feet per acre, pine comprising one-half of the merchantable timber. Good stands of hardwoods and pine have been known to yield 40,000 feet to the acre.

The dominant type is hardwoods, approximately 53 per cent of the forest being of this type. White oak and post oak are the most abundant, producing nearly 70 per cent of the merchantable oak timber. Oaks of lesser importance are red, oak, black oak, Spanish oak, willow oak, chestnut oak, scarlet oak and black jack oak. The oak timber in this type forms at least 98 per cent of the total stand. The other merchantable trees occurring in mixtures with the oaks are yellow poplar, hickories, maple, black gum, sweet gum, and red cedar. In the northeastern part of the county oak timber is of good quality. The trees make a vigorous growth and are not readily susceptible to attacks from insects. The second growth hardwoods are thrifty and several such good stands now occur. The average stand on this type is not over 400 feet per acre for the entire county.

Stumpage prices vary according to the class of timber and the distance from a railroad. Old field pine is sold at from \$2 to \$4 per M.; forest pine, \$3 to \$7.50; oak, \$3 to \$5, and poplar, \$3 to \$6 per M. Most of the timber is bought by the tract rather than so much per M stumpage.

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Insects have not damaged the pines to any extent. A ten caterpillar attacking the sourwood and persimmon trees has done considerable damage to both of these trees this year. The caterpillars construct a shelter and gather numbers within it, emerging to defoliate the tree. Rarely however, is a tree completely stripped of its leaves.

Although few very destructive forest fires have occurred in Randolph for several years, still there are some fires practically every year, and the damage done to timber and young growth is more than most people would think. Reports from less than one-fourth of the townships for the years 1910, 1911, and 1912 show an average area of 1,000 acres burnt over each year with a money loss of \$4,000 a year or an average damage of \$4 per acre for all land burnt over. It is no wonder that landowners are anxious to prevent fires.

Loblolly pine should be favored in management, for this species makes a very rapid growth the most rapid of any of the pines—and the quality of the timber produced is fairly good. There is, however, no distinction made between the different species making up old field pine when sold on the market. There is a fairly good market for cordwood in most parts of the county and this supply could be partly met by properly thinning the stands of pine. Whenever second growth shortleaf or loblolly pines are present amongst the hardwood, a sufficient number of them per acre should be saved when logging in order to secure a good second growth of these profitable species. Pines grow rapidly and will be more satisfactory trees to grow for timber or cordwood than any of the slower growing hardwoods. The gradual change of the hardwood forests to pine, by saving seed trees and securing young growth, should therefore be the ultimate object of management for most forest owners in this county. Fire protection is, of course, essential, as young pines are readily killed by even a light fire.

WHITTOCK ARNOLD

A Sketch of His Life and Descendants

Whittock Arnold was born in Randolph County in what is now Tabernacle Township, in about 1780. I do not know whom he married. He had two sons of whom we have a faint history. Pennell Arnold and Wood Arnold, and possibly others. Pennell married and raised a large family. I do not remember the names of but two James Arnold and Mrs. Myres the mother of Dr. Wood Myres. She was the mother of several other children but I do not remember their names. Wood Arnold married Mary Hoover daughter of Joe Hoover also of Tabernacle Township. Wood Arnold and his wife settled on a farm on Thom's Creek now in Concord Township and raised a large family. John, Larken, Pennel, and Elizabeth. John married Abigail Ridge. They did not have any children, but they accumulated a great deal of property and lived to a ripe old age. Larken married Atsey Pryles they had one daughter a maiden lady now living at the old homestead. Larken was a useful kind and an accommodating citizen, he also made a good living.

Pennel married Priscilla Kearns a daughter of Alan Kearns, her mother was an aunt to State Auditor Wood. They lived in Tabernacle Township and owned an excellent farm on Uwharrie river. They had five children two sons and three daughters. Thomas and Jefferson. Thomas married a Miss Perry and have one son. Thomas is said to be one of the best farmers in his section of the county. He also has accumulated a handsome living.

Jefferson married a Miss Pope, but died in a short time thereafter. The three girls were Miranda, Louisa and Ella. Miranda was married to L. J. Fuller. They also have an interesting family of children. The oldest daughter was married to L. C. Phillips who a few years ago represented Randolph County in the Senate, and who is now treasurer of Randolph county. The other children are married and are well to do in this world's goods. Louisa was married to Cicero Skeen who died in a short time, afterwards was married to B. F. McCrary a prosperous farmer of Back Creek, Township. They have no children. Ella the youngest daughter was married to G. S. Lambeth of Thomasville, who is a prosperous manufacturer and who is engaged in railroading. They also have an interesting family of children. William, the oldest son, was in school at Old Trinity, until the college was moved to Durham, and then went there until he graduated. He has a record as an orator of taking every medal for which he ever contested, and was considered in school by competent judges to be

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equal to if not the very best declaimers in the South, and who is now an able and respected minister of the gospel of the M. E. church of the Western N. C. conference, and is at this time stationed at Reidsville.

Another son married a daughter of Mr. Archibald Johnson and another a daughter of Mr. J. A. McAuley. Both are prosperous manufacturers in Thomasville.

Samuel, the youngest son of Wood Arnold married Martha Skeen, daughter of Osborn Skeen of Davidson county; from that union was born two sons, Alexander and John, both noble men and raised in respectable families. After the death of the first wife he married Margaret, a sister to the first wife. From that union was born one child, a daughter, who is now the wife of W. B. Yarborough, Esq., now living in Lexington. Samuel Arnold lived all his long life in Concord township, Randolph county, on the farm where Uncle George Ivy was born. (George Ivy was a beloved minister of the Western N. C. conference) and was the father of the Rev. Dr. G. N. Ivy, editor of the Raleigh Christian Advocate. The father of George Ivy was buried in the family graveyard on the farm of Samuel Arnold.

Noble sons whose ancestors were citizens of Randolph county.

Diza, the oldest daughter of Wood Arnold, was married to Ivey Kearns in about 1833. They settled on a farm in Concord township on Uharrie, now owned by Madison Hammond. Mr. and Mrs. Kearns raised a large family of children. Mrs. J. L. Skeen, Mrs. E. B. Kearns, Mrs. J. C. Fuller, Mrs. D. G. McMasters, Mrs. W. F. Fassiter, Miss Sallie Kearns and S. W. Kearns.

Ivey Kearns was beyond doubt one of Randolph's best farmers. He had his farm in a high state of cultivation and grew more grain to the square acre than any man in his county. He would often harvest forty bushels of wheat from one acre, and as much as eighty-five bushels of corn on one acre. Now this was old fashioned, measure, not as Bill Arr would say, now of the new-fangled, dinged, tomfoolery, guessed at measure, but counted 160 square yards an acre.

Mr. Kearns and his wife lived too a ripe old age, honored and respected by all who knew them.

Elizabeth, the other daughter, was married to George Dorsett of Davidson. From that union was born three sons, Harrison, Ivy and Erastus. Harrison was quite a noted physician and lived in Davidson county. Ivy married a daughter of the late D. B. Lewis and lived at Farmer. Erastus married a daughter of the late David Lambeth of Davidson county. They all had interesting families.

I should have said in the commencement of this article that Whittock Arnold was a prominent man. He was a member of the Legislature in 1804-1807 and in 1808.

There have none of his descendants been a member of the Legislature in the last century. So we see that Gov. Vance was mighty right when he said, "Show me a boy who is smarter than his daddy."

I have given a partial history of Whittock Arnold and his descendants. I find that they have as far as I know lived respectable lives. No one has ever been convicted of crimes, nor even charged with it.

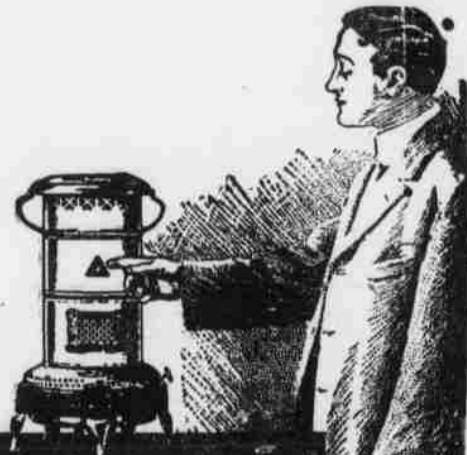
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