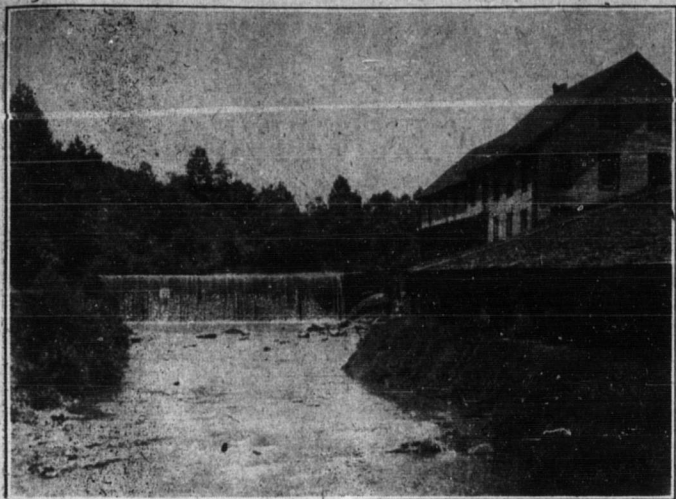


First Home of Chatham Company



Located on the banks of Big Elkin Creek in a frame building was the original home of the Chatham Manufacturing Company, which has now grown into one of the nation's leading industries. The picture above, which shows the plant, reminds one of a roller mill rather than the home of an industry that was designed to grow to its present great size and importance. The plant stood where the old Shoe Factory building now stands.

British Once Plundered Coast  
Of State, Old Letter Reveals

By GERTRUDE S. CARRAWAY.

New Bern. —Spanish attacks off the coast of North Carolina have been accorded frequent publicity in recent years, as have the British battles in the state during the revolutionary war and the union campaign during the war between the states, but it is not generally known that another "foreign invasion" of North Carolina took place 126 years ago during the war of 1812 when British landed at Ocracoke and nearby Portsmouth and "plundered the island of 200 head of cattle, 400 sheep and 1,600 fowls of various kinds."

An account of this invasion is carried in the newspaper, "Aurora" printed at Philadelphia Tuesday, August 10, 1813, as reprinted from the Baltimore "Patriot." It quotes liberally from a detailed statement to the affair written by Thomas S. Singleton, of New Bern, lawyer and legislator of note, in reply to a letter from Governor William Hawkins requesting information.

Photostatic copies of this newspaper have just been presented by A. B. Andrews, attorney and historian of Raleigh, to the New Bern Public library and the North Carolina historical commission.

The story follows, in part, under the heading, "British Marauding": "We hold it a duty to present to our readers, as we find opportunity, sketches of the unprincipled proceedings of the enemy . . . In North Carolina, the same wanton destruction of property, the same unfeeling aggravation of the common calamities of war, have taken place, as in Virginia, and in the places in this state, which have been subjected to his ravages.

"In answer to a letter from his excellency William Hawkins, requesting particular information on this subject, Thomas E. Singleton, esq., of New Bern, has given a detailed statement of the affair at Ocracoke. The following embraces the principal facts:

"On the 11th inst. a fleet under the command of Cockburn, consisting of one 74, three frigates, one brig and three schooners, was discovered at nine o'clock at night, off Ocracoke Bar. The revenue cutter got under way with the money and custom-house bonds belonging to the office, at daylight.

"The barges started from the fleet, at the time the cutter weighed anchor. The first eleven came in regular order, until nearly within reach of the shot of the privateer brig Anaconda, and the letter of marque Atlas. They separated then, and hauled off under the edge of Ocracoke, waiting the arrival, slowly approached the vessels, firing their 12 lb. carronades, and several of their Congreve rockets, without effect.

"The Anaconda and Atlas began firing; but it was of short duration, for they had but, one 11 men and the other 30; and the enemy had not less than 3000 inside the bar and crossing. The crews of the vessels took to their boats and mostly escaped. The captain of the Atlas kept on board, and continued firing at the enemy, after all his men had left him.

"Several of the barges kept on in pursuit of the cutter, without stopping to board the prizes, thinking, as they afterwards said, that if they had taken her, they should have prevented information reaching Newbern. She very narrowly escaped, crowding all sail, and cutting away her long boat. After pursuing her eight or ten miles through the Sound, they gave up the chase and returned.

"Several hundred men were landed at Portsmouth and as many at Ocracoke. Among those at Portsmouth were 300 regulars of the 102nd regiment, under Colonel Napier, and 400 marines and sail-

ors. They had field pieces, but did not land them.

"At both the places mentioned there was the most wanton, cruel and savage destruction of property—furniture of all kinds split and broken to pieces, beds ripped open and the feathers scattered—women and children robbed of their clothing—and many little children left without a second suit to their backs.

"Mr. Singleton's office was broken open, and every paper they could find, public and private, destroyed—the books in his library they stole all but the law books, which they tore in pieces. They plundered the island of 200 head of cattle, 400 sheep and 1,600 fowls of various kinds, for which they pretended to pay.

"They paid," said Mr. Singleton, "\$1,600 for the above articles, which is about half the value of the cattle. This was done, no doubt, to acquire the reputation of a generous enemy without deserving it."

"Mr. Singleton was ordered on board the Sceptre, and remained two days, during which he was well treated. At the expiration of this time, he was turned adrift on the ocean, with four Spaniards, in a small boat, all unacquainted with the bar. They narrowly escaped being lost on the breakers.

"On the 6th the enemy hoisted sail and stood to sea. The inhabitants being much alarmed, a number endeavored to escape from the island, among whom were a Mr. Richard Carey and his family. He got into his boat with his wife and children, and was ordered back by a party of soldiers.

"He was about obeying; but being slow in his motions (he being a decrepid old man) one of the soldiers fired on him and wounded him in the breast, but mortally, it is supposed. The admiral told him (as he told the rest), 'point out the man who did it, and he shall be corrected,' well knowing it was impossible to identify any one in such a number of strangers.

"Other letters state, that his excellency was about selecting a site for a fort near Ocracoke Inlet—that forces were daily arriving—that they were in high spirits and fine order—that it is intended to erect a fort at Beaver island if practicable. The light horse from Raleigh were to return, but the volunteers and militia remain for some time.

"At Wilmington, there were five gun boats in order, ready for action, anchored below the town. A battery had been mounted, to annoy an approaching enemy; and in addition to their uniform companies of artillery, infantry, cavalry and militia, there were also expected momentarily a company of horse and another of riflemen."

Didn't Feel Well

Jimmie—I can't go to school today, Mother. I don't feel well.  
Mother—Where is it you don't feel well?

Jimmie—in school.

Leaves Turn Red

Playfoot—Why do the leaves all turn red in the fall?  
Tyto—I don't know, unless they're blushing over how green they were all summer.

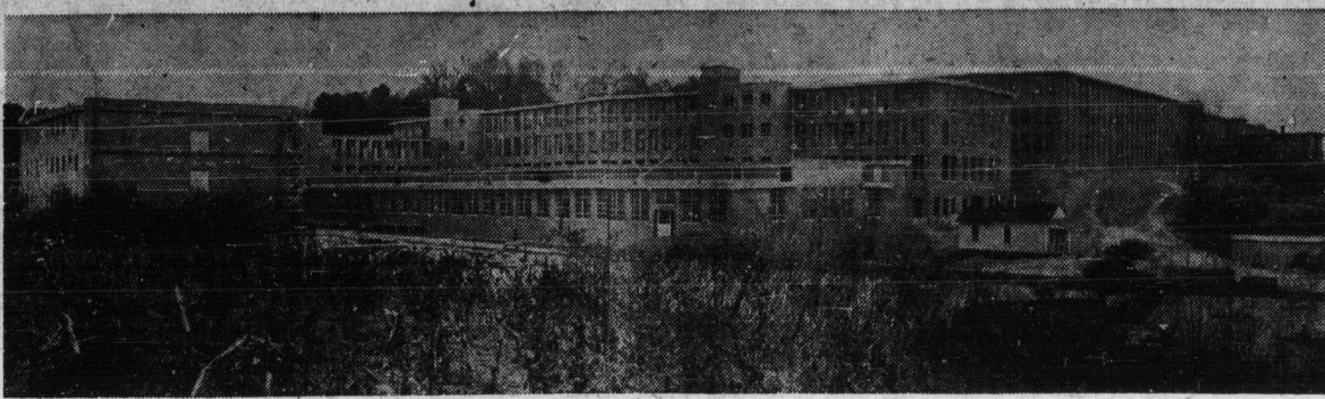
Last Resort

Elwood—Daddy, what's a court of last resort?  
Daddy—Courting an old maid, my boy.

His Indigestion

Doctor—Where in the world did you get such a terrible case of indigestion?  
Patient—My wife tried to hold my love through my stomach.

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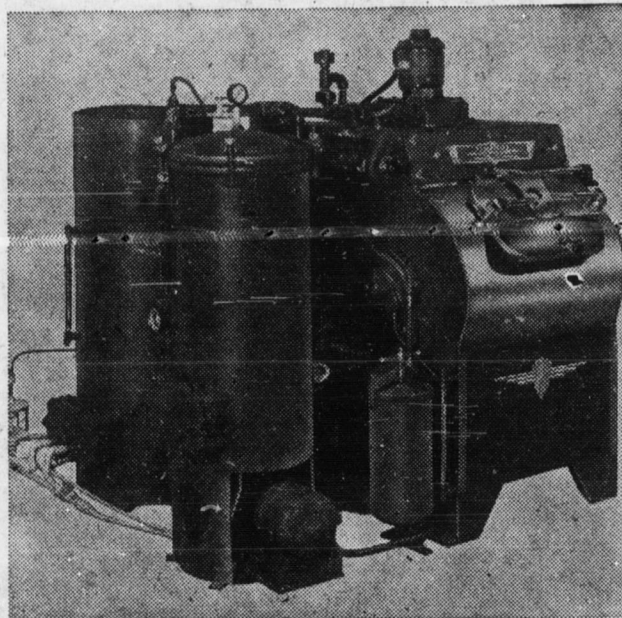
To Chatham Mfg. Co. Employees

Extending a welcome to the new Elkin employees of Chatham Manufacturing Co. is a pleasure indeed, for we are always interested in anything that makes for the growth and betterment of our town and community. It is a real step of progress, and our citizens rejoice in the knowledge that the officials of the Chatham company are also interested in the welfare of the people here, which is shown by the recent decision to move the finishing plant back to Elkin, thus adding a considerable number to our population and in the meantime contributing materially to an increased local payroll. We welcome the new addition to the plant here, and extend a most hearty welcome to those who will operate it. When we may be of service in any manner, feel free to call upon us.

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