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The Capitol of the Cantaloupe World.

Incorporated 1887.
Population, 3,500.
White Polls, 250; Colored, 175.
Value of Real Estate, \$741,000.
Value of Personal Property, \$500,000.
Tax Rate, 156 2-3 per cent on the \$100.
Bonded Debt, \$155,000.

Town Officers.

Mayor—W. D. Tucker.
Chief of Police—F. M. Hubbard.
Clerk—C. L. Sanford.
Treasurer—T. J. Gill.
Standard Keeper—J. M. Paylor.
Attorney—M. L. John.

Postmaster—G. H. Russell.

LAURINBURG HAS:

One Baker; Three Banks; Three Barber Shops; Three Blacksmith Shops; One Building and Loan Association; One Book Store; Three Contractors; Two Cotton Gins; Four Drug Stores; Three Garages; Forty Retail Merchants; Four Hotels and Boarding Houses; One Laundry; Eight Manufacturing Plants; One Newspaper; One Power and Light Company; Three Graded Schools; Two Railroads; Fine Water System; Paved Streets and Cement Walks.

Facts and Figures About Scotland County

Formed in 1900.
Population: (Census 1910) 15,363.
Area: 387 square miles.
Acres: 223,360.
Value of Real Estate: \$2,892,949.
Value of Personal Property, \$1,703,325.
Total Tax paid in Scotland County all purposes \$72,428.84.
Property listed in 1915: By Whites, \$4,007,215; Colored, \$306,992.
Total valuation of all property listed and assessed for taxation \$5,500,074.
Number of Schools: For Whites, 30; Colored, 25.
School population 5,759.
Tax Rate: 24c. on the \$100.
County Bonded Debt: \$18,000.00.
Public Roads: 200 miles.

RAILROADS, TELEGRAPH AND EXPRESS COMPANIES.

Laurinburg & Southern Railroad, 18.00 miles, assessed value \$144,000.
Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Co. 10.03, assessed value \$353,893.
Pullman Co., assessed value \$4,441.
Seaboard Air Line Railway, 15.58 miles, assessed value \$507,694.
Southern Express Co., 33.74 miles, assessed value \$4,514.
Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co., assessed value \$14,151.
Western Union Telegraph Co., assessed value \$5,436.
American Telephone & Telegraph Co., assessed value \$2,568.
American Telephone & Telegraph Co., assessed value \$2,568.
Postal Telegraph-Cable Co., assessed value \$3,469.
Carolina, Atlantic & Western Railway, 6.13 miles, assessed value \$36,587.
Aberdeen & Rockfish Railroad Co., 1.25 miles, assessed value \$4,520.
Rockingham Railroad, 4.73 miles, assessed value \$16,246.

SUPERIOR AND FEDERAL COURTS.

Superior Court Terms: March 13; May 1; June 5th; October 30th; November 27th.
Federal Court: Last Monday in March and September.

COUNTY OFFICERS.

Clerk of Court—C. D. McCormick, Laurinburg.
Sheriff—W. D. McLaurin, Laurinburg.
Register of Deeds—C. E. Muse, Laurinburg.
Treasurer—W. D. McLaurin, Laurinburg.
Coroner—J. R. Jordan, Laurinburg, R. F. D. No. 4.
Superintendent of Health—Peter McLean, M. D., Laurinburg.
Superintendent of Schools—L. M. Peele, Laurinburg.
Superintendent of County Home—P. J. Fee.

Merchants not in towns: J. B. Mason & Son, Elmore Mercantile Co., Richmond Cotton Mill Store, Ida Mill Store, Springfield Cotton Mill Store, E. L. McNair, A. D. Gibson (Estate), John Woodard, J. T. John Co., Scotland Supply Co., Z. V. Pate, J. H. O'Brien, A. P. Smith.

FARMS AND FARM PROPERTY, U. S. REPORT 1900 COMPARED TO 1910.

	1910	1900
Number of farms	1,489	1,080
Average acres per farm	83.9	118.0
Average improved acres per farm	42.1	
Value of all farm property	\$7,163,109.	\$2,417,729
Per Cent increase in farm property	190.3	
Average value of land per acre	\$44.82	\$13.75
Average value all property per farm	\$4,811	\$2,238

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

Value of all crops	\$2,637,043	
Value of cereals	306,460	
Value of vegetables	156,110	
Cotton	23,597 bales	Apples 2,041 bu.
Corn	287,611 bu.	Peaches 6,172 bu.
Oats	28,874 bu.	Nuts 1,225 lbs.
Potatoes, sweet	40,948 bu.	
Potatoes, Irish	3,324 bu.	

Rye	605 bu.
Hay and forage	1,651 tons
Cane, syrup	1,282 gal.

LIVE STOCK AND LIVE STOCK PRODUCTS.

	Total number.
Value of domestic animals	\$498,444
Value of cows	43,777 1,676
Value of horses	88,300 663
Value of mules	337,836 2,092
Value of hogs	28,272 6,028
Dairy cows reported	713
Milk produced, gallons	224,006
Butter produced, pounds	65,113
Poultry raised	56,976
Eggs produced, dozen	87,768
Value of poultry and eggs	40,067
Honey produced, pounds	4,108

HOW SCOTLAND COUNTY RANKS WITH OTHER COUNTIES OF THE STATE.

1st in the per acre production of cotton, producing more than two bales of cotton to every man, woman and child, both white and colored, in the county.

1st in the production of cantaloupes and watermelons, shipping more than 1,100 cars the past season.

1st in the production of asparagus.

It is the most productive county in relation to size of any county in the United States, the yield being \$42.02 per acre.

4th in number of bales of cotton produced.

10th in number of bushels of corn grown per acre.

24th in value of vegetables produced.

31st in number of bushels of oats produced.

56th in number of bushels of corn produced.

57th in number of uncultivated acres of land.

67th in number of bushels of sweet potatoes produced.

68th in number of tons of hay and forage produced.

73rd in number of bushels of wheat produced.

94th in number of cattle per 1M acres of land, having 8.

95th in number of bushels of Irish potatoes produced.

SCOTLAND COUNTY.

Scotland County is located in the south-central part of North Carolina, bordering South Carolina, in the Piedmont Plateau. The County was formed in 1900 at which time there was a population of 12,533, in 1910 there were 15,363 inhabitants showing a gain of 2,810 or 22.4 per cent.

The County represents two distinct sections, the Sandhill and Flatwood region, which bear a striking contrast to each other and the line of separation is distinct. In passing from the Flatwood to the Sandhill sections there is a rise of from 6 to 8 feet and the surface becomes rolling to hilly, the unevenness being the result of the erosive action of streams.

The climate is fairly mild and equable, being suitable for the growing of a wide range of crops. The temperature seldom reaches 100 degrees F. or drops to zero, average annual temperature 61 degrees F. Mean annual precipitation 51.0 inches, evenly distributed throughout the year. The date of the first killing frost in the Fall is about November 2nd and the last in the Spring about April 10th, giving a long growing season for a wide range of crops, about 208 days, with two and three crops grown on the same land.

The soils of the Sandhill section vary from the coarse sandy to medium sandy while those of the Flatwood section vary from the sandy loam to the coarse sand and the red clay loam with a sandy to clayey subsoil. Along some of the larger streams where the swamp is broad and flat the soil is composed principally of organic matter of a dark brown color.

Agriculture has developed very rapidly since the formation of the County and is one of the leading counties of the State in the up-to-date character of its agriculture. Cotton, corn, cantaloupes, asparagus and watermelons are the money crops of the county. Indigo was grown at one time, a small acreage to the growing of wheat, oats, rye, grass and sorghum is used but peanuts, sweet and Irish potatoes are making better yields each year and will soon play an important part of the industry of the County. Unlimited opportunities in the trucking business.

Scotland County is one of the largest cantaloupe producing counties of the United States, on account of its superior flavor and the excellent shipping facilities, it is commanding fancy prices on northern markets.

In 1908 a total of 1,000 carloads were shipped during the season. The watermelon also brings in good returns for its fruit.

With the exception of Lumber River, Joes Creek and Bridge Creek, the drainage of the County is accomplished by Gum Swamp, Juniper, Jordans, Big Shoe Heel and Little Shoe Heel Creeks, all of which flow south and into either Lumber River or Little Pee Dee River. Water power has been developed on several creeks for running mills.

Laurinburg, county seat, with a population of about 3,500 is located a little south-east of the central part of the County. Three cotton mills, cotton seed oil products plants, window and screen and other lumber plants are located here. At Laurel Hill, another good town, are located 3 cotton mills, making a total of 6 cotton mills in the County with capital invested \$682,920; 56,568 spindles and a yearly estimated output of \$802,998. Other thriving towns, Wagram, Johns, Hasty, Laurel Hill and Old Hundred, numerous sidings for shipping cantaloupes, and watermelons are located along the different railroad lines.

The railroad facilities of Scotland County are good, being served by the Seaboard Air Line, The Atlantic Coast Line and the Laurinburg and Southern. The Seaboard which crosses the county from Hamlet to Wilmington via Laurinburg gives the county ready connection by way of either of these points for northern markets, other points in the county have practically as good connection.

There is rural free delivery of mail and telephones in almost every section of the county. Good schools and churches. Of an enrollment of children of school age in the county, 5,681, there are 3,055 attending school or 53.8 per cent.

The forest area of the County consists of longleaf pine, red and white oak, hickory, dogwood, black and sweet gum, and other species of hardwood timbers.

Scotland County has an approximate land area of 223,360 acres, of which about 28.1 per cent is improved or cultivated land, leaving an uncultivated area of 71.9 per cent. There are 1,489 farms in the County of which 368 are operated by owners, 1,113 by tenants and 8 by managers.