THE ENTERPRISE **Tobacco** Edition August, 1942. **Old Story Tells About Williamston In The Year 1860** Brink Of River Hill Pany, and across the railroad, the Roanoke-Dixie Warehouse, Sinclair filling station, vacant store, Farmers Pays Fitting Tribute To Memory Of The **Trailer Thresher** Solves A Problem Was Center Of Town Washington. Across the street from Late Elder C. B. Hassell Of Williamston The "trailer thresher," light in weight and an "all crop" machine, is helping to solve farm problems, the By CHAS. SMALLWOOD Doctor Alonzo Hassell; and I may church, state or business, and the say, foster-father to my own Mr. spirit of the first, was always found Evans' stables is the Williamston Ma-When I first began visiting Wil-liamston as a child, Mr. Cushing U. S. Department of Agriculture re-There Was No West chine Works and on the corner of Washington and Haughton Streets is Samuel Romulus Biggs. For in Mr. mingling with matters of the other Now, almost forty years after the ports, in areas where "one crop story was written and printed, the old land marks have again been lost Biggs Hassell was yet among the living, though I have no direct rec-ing hand, Mr. Biggs grew from boyfarming has been the rule, another filling station. Continuing out Washington Street are Buck's though farmers recognized it as a ing hand, Mr. Biggs grew from boy-His earthly remains lie "sleeping" Main Street Until in history, many here today know ollection of him. When I went there bad rule. Designed by TVA engin nood to a manhood of which, at least on the edge of the heather at old beer place, Paul Auto Supply store, Dixie Motors, Colored cafe, Carolina Fairly Late Years as little about the physical features of the town in 1902 as they know about the town as it was back in eers, the new machine makes it practical to diversify by growing to live, not so many years later, he i myself, would be proud to be alike. And when I went to William-Skewarkey grounds, where he so had departed for the higher sphere warehouse, the remainder of the street being lined with homes and often lifted his life's voice in rightof continuous life among all reap-ers for good deeds done during their small acreages of various crops that would not be profitable without this ston to live, and until the "big fire" ousness, and the epitaph on the converted it also to a memory, Mr. modest stone standing there reads: Sacred to the Memory of business firms, including the old In her article, Miss Thrower stataid in harvesting. C. B. Hassell's big store building, the Article Written Forty Years stables that once stood where the bus station is now located, the old By acting together in buying a

Ago By the Late Miss **Hattie Thrower**

While there may be a few discrep ancies in the facts, an article written, presumably by the late Miss Hattie Thrower, in 1902, offers a warkye and then back to what is fairly good picture of the town of now the main road to Everetts, makfairly good picture of the town of Williamston in 1860. The story, found in the State library files, is reprinted from the November 14, 1902, edition of The Enterprise as follows: In the year 1860 the corporate lim

its of the town were stretched no further from the river hill than the street crossing Main above J. K. Carstarphen's residence. This street was then a county road. The Episco pal Rectory stood in a field the only house above the home of Elder C. B. Hassell on Main Street.

The Staton residence, combining architectural design with beauty of finish, was situated on the lot now occupied by the Slade home, and marked the limits of the town in the Northwest. This whole section was a grove of magnificent oaks, presenting a very different appearance from now. That part of the town known as "New Town" occupied the same space as at present. The most and the Welcome Inn Cafe. The brick same space as at present. The most noticeable residence in this part be-ing that of Duggan's built in 1849 by Mr. Friely Moore. The business houses were of small dimensions, that of Elder C. B. Hassell, a large three-story building, was the largest and stood on the corner now occupied by J. H. Ellison and Co. The only brick building was on the lot now occupied by N. S. Peel and Co. Tobe Watts' death, N. S. Peel bought the built two stores, the first two stories being of brick. Following Mr. In this was kept a general mer-chandise store by John C. Lamb who raised the first company of volun-teers in the county. He was promot-ed to the office of Colonel of the 17th Regiment, and gave up his life for the Confederate cause.

Mr. Amelick Williams in the building now occupied by T. C. Cook and Mr. Doctrin W. Bagley in a store situated on his residence lot, were two of the most prominent occupied a building (since burned) situated on the present site. The merchants went to New York

to purchase goods-frequently driving to Plymouth, and taking a steamer to Franklin, thence by rail to the North. This was considered quite a journey. Goods were brought by sailing vessels. The vessels went North laden with shingles and naval stores. Three of the prominent of these were the "Alice Gibson" own-ed by Henry P. Gobson, the "Mar-tha Moore" and "Coenine" owned by Messrs. F. and G. Moore. These vessels were built at the shipyard

Capt. Lafayette Thrower.

ed the town limits stretched no fur-ther than J. K. Carstarphen's corner. The location referred to is now Elm Street. There were two big posts standing in the middle of the street, marking the end. Traffic to and from Everetts moved to the left and on out the Washington Road to Skespeak. The Episcopal rectory refer-red to stood where the Standard station is now located on Main and Haughton Streets. The rectory was

moved some years ago to make room for the station. The Staton residence referred to was located about where the J. D. Woolard home is now on Academy Street. It is understood that the Staton home was burned by the Yan-kees during the Civil War. but oth-

ers say that it was destroyed when a lamp turned over and fired the building. The Duggan home in New Town is the same one occupied by the Godards on Marshall Avenue. Elder Hassell's store referred to was located on the corner of Main and Smithwick Streets, covering the lots now occupied by the Alpha building was located where Virginia Electric and Power Com-pany now has its offices. The structure was brick to the second story and finished in wood. It was burned in 1883 and another store was built there and later burned. B. B. Watts then built two stores, the first two

iness about where the Courtney Furniture store is now located, and Doctrin W. Bagley operated a store about where the Presbyterian Church now stands on the corner of Main and Watts Streets. Diagonally across the street Capt. John Lanier operated a long one-story store where the Hortons now live. The W. H. Car-starphen store was on the lot corner merchants. Capt. John Lanier occu-pied a store in the corner of his of Main and Smithwick Streets where yard which was removed just a few years ago. W. H. Carstarphen Miss Thrower did not mention it Miss Thrower did not mention it, but the old Joe Biggs building, a large two-story wooden structure built about 1810 and which saw the town around it burn up, was located on the corner of Main and Smither to Franklin, thence by rail to the wick Streets where the old Martin

by Messrs. F. and G. Moore. These vessels were built at the shipyard about a mile above the wharf on the Bertie shore. A trade with the West Indies was carried on by these ves-ing westward on the north side, one sels, cargoes of salt and molasses being given in exchange for naval torse Two steepensor of the side stores. Two steamers came up the river-daily-the "John G. Styles," Capt. Moore and the "Alice of Windacross Smithwick Street, the Geo.

Hand Made Furniture shop, Jenkins garage, Standard filling station, Texaco filling station, Williamston Peanut Company's factory and across the railroad the Farmville-Wood-ward Lumber Co. plant. Across the street is the colored school. Traveling back toward the main business center, one finds on the corner of Sycamore and Washington Streets the Red Front grocery, Dr. Early's office, Brown's grocery, colored cafe, old tin shop, Gulf filling station, Such a man was the father of such Farmers Warehouse. On across the railroad are, Moore's Grocery, auto license bureau and Chamber of Commerce office, Williamston Motor Co

ommunity barber shop, J. Lawrence Peel's jewelry store, Roanoke Chev-rolet garage and Eastern Bond and Mortgage Co. On the corner of Haughton and Main Streets is a Standard filling here and there over the town.

ure into two story brick stores. Amelick Williams in 1860 did bus

earthly short sojourn. That his re-wards were of angelic, multitudinous, and righteous hue, lingering earthly associates held no doubt; as evidenced, not so much by words, as by expressions of countenance, whenever being reminded of him. He was preacher, teacher, states-man, author, merchant, humanitarian, and Martin County's greatest citizen. His ministerial devotion to his God, his church, and his people

it 'mongst his every-day deeds. Such a man was the father of such worthy scions as Elder Sylvester Hassell, Mr. Walter Hassell, and

station, and on out South Haughton Street, are a doctor's office, Marco Theatre, another filling station, the A.C.L. railroad station, and Martin

niggest in town, stood on a corner of Main and Smithwick Streets, a si ient sentry to his life's duty of bread

making among his fellow-man. And to so make, in fairness to his fellows, as to leave them heralders of his goodness, is the Christian spir it the world so greatly needs to

Eliminate greed (hard bargains) from all transactions of this life, and there will be no man-made mis ery in this world; and "hand-outs" from Heaven will be only for deeds well done and the antithesis of mis-

Mr. Cushing Biggs Hassell's bread ymbolic of the above. Elder Hassell, as most folk chose

to be-speak him, was know through-be served his generation according dust, and his spirit to God who world outside, be it of touch with fell asleep in Jesus. dust and his spirit to God who happy reunion beyond the grave.

Elder Cushing B. Hassell Born Febember 14, 1809 Died April 11, 1880

honest man of business, a zealous boatriot, an active patron of educa-of an automobile it can be moved ovthe New Testament, showing him-self a pattern of good works, and

adorning the doctrine of God our making was virtually a "bread-breaking" with his fellow-man, and methodical, calm. temperate, conciliatory, reverant of Divine things, and full of faith, hope and charity,

thresher, 25 neighbor farmers in the Claxton Community, Anderson County, Tennessee, were able to thresh small fields of grain at small A kind husband, a wise and lov-ing father, a steadfast friend, an cost. The baby thresher is mounted

batriot, an active patron of educa-tion, beloved pastor of the Primitige Baptist Churches at Skewarkey and Spring Green, esteemed moderator of the Kehukee Association, and an iccurate historian of the Church of Christ he was for forty years a Christ, he was for forty years a with a mover and raked with a most able and faithful minister of dump rake often include rocks and roots that ruin cylinders with rigid parts

Martin farmers have no trailer threshers, but there are quite a few regular harvesters

He resigned his body to its mother

HOW THE New War **Conservation** Order **Effects Telephone Service** -0

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The goods displayed by the mer-chants were calicoes, 10 cents the yard. French calicoes, 15 cents the yard; ginghams, organdies, silk tis-vard; ginghams, org sues, bereges, etc. The materials lishing Company, Pittman's Clean-were not so different from those of ers, Williamston Cafe, Nat Israel's

the present day only in quality. Mails were carried through the country—the route through here ex-Zemon's bargain place, Guaranty Zemon's bargain place, Guaranty Bank and Trust Company, Western tended from Halifax to Plymouth. Auto Store, old Peoples Drug Store People received mail once or twice a week. The political situation was discussed as portrayed in the Ral-eigh Sentinel and Richmond Exam-Woolard Hardware Co., Branch Banking and Trust Company, Watts Theatre, Clark's Pharmacy, old

eigh Sentinel and Richmond Exam-iner. The Bar was represented by Jesse Stubbs, William Eborn, Asa Biggs, and Col. Caraway. Hon. Patrick Win-Gilliam, of Edenton, were the most Crossing the street at that point ston, of Windsor, and Sudge the most Gilliam, of Edenton, were the most prominent lawyers attending court will find today: the Central Filling will find today: the Central Filling

at that time. The court house and jail which stood at the brink of the river hill marked the center of the town at a still earlier period. The medical fra-ternity was represented by Drs. Halsey and Yates. Halsey and Yates. ternity was repr Halsey and Yates.

ternity was represented by Drs, Halsey and Yates. The Episcopal and Methodist Churches were the only ones in town. A large number of the citi-zens were Primitive Baptists and worshipped at Skewarkee as now. Rev. Alfred Watson, who is now Bishop of East Carolina, was Rector of the Episcopal Church. He lived at Plymouth, and frequently walk-ed the entire distance. The Metho-dist pastor was Rev. Mr. Chaffin. Elder C. B. Hassell was pastor at Skewarkee. Two good schools flourished in

Skewarkee. Two good schools flourished in the town. The Male Academy at the present building and the Female Academy in which is now Mrs. Alex Smith's residence. Prof. Chase, of Vermont, was principal of the Male Academy. Northern women were employed to teach as it was consid-ered degrading for a Southern wo-man to do any work outside of the home. Boys studied Greek and Latin and other colleges. The girls were usually sent to Salem, Greensboro, St. Mary's and Murfreesboro.

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