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Henderson County Court House



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Hendersonville Graded School

Soil of Henderson County

The soil of Henderson county is varied. Lands lying on the rivers and streams (of which there are many) consist of black loam, some of which is mixed with sand. On these lands abundant crops of hay corn and oats are raised. The uplands consist largely of what might be considered level, table and mountain lands. These have a good stiff subsoil in most instances and are susceptible of very high improvement, and when properly cultivated yield ample harvest of all product. Corn in many instances amounts to from seventy-five to one hundred bushels per acre and wheat rye and oats produce excellent crops. These lands properly prepared are specially adapted to clover and grasses stands of which are easily secured. Much money is realized from these crops but not so much as from the crops of potatoes and cabbage, for these two crops grow on these lands to perfection and are not surpassed by any section in the whole country. Hundreds of bushels of potatoes and tons upon tons of cabbage, are easily raised per acre and find a ready market in the near-by southland. This county easily stands at the head of any county in the shipment of these two products. Potatoes and corn could and would be raised to meet the demands of any ordinary starch factory.

No more inviting field can be found anywhere for the truck farmer and gardener, and large profits can be realized from canneries and pickling establishments, as our soil and climate are especially adapted to the crops suitable for such purpose (such as cucumbers, beans, squash, cauliflower, tomatoes, rhubarb peppers, corn, onions, etc.) All small fruit do well here. It is estimated that \$800 worth of raspberries per acre can be grown here and almost the same of strawberries; but it is not done because the market during the fruiting season is not sufficient. Hence the necessity of more outfits for the preservation of these crops.

Our cool nights during the growing season are very beneficial to all crops, such as beets, turnips, mangel wurzl, carrots and other of a late nature. Some of these crops are not raised in very large quantities but on short notice the supply could be made to equal any demand.

Gates Hotel

During the four years this house has been in the city it has come to be known as the leading hotel of Hendersonville, and the accommodations which this hotel have furnished our resident and traveling public have been such as to win for them the entire esteem and respect of the public and to extend their name and reputation throughout the entire southern country. The Hotel Gates is conceded by all who have visited it, to be one of the best equipped and most modern resort hotels to be found in the South, electric passenger elevator, electric lights, telephones, 148 well furnished, light and airy rooms, many of them connected with private bath, and all handsomely furnished. The wide verandas are especially attractive features of the Hotel Gates. The dining room, cool and pleasant, covers a floor space of 3000 square feet. The main lobby is one of the largest of any hotel in the South, and opening from it is the great ball room, the dining room, the ladies parlor and guests writing room—all admirably appointed. The house is located on Main street near the court house, where they are always ready to welcome guests for any length of time from a day to a permanent home. There are no less than 40 clerks and servants employed; also one of the finest orchestras in the South. There are daily concerts, and informal dances, with many more pretentious balls making this hotel a center of social life in Hendersonville. A. A. Gates the proprietor and manager is a man who has been in the hotel business nearly all his life and is known as being one of our genial and public spirited gentlemen and has made a host of friends among the resident and traveling public who think very highly of him and his house and it has come to be known as being one of the most home-like hotels in the community.

THIS ISSUE OF THE TIMES IS DEVOTED MAINLY TO AN ACCOUNT OF THE BUSINESS GROWTH OF HENDERSONVILLE, N. C.

Real Estate Opportunities

Real estate men are doing more business and there is a greater demand from the outside for our property than ever before in the history of our city. This is not a boom, but a substantial growth and development that inevitably follows great natural advantages. Hendersonville is proud of the natural advantages which will make Hendersonville a great city. Business locations have enhanced 25 per cent in the last twelve or fifteen months. Lots on Main street that could be bought for \$75 a front foot twelve and fifteen months ago, now sell for \$100 a front foot. Residence property has also increased 20 per cent during the above mentioned period. Choice lots that sold for \$500 twelve months ago are now selling for \$800. They are going still higher. Who says that Hendersonville property will not double its present price in a few years? In this city many modern improvements have made a big demand for central property. This city is bound to expand, and suburban property is accordingly of value. Real estate investments at prevailing prices are safe investments either to the homeseeker or to the capitalist.

Esmeralda

Mrs. L. L. Bates from San Antonio, Texas, has taken this popular house for the summer, which was formerly run by Mrs. L. M. Hurt. Mrs. Bates will cater to first class patronage only. The table will receive special attention. The house is commodious and the reception hall, parlor and dining room are well arranged. All modern conveniences. Situated on West Broad Street. Rates furnished on application.

Lott's Book Store

Men who are liberal minded, men who are ever ready and willing to lend a helping hand to any cause that is for the welfare of the city, and who are not close-fisted or peevish, deserve the patronage of the public. Such a man is William Lott, who has just lately established himself in the stationery business in this city. Mr. Lott recently bought the Pless Book Store and has moved into the Holmes building on Main street, formerly occupied by Slayden & Fakes Grocery Co. While this is the only book store in the city, it is larger and more up-to-date than can be found in much larger cities. Here can be found all the latest books, magazines and newspapers. Also a full line of fine stationery, sporting goods, hammocks, etc. This gentleman has been designated the official repository for school books. Mr. Lott is also a representative for sectional book cases.

Boarding-house coffee is one of the things that are well roasted.

J. H. Jordan Contractor and Builder

The beauty of this city in an architectural way has always been remarked on by the visitors to this community, and we can thank the character of the work which our contractor, J. H. Jordan, has been doing for this result. He is one of the very best we have in the city, and the class of work which he does is well shown in the Ewbank building which was a \$15,000 contract, and other buildings to numerous to mention in this review of our city. Mr. Jordan has had many years experience in the line in which he is engaged, in addition to having had theoretical trainings, and the practical and theoretical combined in his work is what has made him such a success. He is always ready to furnish estimates on all classes of buildings, from the smallest cottage up to the largest business or dwelling house. Mr. Jordan has been with us for eight years, and naturally takes a great interest in the city as a whole, and the contracting and architectural work as a specialty.

GAINING

The receipts at the Hendersonville postoffice for May 1909 show an increase of 36 per cent over the receipts for May 1908.

According to the volume of business transacted Hendersonville is now entitled to free city delivery.

A very pleasant entertainment was given on Saturday evening last by Miss G. R. Pardue at her residence, 34 East College Street.

The dining hall was turned into a temporary theatre, which did admirable credit to those who arranged it.

The affair went off beautifully and was much enjoyed by all present.

The program was as follows:

- Welcome.....Miss L. G. Allen
- Play "Jelusky Davis' Family Album," Miss Pardue and Company
- Recitation, "Naming the Baby," Miss Lillian Clause
- Song, "The Pet Squirrel," Misses A. and E. Belle
- Song, "The Butterfly," Miss Esther Belle
- Song, "Those Songs My Mother Used to Sing," Miss Pardue
- Recitation, "Song of the Seeds in Spring," Miss L. G. Allen
- Song, "The Owl," Miss L. Clouse and Miss Belle
- Recitation, "Nobody's Child," Miss Pardue
- Song, "Two Little Blue Little Shoes," Miss Pardue
- Recitation, "The Brown Pie," Miss Alice Pace
- Good-night Song, Miss L. G. Allen and Chorus.

Notice

There will be a meeting of the Henderson county Stock and Improvement Company, Tuesday, June 15, at 2 p. m. at the court house. All members are requested to be present. Business of importance. G. W. Brooks, Secretary and Treasurer.

LOCAL ITEMS

H. G. Justus has been appointed janitor of the court house.

Hendersonville is expecting a large crowd of visitors this summer.

The Rigby-Morrow company is among our advertisers this week.

J. B. Norris of North Wilkesboro has been in town this week.

Harvey Drake has accepted a position with M. M. Shephard.

H. Patterson the tailor is among our advertisers in this edition.

R. F. Hamilton and Manson Hamilton were among our callers Monday.

Miss May Baldwin of Fletcher, is the guest of Miss Florence Freeman this week.

Miss Ludith Ledbetter, visited her parents and friends at Edneyville Saturday and Sunday.

H. D. King died Monday afternoon at his home two miles northwest of town. A further notice will be published next week.

We are requested to call attention to the town ordinance requiring owners of residences within 150 feet of sewer line to connect with that line.

C. E. Brooks is busy making a list of personal property and will seize same for taxes next week. He says his time is out and he must have the taxes.

There will be a box supper at The Oak Forest School, at Fletcher, Thursday evening, June 18, given for the benefit of the school. It is hoped that friends and patrons of the school will give their support to this good cause. Everybody cordially invited.

The new town council held its first meeting Thursday night, June 3, Mayor Staton presiding. J. D. Davis was unanimously elected secretary. Mr. Davis introduced a resolution proposing a reduction in salaries of the mayor and other officials and employees. The resolution was defeated by a vote of 4 to 2.

On motion, election of officers was held by ballot. J. W. McGarson was elected chief of police, receiving 4 votes, while Hilliard Maxwell received 2. Z. B. Arledge was elected policeman No. 1 by a vote of 4 to 2. S. Y. Bryson was elected tax collector, receiving 4 votes. J. M. Rhodes was unanimously elected treasurer and M. Schenck, attorney.

Other elections were: C. W. English, street overseer; G. W. Guice, superintendent water and sewerage; J. C. Morrow, mayor pro tem; James Price, keeper of reservoir.

WEATHER REPORT

Date	Maximum	Minimum	Mean	Set Max.	Precip'n	Wind	Character of Day
June 2	83	57	70	63	0.30	s	pe
3	67	60	64	61	2.25	e	edy
4	82	57	70	75	0.90	nw	clr
5	76	58	67	69		nw	clr
6	82	58	70	78		nw	clr
7	84	56	70	76		v	clr
8	83	59	71	73		sw	edy
Max	84						Mean Min 58
Min	53						Meas 69
Mean Max	80						Precip'n 3.45

J. B. Ensley of Sylva was in town this week.

J. M. Lance of Fletcher was in town this week.

Rev. M. A. Matheson of Old Fort was in town Monday and called at this office.

Allard Case left Wednesday for Memphis and Little Rock, Ark., for a week.

Miss Annie Crowder, who has been teaching near Wilmington, returned last week.

The Gates orchestra has arrived, and is adding to the attractiveness of that hotel.

About forty five local members of the W. O. W. left Sunday for Inman to attend a double unveiling.

G. W. Malpass of Wilmington, who has accepted a position in Dr. T. A. Allen's store, expects his family this week.

M. J. White of Norfolk, Va., representing the Hollister Drug Company of Madison, Wis., was in town this week and called at this office.

John D. Merchbanks of Greenville, S. C., one of the lessees of the Blue Ridge Inn was in town Monday and called at this office.

The Citizens Bank has a special advertisement in this issue. This bank is not quite a year old but is doing a good business.

It is said by competent observers that more building has been done in Hendersonville this year than in any other town in Western North Carolina.

Lake Osceola is a popular resort these days. The boats (whose arrival was chronicled by this paper a few weeks ago) have added greatly to the beauty of the lake.

J. M. Davis from Jump Off was in town Monday and called at this office to bring a sample of his cherry crop. His whole crop this year amounted to about 800 quarts.

T. B. Abernathy leaves this week for Chicago. He says he will miss Hendersonville, as he has become greatly attached to our city. His many Hendersonville friends will be glad to hear that he has decided to return here in the fall.

Among our advertisers this week is J. G. Collins who has recently assumed charge of the barber shop at the Blue Ridge Inn. Mr. Collins is an expert in his business and will doubtless make a success. He has, for some time past been working at the Model barber shop with T. J. Strange.

Rev. William Black will preach at the Presbyterian church next week, beginning Sunday, June 13. Preparatory services are being held this week, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. The hours of services will be as follows: Sunday, 11 A. M. and 8:30 P. M. The public is cordially invited to attend.

The annual parish meeting of St. James church for the election of a vestry and other purposes was held Monday afternoon at four o'clock, the rector presiding. The treasurer's report showed a large balance on hand; other interesting reports were read. A plan for increasing the diocesan endowment fund was suggested and discussed and the meeting requested that the delegates of the parish to this year's convention recommend the plan for adoption by the District. The retiring vestry was re-elected.

Rigby-Morrow Co. Wholesale and Retail Lumber

One of the leading and progressive firms of Hendersonville is Rigby-Morrow Co., dealers in lumber of all kinds. J. C. Morrow, owner and manager, makes a specialty of building material of all kinds and is as well or better equipped for handling the consumer's business than any other firm in the city. Mr. Morrow has in stock at all times framing and finished lumber, flooring, ceiling, siding, dimension lumber, sash doors and blinds, screen doors, mouldings of all kinds, balusters, newels, columns, laths and shingles, window and door glass of all descriptions, mantles, brick, cement and plaster, Congo roofing, etc. etc. Mr. Morrow has recently commenced the construction of a large and commodious warehouse and sheds on East Anderson avenue which will give 6500 square feet floor space and which will be ready for occupancy this coming fall. Mr. Morrow is one of our best known and capable men, he has always shown himself a man of decidedly modern taste and methods, and of sterling business integrity under all conditions. He will always be found behind any movement which tend to make this a more advanced community and can be depended upon for his support in all ways.

Dr. Wallace

W. T. Wallace, D. D. S. Hendersonville's new dentist arrived here from Spartanburg, S. C., with his family four years ago last April.

He received his qualifications and degrees from the Cincinnati College of Medicine and Surgery, Ohio Dental College, Pennsylvania College of Dental Surgery, the University of New York, and after practicing for several years he took a special course in Haskell's Prosthetic post graduate school of Chicago in all the latest improvements, such as Gold Inlay and Porcelain Inlay fillings. Gold and Porcelain Crown and Bridge work etc. Dr. Wallace is a Knight Templar Mason, I. O. O. F., and a member of the South Carolina State Dental Association. Office over the postoffice.

A. F. Baker

The art of photography is one of the most difficult of attainments and one which few people can succeed well in. One gentleman in this city who has always kept strictly up-to-date in all his work and who has shown himself a well trained and able photographer is A. F. Baker, who is located at the corner of Main street and Park avenue where he has recently erected an elegant four story brick building. His entire practice in this city reaches the inspiring total of twenty five years. Mr. Baker has the latest and most modern accessories for work of this kind, including several kinds of machines for the taking of various photos.

Mr. Baker carries a nice line of kodaks and supplies, post cards, souvenirs and is well equipped for framing pictures of all descriptions. The remarkable success he has had here, is due solely to his experience and ability in this line of work.