

# Roster Of Prominent Men 50 Years Ago

## Smallwood Recalls Names Of Leaders In County History

(Spending about eight years in Williamston during the eighties, Mr. Chas. Smallwood, was impressed by the personages of the period, and only recently he recalled the names of many of those ole-timers who figured prominently in the history of the county and section. Most of those whose names appear below have gone on to their reward, but a few are still with us. The roster carries brief identifications as recalled by Mr. Smallwood.—Ed.)

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**Young Men of the Town**  
Henry Williams, Dickerer in Plugs.

Joseph Lanier, Clerk, bookkeeper, sheriff of county.

William Cherry, Chief drayman.

Daniel D. Simmons, Bookkeeper, lumberman.

Walter Clemons, Clerk, died young at Battle Creek, Mich.

Joseph H. Everett, Clerk, stock and bond broker in New York City.

Sam Newberry, Liveryman.

Nick Moberly, Merchant.

William H. Carstarphen, II, Clerk.

James Carstarphen, Horses.

Wheeler Martin, Lawyer, U. S. Internal Revenue Collector for North Carolina.

Lan Ewell, Jeweler.

## FARMERS WAREHOUSE PROPRIETORS



Undergoing a change this season, the personnel of the Farmers Warehouse, Williamston, is stronger and better able to serve the farmer of this section than ever before. Edward Corey, pictured above in the center, succeeds Holt Evans who has withdrawn from the market to carry on operations in this and other states. The other two proprietors, long at the helm, are Messrs. Leaman Barnhill, left, and Joe Moye, right.

Dr. Ed Ewell, Physician.

William A. Ellison, Clerk, railroad agent.

Samuel H. Ellison, Clerk, railroad office.

John Harrell, Chief of police.

William H. Harrell, Clerk, later Dr. Harrell.

Harry W. Stubbs, Lawyer, orator.

State House and Senate for quarter of century.

Lee Edwards, Farmer.

Larry Johnson, Went to Texas.

Wigg Watts, Clerk, Postmaster.

farmer.

Joseph Goddard, Clerk, first banker of county.

Arch Cofield, Went to Texas, became mayor of his town.

Jim Roberson, Clerk, merchant.

Kenneth Roberson, Clerk, merchant.

Luke Roberson, Clerk, farmer, deputy sheriff.

Henry Hardison, Clerk, lumberman, merchant.

Pat Gardner, Clerk.

John Nicholls, Clerk, killed accidentally and buried on island of

Samoa.

Lamb Nowell, Went to Baltimore.

Charlie Watson, Williamston's first telegraph operator.

"Our" Horton, Williamston's second telegraph operator.

"Pet" Riddick, Policeman, professional hunter.

Claude Keith, Clerk, hotel operator, Mate on Steamer "Plymouth".

Arthur Keith, Blacksmith.

Augustus Goddard, Clerk.

Walter Anderson, Clerk, later

leading merchant.

Arthur (Lad) Anderson, Clerk, later leading merchant.

Joe Mizelle, Clerk, merchant.

Mr. Ward, Liveryman.

**Reputable and Well Known Colored Citizens**

Gus Johnson, Farmer, livery stables.

Peter Hassell, Able carpenter.

John Hassell, Able carpenter.

Buck Crews, Able and trustworthy general worker.

Tone Bagley, Irreconcilable Democrat. Thrived on his good standing "mongst his white-folks"

"Young" Tone, Went to the Yankees, pulled their pockets, rebuilt old Tone's home for him, but could not re-build his politics.

George Whitley, Faithful "helper" to the S. R. Biggs family unto death.

Sylvester Whitley, J. D. Biggs and Company's drayman for years.

Harmond Hassell, An accommodating "cuss", free from guile.

Willis Slight, Plasterer.

Riley Heath, Proprietor Whit-Folks barber shop and oyster saloon.

Ben Spruill, General "helper" about town.

"Red" Dick, Poor old Dick, never sober long enough to know he'd ever been drunk. Let's hope that made him irresponsible.

Isom and Isaac, Twins in birth, twins in life, twins in daily strife, at cleaning barroom floors, occasionally sober.

Jerry Long, Trustworthy "helper" about town.

Jim and Tom Bagley, General workers and haulers, dependable in all that they did. (I think they were twin brothers.)

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