

## AURORA COTTON MILLS.

Lawrence S. Holt and Sons  
Owners.

The Largest and Best Equipped  
Mill in the County.

The Aurora Cotton mills are situated in the eastern part of Burlington, N. C., on the south side of the Southern railway. These mills were operated from 1855 to 1896 by Lawrence S. Holt, and since then by Lawrence S. Holt & Sons. This firm is a partnership composed of Lawrence S. Holt and his three sons, Erwin A. Holt, Eugene Holt, and Lawrence S. Holt, Jr.

The history of the mills is one of continuous growth, and progress. In 1855 the equipment consisted of 2,160 spindles, and 124 looms. Extensive additions were made in 1889, 1894, 1899, 1906, and 1909. At the present time the equipment of these mills consists of 17,952 spindles and 749 looms, all of which machinery is modern and in first class condition. In addition to this a large and complete textile finishing de-

partment is operated with most improved napping and starch finishing machinery for the output of these and other mills in the vicinity. This department has been running since 1900. The Aurora mills were among the first in the south to successfully operate a private finishing plant. A dyehouse 250x50 contains the most modern equipment for dyeing and bleaching cotton and yarn.

Power is supplied by steam generated by a battery of seven large boilers. The compound condensing engine, which drives the main mills, delivers 1,000 horse power to the shafting. The water supply is from a well driven more than 500 feet deep, and is pumped by compressor into the storage reservoir. This water is absolutely without contamination and is used by many people for drinking water, in preference to bottled water from various mineral springs. This water is conveyed to all parts of the mill and a number of sanitary porcelain drinking fountains have been installed, insuring plenty of pure cool water for the operatives, without the slightest danger of infection or contamination. Wash basins are also furnished for the cleanliness of the employees. All waste and filth from the mills and dye house are carried directly into the city sewer, thus doing away with the disagreeable odors, which are always present in the vicinity of a dye branch.

The mill is extremely accessible, being less than half a mile from the business center of town. The mill houses, numbering eighty-nine, are adjoining the mills and are spaced at comfortable distances apart. There is abundant shade furnished by large oaks, and hundreds of maple trees have been planted along the sidewalks.

The matter of fire protection has been studied most carefully. A steel tank containing 50,000 gallons of water, at an elevation of 100 feet furnishes more than ample pressure to the automatic sprinklers throughout the mill and to the lines of heavy pipe which surround the mills, and to which are connected hydrants, with ample hose to protect every part of the buildings, and village. The fact that insurance is obtained in the Factory Insurance association at the lowest rate given any cotton mills, is proof that the fire protection is as near perfect as can possibly be made. In addition to the mill's own fire department described above, a connection is made with the city main, so that the full force of the highly efficient and recently installed municipal waterworks is available at all times.

The buildings are well lighted and ventilated, and special attention is given

to the health and comfort of the operatives. Approximately 5,000 bales of cotton are annually converted into fine ginghams and outing flannels, which find a ready sale throughout the country. Over 400 names are on the payrolls and over \$125,000 are paid annually in wages. Fifteen hundred persons are directly or indirectly dependent upon the mills, and the condition of the operatives is healthful, progressive and prosperous. Several churches are within almost a stone's throw of the mills, and their large attendances testify to the excellent general character of the people.

The Aurora mills were the first in the south to reduce the hours of labor from twelve to eleven hours a day. This schedule was adopted September 6, 1894. They were also the first to reduce the hours of labor from eleven to ten hours a day, adopting a sixty-hour a week schedule on December 1, 1902, which has been maintained ever since. Thus it may be truthfully stated that these mills were instrumental in reducing the hours of labor of thousands of operatives in the south from twelve to ten hours a day.

During the quarter of a century the proprietors have built up a reputation of impartial treatment and honest deal-

## TROY IRON AND MACHINE WORKS

James Newlin, Proprietor.

In a county which ranks second in the state in the number of cotton mills and in a town that has a large number of manufacturing establishments there must of necessity be a first class place where even the largest or smallest piece of machinery can be repaired well "while you wait."

The Troy Iron and Machine Works is just the place this is done and is done well and speedily. The most delicate and intricate piece of machinery can be carefully mended. Mr. Newlin makes a specialty of this work, having become an expert mechanic by several years experience in the shops of the famous Ball and Wood engine company. Your machine work is put through without a stop when you need it. They set up and install all kinds of electrical, steam, gasoline or farm machinery, no matter how large or intricate. They are widely known for their skill in pattern-making, foundry work of all kinds,

## THE WORKMAN PRINTING HOUSE.

E. E. Workman, Proprietor.

In this edition devoted to Burlington's business men who have contributed to our reputation and standing as a trade center for a large territory we take pleasure in mentioning the above firm as contributing much to that end. In a county that has half a dozen towns and twenty-five manufacturing villages as ours has there is necessarily much printing and publishing to be done. And the Workman Printing House has for the past ten years done a flourishing business. Mr. Workman's job printing is known in every office and business house in the county, and it is known and esteemed for its excellence and good style and good value.

Two years of this ten Mr. Workman spent in Charlotte, but he recently came back to the town of his birth and now has a large and splendidly equipped printing and publishing establishment. Mr. Workman prints letter heads, bills, circulars, advertisements of all kinds, catalogues and pamphlets, cards, invitations and everything in the job line. His work is done with good taste, neatness and despatch. His prices are as low as the lowest and he gives good honest values. He employs six men, and often has to work over hours to fill orders. He is the contracting printer of the Burlington News, and here his good workmanship is seen.

In connection with this, he is the local manager of the Burton System and does extensive outside advertising, owning dozens of billboards in prominent places in the county. His place of business is on Spring street. It is equipped with the latest and best patent folders, cylinder press, improved job presses, all run by electricity, and his type and display ornaments are the latest and neatest and best.

Mr. Workman is a native of Burlington, and a young man. He is square and fair in his business methods and honest and reliable as a citizen.

ing it in the forefront of the most successful.

The company owns and occupies two large, handsome two-story brick stores, one fronting each on Davis and Worth streets in the midst of the business section. They have a floor space of 25,000 square feet. One of the stores is so spacious that it has a driveway through it. Their stores are spacious, well-lighted, and equipped with modern improvements such as elevators, etc. Eight men are employed, and two of these travel all over this section taking orders for their goods.

They are commission merchants and manufacturers' agents, keeping on hand a large and complete stock of groceries and all supplies that are sold in country stores. They buy all goods in carload lots and often get several cars at once. They are careful to get only the freshest, purest and best groceries and supplies, and thus they can supply the retail trade with the best values. The proof that they give good goods, splendid values and low prices lies in their large and ever-increasing trade.

The active management of this mammoth establishment devolves upon the president, Mr. Williamson, and the secretary and treasurer, Mr. Baker. Mr. Williamson is one of the town's foremost progressive business men. He has always been identified with every public movement for the promotion of the town's interests. He is a native of the county, and has been on the board of city aldermen. He is one of the leading members of the Episcopal church. He is a director in the Alamance Loan and Trust Company, and president of the Williamson Manufacturing company, and one of the proprietors of Saxapahaw Cotton mills. His magnificent residence, which is nearing completion on Davis street, will be one of the handsomest in the county.

Mr. Baker is a native of eastern Carolina, but since his residence here, he has thrown his heart and influence into everything for the upbuilding of the town. He has aided very materially in making a success of the business.

Both men are genial and upright and popular in financial, church and social circles. They are two of the town's best citizens.

## THE DIXIE ROLLER MILLS.

Truly A Home Industry  
Managed and Conducted by Home People.

The above named mills have played an important role in developing the agricultural resources of Alamance county and that they are destined to play a still larger part is evidenced by the fact that new machinery is now being installed which will make it a model mill. These mills are a large contributor to the commercial prestige of our city. The building, which stands by the railroad, near the depot, was erected some ten years ago, is three stories high and especially strong. The new machinery is the most improved known to the milling art.

The mills have a capacity of 100 barrels per day, and are a market for a broad section up and down the railroad, and throughout the country surrounding. The Dixie Best and White Lily are the best brands of flour produced and the demand for the splendid products of the mills is so great that they are compelled to operate steadily the year around. Every sack of flour finds a ready market in this section. Wheat and corn are brought directly from the farmers of this section and the highest possible market price is paid to the producers.

The owner, Mr. S. M. Hornaday, is ever on the alert to take advantage of every discovery that will in the least tend to keep its product up to the highest standard, or facilitate in its manufacture. Mr. Hornaday purchased the plant of the Burlington Roller mills, and assumed its management with the determination to maintain the splendid reputation of the mills. How well he has succeeded can be shown by the growing demand for its product. A specialty is made of custom work.

Mr. Hornaday is a consistent member of the Methodist Protestant church, a member of the city school board, a director in the Alamance Insurance and Real Estate company, the Alamance Loan and Trust company, and belongs to the Pythian order. He is respected for his honorable business methods, his integrity as a citizen, and his willing hand is always ready in promoting the public weal. He is one of our safest and most progressive business men.

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## Misses Morrow & Bason

Exclusive Milliners.

No part of a lady's apparel is of more importance, or plays a larger part in making her appear well dressed than the hat she wears. No one can make a success of the millinery trade unless she is possessed of correct tastes, as no lady will patronize her. The eminent success which has attended the establishment of the above ladies since its inception nine years ago is a sufficient evidence of their adaptation for the business. One only needs to go into their handsome store on Main street and see the eight milliners employed, busy at their work, to understand what a large and good custom they enjoy.

The owners themselves go each season to the markets of Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York, and with the utmost care and taste select their hats and trimmings with an eye single to beauty, style and value. They never bring back a stock valued at less than \$3,000. They never employ assistants who are incompetent, but give their personal supervision to all details of the work. These young ladies who assist are very courteous and agreeable to all who enter the store, whether they are prospective purchasers or not.

The fall stock, which is just opened, comprises all that is fashionable in the line of millinery, hats and bonnets of all shapes and designs, flowers, plumes, tips, velvets, ribbons, and other millinery trimmings. They secure a head milliner each season from the north who is up on the very latest modes and styles.

In connection with the millinery store is a dressmaking department in charge of Mrs. Crafton, who has had it in charge for the past three years. They guarantee not only prompt attention, perfect fit and good style, but their prices are right and their work satisfactory.

Misses Morrow and Bason are two of our most estimable young ladies, and their business capacity and executive ability place them in the front ranks of those engaged in mercantile pursuits. Their natural tastes for superior decoration render them especially proficient in the business in which they are engaged.

They are both natives of Alamance county, and have spent their lives in Burlington. Mrs. Crafton, while she holds from Richmond, Va., has identified herself with us and has made many friends by her frank manner and pleasing address. The quality and style of her work are irreproachable.



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ings to all men, and to these principles as much as to their good management must be attributed the very successful history we have outlined above.

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## Florence & Walker

Staple and Fancy Grocers Produce and Feedstuff.

The grocery trade is one of the few branches of business in which every man, woman and child is directly interested, for it caters to all wants of all alike, the rich and the poor, the old and young, colors and sizes, without reference to religious beliefs or political bias. The grocer is the missionary of home comfort, the apostle of good cheer, and, above all men, should be honest, just and liberal, for upon him depends the health of the community.

In a good location on front street you will find a modern supply house with a full and complete stock of staple and fancy groceries, teas and coffees and canned goods, containing all the leading brands to be found in a first class grocery establishment. Besides this you can get all kinds of farm produce fresh and good and all kinds of feedstuffs.

Messrs. Florence & Walker are natives of Alamance county, living in the splendid northern section. They were young, thrifty farmers and came here five years ago and established their store, and every day they give their customers advantage of the knowledge acquired on the farm by giving them the best of farm products in good condition. In the time they have been here they have by their honesty and efforts built up a prosperous trade and a reputation of being one of our most enterprising firms of this section. They are church members and men of every day honesty, integrity and reliability. They always espouse every movement for the upbuilding of Burlington with their means and influence. They are sterling men and good citizens.

Burlington is growing in every distinctive detail. New handsome brick buildings from two, three and four stories high are springing up from all points of the compass.

steel and iron forgings and brass castings. They handle piping 1-8 to six inches, fittings, valves, checks, and nipples, all ready at all times.

They have a splendid plant, well and thoroughly equipped, on Worth street, established two years ago. Mr. Newlin's expert workmanship and wide experience and the skill of his employees have won for the firm a broad, thriving and increasing trade. They do thorough work and their prices are right.

Mr. Newlin is a native of Alamance county and is a young man. He is a member of the Christian church and is a Mason. He has built up more than a local business and merits credit for his work.

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## Hall Brothers.

Dealers in Groceries.

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Hall Brothers are headquarters for country produce and have the reputation of paying the farmer just a little more for his produce than many other firms. Their stock is complete with all the standard goods usually carried in a first class establishment, high grade teas, and coffees, canned goods in endless profusion, including feedstuffs, vegetables and fruits. They supply their customers with the very best eatables at the most reasonable prices.

The Hall Brothers, Messrs. W. R. and H. C., are natives of this county and up to last March, when they established their business, they were cotton mill operatives. They came to Burlington to make it their home, to affix their destiny with its future. They sell goods upon their merit and quality. Honest representations and square dealing is the policy that is guiding this new firm.

Both gentlemen are esteemed for their correct living, and respected for their honorable business relations with their fellow men.

"A big 2 1/2 ounce bag of Golden Grain Smoking Tobacco for five cents"

## W. E. HAY.

Ladies and Gents Furnishings

This age is a progressive one, and energy, enterprise and economy are the three modern guides to success. The best results of these three elements are a perfect conformity to the wants of the public and a price within the universal limit of their wants. This requires observation and thorough business tact. The success of the firm of W. E. Hay fully attests the appreciation of these qualities by the public.

The two spacious stores owned and occupied by Mr. Hay have a frontage of 75 feet on Front street, and are two of the handsomest stores in the city. In the front are handsome show windows always artistically arranged, in the middle a large skylight, and in the rear are also windows, thus admitting a perfect flood of light.

Mr. Hay has been merchandising here twenty-two years, and is thus one of our oldest and best established firms. He goes himself each season to the northern markets and selects the best goods and values he can find, and his long experience in buying gives the customers the advantage of getting as good bargains and values here as they could in New York city. It is safe to assert that nowhere else in the city can there be found a more carefully assorted, better selected or better arranged stock than Mr. Hay carries.

His line includes silks, satins, dress goods, laces, embroideries, ladies' furnishing goods, gents' furnishings, ladies', men's and children's ready-made suits, hats, caps, shoes, hosiery and notions, linen and white goods, woollens and flannels, cloaks, curtains, shades, trunks, valises, guitars, banjos, etc., etc. It is indeed a revelation to make an inspection of the profusion of fabrics, novelties, colors, shades and designs comprised under the name of dress goods. Just now they are showing their new fall selections. The department of gents' suits, hats, shoes, and furnishings is very complete and comprehensive. The millinery department is not the least of Mr. Hay's well-filled lines. A milliner from Atlanta, assisted by competent clerks, produces the very prettiest and most stylish creations to delight the heart of woman. A large stock of hats in all colors, shapes, sizes, and prices, and a wide variety of plumes, feathers, ribbons, flowers, silks, ornaments, and other trimmings, offer the prospective purchaser a wide scope for her delectation and selection.

Mr. Hay is assisted by several clerks both ladies and gentlemen, who are known far and wide for their geniality and polite and courteous attention to the wants of the customers. Prices are always consistently low, with the well-known quality of goods.

Mr. Hay is a native of North Carolina, a Burlingtonian by adoption for the past twenty-five years. He is president of the Burlington Lumber company, director in the Alamance Insurance and Real Estate company, stockholder of Loan and Trust company, and enthusiastic Sunday school and church worker in the Front street Methodist church. He is known far and wide for his large contributions to worthy causes. He is a sterling business man and an honest, upright citizen.

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## C. M. HORNER.

Dealer in General Merchandise

Loca'ed on Webb Ave.

With a stock indicating experienced buying ability and in store quarters to be commended for their neatness of arrangements, the C. M. Horner establishment, located on Webb avenue, keeps constantly before the public the most reliable and satisfactory buying opportunities for many of life's necessities. The stock carried comprises choice collections of canned and bottled goods, extracts and spices, teas and coffees, bakers' light goods and breakfast foods, soaps and laundry supplies, cigars and tobaccos, and all the staple articles in the grocery line. There are also dry goods, notions, shoes and furnishings departments which are made up of the latest and best values on the market in lines of goods that anticipate all ordinary needs. His leaders in soaps are the justly celebrated Skreemer and Biltite lines, and he makes a specialty of selling made to order and guarantee a perfect fit.

Mr. Horner is a native of Person county, and established his present business five years ago. He is a member of the Masonic order, respected in business and social circles and a firm believer in the material growth of Greater Burlington. By strict attention to business and by dealings that have won confidence, he has made progress from year to year, adding new stock and providing for the public a convenient and reliable source of supply for their needs. Honorable in all transactions he is thus an honorable merchant and worthy citizen.

Kite Snuff is good for the nerves

## F. L. WILLIAMSON CO.

Wholesale Grocers.

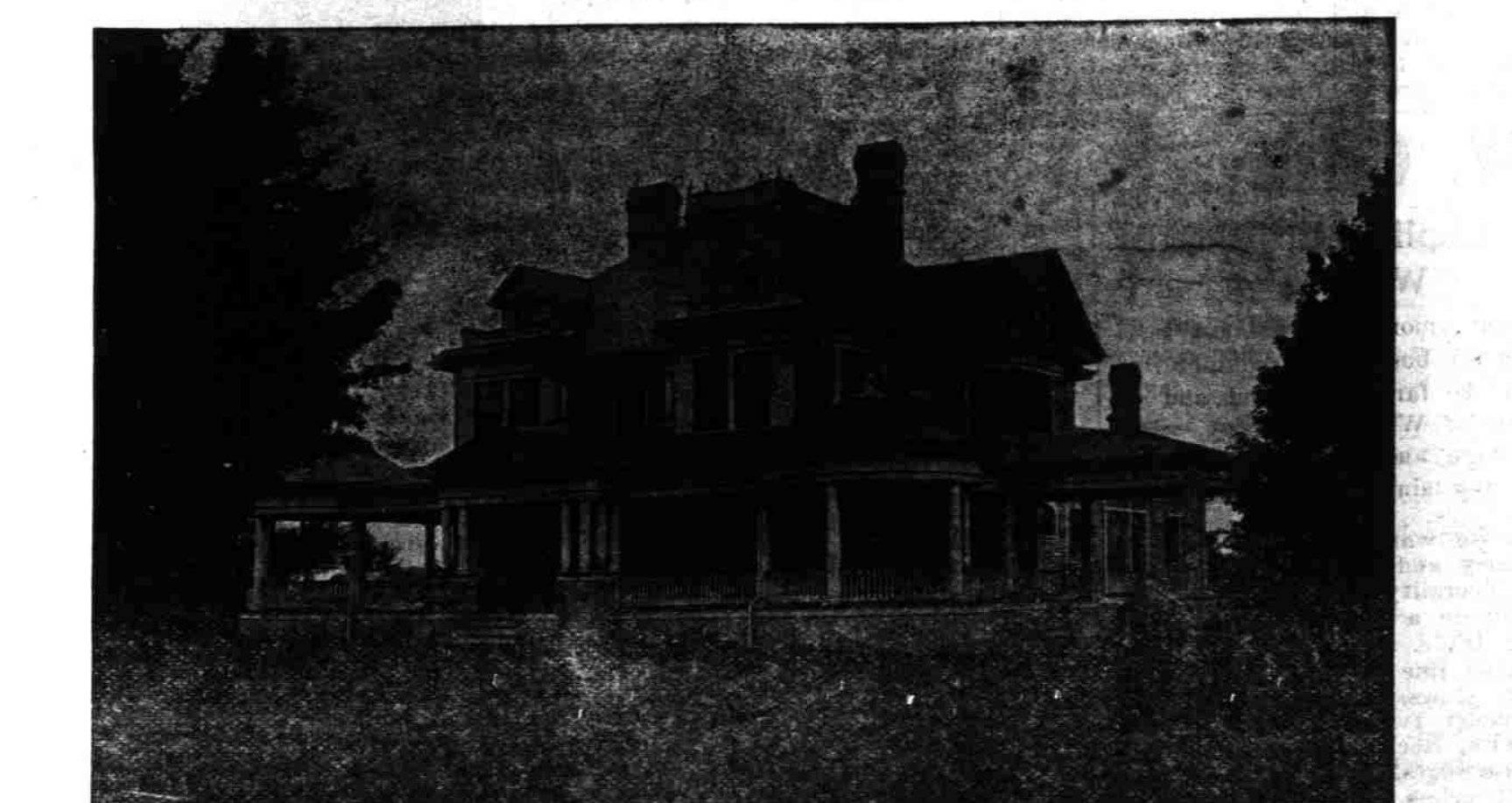
In a city that has as many retail grocery stores as Burlington a wholesale store is not only a convenience, but a positive necessity. And Burlington is extremely fortunate in having one of the largest, best and most up-to-date firms of this kind in the state in the magnificent establishment of the F. L. Williamson Company.

This company was established on a small scale twelve years ago by Messrs. F. L. and J. W. Williamson, but it has since assumed remarkable proportions. To find its duplicate one must search the larger cities. In 1902 to more successfully conduct their large operations, the company was incorporated under its present style, with a capital stock of \$100,000, with Mr. F. L. Williamson president, making the company one of the strongest in the country, and mak-

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Residence of Mr. W. K. Holt, Webb Avenue.



Residence of Col. Eugene Holt, Davis Street.