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By Geo. S. Mabry, Principal of the Graham Colored School, Commissioner for the color-ed people of Alamance county.

LOCATION, NAME, &C.

Alamance County is situated on the eastern edge of the Picdmont section of the State of North Carolina, about midway between Cape Hatteras on the eastern coast, and the Smoky mountains on the western line of the State of North Carolina. The county takes its name, probably of Indian origin, from one of its streams, which also gives name to the first ection factory in North Car-olina, built more than fifty years ago by the late Edwin M. Holt, father of the noted family of Holts, now the eading men of this section in agriculture and manufacturing. In the southwest part of the county, near the Guilford county line, south from this stream, stands a monument erected in 1880 by patriotic citizens of the county to commemorate the "Battle of Alamance" fought there (then Orange county) May 10, 1771, between the Americans calling themselves "Regulators," patriots under Herman Husbands, and the King's Tory soldiers under Gov. Tryon.

Alamance county was formed in 1848 from territory of Orange county. It is bounded on the north by Caswell the south by Chatham and on the west by Guilford. Its shape is an oblong square, 33 miles from north to south and about 20 miles from enst to west.

PRINCIPAL RIVER AND TOPOGRAPHY.

The water of Haw river, its principal stream, enters the county from corner, and it has a general direction to the southeast corner of the county. In the northern part of the county are very high hills (locally) callin the southern part of the county re several more still higher hills (locally) called Bass, Cane Creek and the Buckingham mountains. They extend southward into Chatham and westward into Raudolph and Guilford counties.

TIMBERS AND MINERALS.

In these mountain sections are great quantities of oak, hickory, poplar, gum, cedar and other tim-Livery, Sale AND Feed bers of original growth. These lands, like other lands in several places in the county; can be bought very up, as compared with other there is a constantly increasing demand for these timbers. Beneath the surface, and in many places visible to the eye, are great quantities of building stone, water whet- Chapel, Rock Creek, Spring Dale, stone quarries which are being dereloped, and, also potter's clay mines which pay well though they are worked only on a small scale. Recently new sawing and dressing machinery have been placed in the whetstone quarry, and a great number of whetstones are shipped, ready for use, to distant places. This several valuable city and town lots county is in the section of good oak with good houses upon the same. and hickory printeval terests, but Some of the more industrious and there is scarcely any pine timber economical own from two to five lots

ing purposes. CHIEF TOWNS. Graham is the county seat. It is healthfully and beautifully situated in the central part of the county two miles west from the Haw river. It has a well arranged and commodious court house, situated in a public square as is situated the State Capitol at Raleigh. Population, 1,600. The town is named in honor of Ex-Gov. William A. Graham, one of North Carolina's most distinguished sons, and her greatest counselor in the State and national affairs. Burlington, which until a few years ago, was only known as the N. C. R. R. Company Shops, is the largest town. Population about 3,000. Occupation-manufacturing cotton cloth, &c., the same as Gra-

CLIMATE AND MINERAL SPRINGS.

The climate is very healthy and salubrious. Good springs and wells of healthful drinking water abound in every section. There are many springs whose waters have been analyzed by competent chemists, and the medicinal qualities of the good for various chronic ailments. The Cicero Thompson Springs, near the Orange county line, are the most roted.

Small game are plentiful. Rahhits were never so plentiful in a section of country where they are ad-mired and hunted for foreign and domestic markets. Any amount of poultry is shipped to great markets beyond the State.

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AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS.

The products of the soil are many and varied. Cern, wheat, oats and rve, in the order here given, seem to be the leading farm products, and they are generally grown throughout this section, but tobacco, and such market vegetables as cabbage, beans onions, turnips, green corn and many varieties of fruits, green and dried, seem to be the ready money crops, and they are in great demand in this, North Carolina's manufacturing centre, by the operatives of the mills and the attendant population, and the farmer in remote sections from the factories, is trying to adapt himself to the new conditions, as it were, by supplying the demands of the factory and town population. The colored people are generally engaged in the occupation of the respective localities in which they live, except in the technical work in the factories.

COTTON MILLS.

Haw river and its local tributaries in Alamance county abound in great water-power sites, which are nearly all utilized to turn the vast machinery to spin, or weave cotton and woolen cloth. There are twenty-two mills in Alamance county, county, on the east by Orange, on about equally divided between water and steam motive power. Several of the older mills are being enlarged to meet the increasing demand for their products, while three or four new ones are in course of greed around these mills is or no colored persons employed the west side, near the northwest other than to fire engines, cut wood, heave coal, or to drive teams and to man freight-boats on the river. The white laborers are being induced to leave the farms to engage in ed Stony Creek mountains. They mill work and other vocations. Their farms are going to wreck, covered with young trees, affording burrows for rabbits and other game. Such depopulated sections will continue, or else the farms must be counted and managed by new laborers, later by new owners.

THE NEGRO'S OPPORTUNITY.

Right here is an inviting opportunity for the negro to get the right kind of foothold so as to wield a and bought for themselves small tions of country. They will sell for farm-lots and are farmishing much more in a few years hence, as them with the comforts of life, in the following localities of Alamance county : Mehane Academy section. Wood's Chapel, Cedar Cliff, Maxie's MeBroom's Chapel, Snipestown, Back Creek, Green Level, Clover River settlements. Also, colored people own some very valuable farms and lots just outside the limits of the towns of Graham, Burlington, Elon College and Mebane, as well as suitable for building or manufactur- in towns. The future progress ing purposes. of our rare in this immediate section, and extend a cordial invitation to members of our race living in remote sections of States north, south or west of us, where it is im- pensation. possible, generally speaking, to buy land, to come and settle with us. Come to Alamance county and buy you a small or large lot of land cheap for cash, or on easy time payments. We can truthfully and cheerfully bid you come without fear of personal violence, as conditions which use to exist do not now obtain. The two races get along together very well, and will continue to get on well so long as the better classes of both mees appreciate the fact that public opinion will hold them responsible for unusual infractions of the peace of the community by the more vicious classes.

PROPERTY, SCHOOLS AND CHURCHES. The returns to the Regsiter of of colored church property, \$30,000. Total number of ordained ministers, 23. Licentiates, 35. Several of the ty is 20,000 inhabitants; whites, churches. Their ranking ministers Holt, Messis L. Banks Holt, Jaz. H.

A Sketch of Alamance County, N. C. 15,000, colored, 5,000. The whites are Revs. P. W. Wortham, A. Holt and the Messrs. Anderson and are mostly of German and Scotch-Stroud and R. S. Atkins. The Kirkpatrick. These men employ hundreds of colored labores during pears to be true everywhere else. In (Northern) have 3 churches. Their here. The Congregationalists have now of The Thomas M. Holt Manufac-Elen College. The Primitive Bap- their new mill (The Cora Manufact-Rev. W. E. Slade, Burlington, and organized colored Sabbath schools, labor, all under the supervision of a his school to accomplish a good Frank P. Chavi and Wiley D. Mayo, Mrs. Robinson and her sister, Miss Douglas, two aged but devoted missionaries, conduct the Congregais at Burlington, but owing to want ing house, we were shown over the of a settled policy for managing the new building in course of erection. school's interest, the school is a little back. Geo. S. Mabry was the ure. Mr. Rogers stated that they ed by Miss C. D. Siler.

OTHER OCCUPATIONS.

The colored people in the north-

ern part of the county are

commended the work.

generally engaged in the cultivain a high state of cultivation, than colored people, and as to the progress of the negro the general more barren. Some are finding this finding homes in localities more suited to wholesome family life. The few that were wise enough to leave the larger farms some years greatest opposers in the past: "Let ago, and bought and improved worn out lands, are now doing well. here and ready to do all that we can beneficial and approciative influence This much of the subject is written to build up our section and our bers of original growth. These lands, in the New Southland. A few to induce all colored people to buy country." colored people have embraced these for themselves a little piece of land, opportunities with great avidity if no more, where they can rear up terest and welfare of the negro. elever, christian, educated sons and daughters. Stop looking for a ship and county. And, while it is to take us to Africa. Prepare to live better lives in better homes in this country. Remember there is Oaks School, Melville Church, no lion in the bush. In other words prepare to meet little difficulties intelligently as a manly citizen, and some of the larger troubles will vanish. Of course truth is golden. We Garden, "Texas," and West Haw must be true ourselves. The negro as an individual has several fair opportunities to gain a fair living in this section, though in some instances his ability or rights are not fully appreciated. Still we have no desire to mention them here, as we already see the dawn of a brighter day; and, besides, we think it wrong to fret and worry our time away over such matters when we might be gaining something by labor and our people. We now appeal to those study. Come and join us to work out a higher destiny in a section where there is but little discrimination against the negro as to employment in skilled labor and fair com-

MONUMENTS TO SKILL AND LABOR.

The N. C. R. R., now operated by the Southern, divides the counfrom east to west. In the towns along this milrond and the Haw river are many noted buildings standing as monuments to negro skill and industry. The buildings are mostly of brick material. There are about 30 good colored bricklayers and ten tinners in this coun ty. Nearly all the brick and tin work is done by colored labor; also the blacksmith work and plaster-

Mr. Jno. W. Long, a brick builder and contractor, several years ago, foreseeing the good qualities of the negro as a skilled laborer, determin-Deeds show that colored people own ed to reap the benefits from such taxable property, personal and real, by accepting some colored youths to the value of \$85,618. Total as apprentices. That was the start, number of public schools, 80- and the good work goes on, and the whites, 55; colored, 25. Total white colored people are under many obpupils, 5,045; attendance, 2,565. ligations to Mr. Long, as he had the Total colored pupils, 2,317; atten- sense and the will to throw aside dance, 1,281. Average length of race prejudice, accept the condi-term for whites, 16.46 weeks. Av- tions then existing, and engage the erage length of term for colored. 14.64 services of the negro youth on equal weeks. Total value of colored school terms with skilled labor and pay property \$7,000. Total number him as the quality and the amount of colored churches, 40. Total value of his labor demanded. Mr. Long of colored church property, \$30,000. is still employing colored skilled labor. They are working on the new cotton mill of Mr. I. Banks ministers also engage in school Holt, in Graham, and the Erwin work. The Missionary Baptists cotton mill, at Durham, N. C. have 8 churches. Their ranking There are several other men in the ministers are Revs. Spencer Thomas, county who are well disposed to based on the census of 1890, the W. D. Hayden and S. Troxler, negro skilled and unskilled labor, emphasizes what we have all the entire population of Alamance coun- The A. M. E. Conference has 10 The most noted are Ex-Gov. T. M.

churches. Their ranking ministers the work seasons and pay them spot-are Revs. Geo. W. Dunn, (Graham), J. H. McBroom, C. F. Ray and to the store business' in vogue in T. J. Levister. The Presbyterians several other sections, are unknown

ranking ministers are Revs. M. G. We had the pleasure of a talk Hoskins and W. A. Scott (Melane) with Mr. B. S. Robertson, Secretary 3 churches. Minister in charge, turing Company, Haw River (this Rev. A. Peden, Oaks, N. C. The county). He informed us that Lutherans have 3 churches. Min- they were employing colored labor ister, Rev. G. Washington Holt, entirely to do the brick work on tists have 3 churches. Ministers, uring Company) which will be 3 stories high. That their work was Isaac Faucett. There are about 60 not done by contract, but by day The leading schools for colored peo-ple are Mebane Academy, under ander Rogers, of Graham. He stat-Rev. M. G. Hoskins, who seems to ed further, that several of the brick be making an honest effort to have layers and plasterers, among them work. Graham colored school, un- had been working for their firm under Geo. S. Mabry, "common der different contractors for several school teacher," who with his assistan's, respectively, Mrs. E. J. well, and that their general conduct Mabry, Misses R. M. Ochiltree and was unquestionably good and any Alice Freeland, have been working report from this section not naming unceasingly summer and winter for or pointing out their work, would five years to raise the standard be very defective in the way of notabove the ordinary village school, ing the progress of the negro since

1865. At noontide we met Mr. Wm. Alex. Rogers, and after partaking tional school at Oaks for colored of a good dinner with him in the youths. The largest colored school colored department of a white boardlast principal (spring, 1895), as dist-ed by Miss C. D. Siler. Visitors and that if any white or colored and that if any white or colored journeymen called for work they were given a day's trial and then their pay was determined ac-

cordingly. The factory buildings warehouses, stores and substantial palatial restion of tobacco. The land is idences in this section, are grand evidences of negro skill, industry, but is generally owned by other and of his progress since the war passing through the perilous days of "Reconstruction" with nothing but condition is somewhat lower than his dwarfed intellect to guide the other sections where the lands are physical body and the soul, to bring more barren. Some are finding this success out of nothing, against unto be true in their old age and are told opposition and difficulties; worshipping and thanking his God for liberty, mercy and salvation; saying to those who have been his by gones be by gones. We are

This article is dedicated to the invery imperfect in several respects, the failure to secure the united sympathy and the necessary aid in such a cause, and the limited time for such a task, is my excuse for its short coming.

We close with a hope that our efforts may even slightly encourage the youths of this county to exert themselves to do more and better to help the cause of the negro race and humanity. This is submitted with many thanks to those who have given their time and means to aid us in collecting articles for the Negro Building at Atlanta, Ga. Several white friends have troubled themselves to lessen our work. We sincerely thank them for such Respectfully, Ggo. S. Marry, Colored kindness.

Com'r for Alamance Co., N. C.

Populiat Party Waning.

From the Charlotte News.

That is good news that comes from Georgia to the effect that Judge Black has defeated Tom Watson for re-election to Congress by about 2,-000 majority. It will be remembered that the Populists claimed to have carried this district at the last election, but that they were cheated out of it by the Democrats. There were frauds and Judge Black, like an honest man, that he is, was unwilling to profit by them. He agreed to submit to a new election. For some time the campaign has been hotly conducted on both sides At times there was bitter feeling, and it was feared there would be trouble at the polls.

So far as heard from the election passed off quietly and without blood shed. It was conducted under the new registration laws of Georgia, and is said to have been fair. Its result will be a source of great grati fication to the Democrats and of muck discomfiture to the Populists. The tenth district is the Populist stronghold in Georgia, and Tom Watson the highest priest of Populist. His defeat is a blow to that state and will have its effect in other states.

The result of this election only time believed, that Populism is wan-

pears to be true everywhere else. In good digestion; sound sleep; a support of this belief we call atter- fine appetite and a ripe old age. tion to the fact that at the last elec- are some of the results of the use tion North Carolina elected more of Tutt's Liver Pills. A single Populist Congressmen than all the other states combined. In the last Congress there were 10 Populists, in the present one only 7.

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