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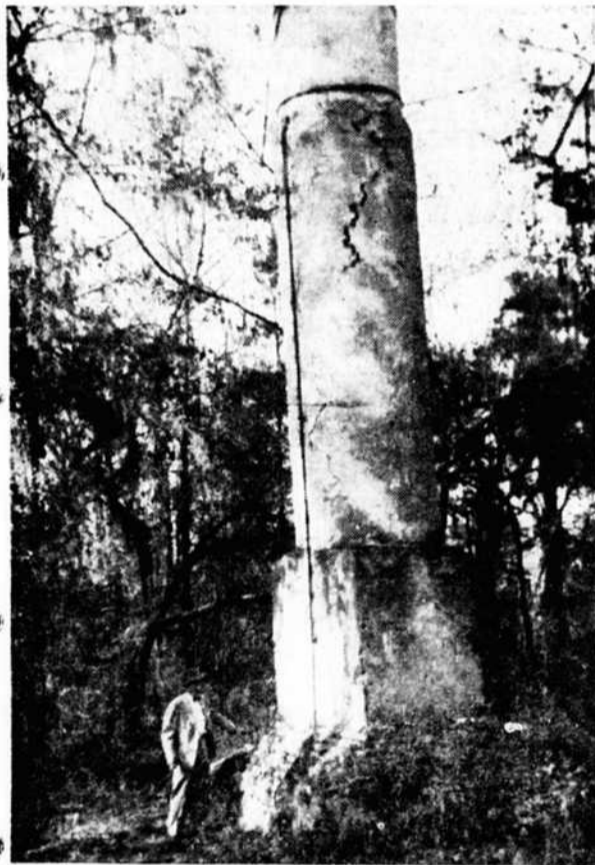
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reminiscent of the old days. Where yesterday, sawyers sweated and swore over a particularly cumbersome piece of log, today, farmers coax their sleepy mules over their fields.

Yesterday, Bucksville was full of life and future. Today, Bucksville is dead, with only a pair of chimneys to tell of glorious days of pomp and splendor long gone. To trace Bucksville, one must begin with Bucksport, Maine, founded more than 100 years ago by Jonathan Buck, who arrived in the Sally, found the forests good and set up the first saw mill in that territory.

By DELL GAUT

Today, as one wanders down by the river at Bucksville, it is hard to imagine that the quiet little farming section was once a busy port city, its woods ringing with cries of "Timber", and the scream of a tortured rip saw.

Up and down the Waccamaw River, one could at one time see great sailing ships bound for distant ports with lumber cut and bought the land about what was sawed at Bucksville. Today, an occasional small craft sails smoothly up the river, barely

It was his grandson, Henry, who looked about over Horry County's wooded lands and decided to make his home here. Henry was in his 30s when he bought the land about what was to be known as Bucksville, purchased small slaves, and settled down to become a ship builder of re-



ORIGINAL BUCK HOME

Just as his grandfather, Jonathan, had brought the first saw mill to Bucksport, Maine, Henry brought the first saw mill to Horry County. Henry's house Today it too is dead, but in

still stands, solidly rooted on the banks of Waccamaw. The original Buck home is now owned by S. C. Representative Henry Lee Buck, Henry's great grandson.

In the beginning, Henry owned 500 slaves, when the War Between the States was declared. He had wide farmlands, as well as his lumber and shipbuilding businesses.

This first Henry was not only prominent in commercial affairs, but took an active part in State government as a Senator. Three successive generations of Bucks have followed their ancestor to the State Senate.

Henry's sons, at the outbreak of the war, became Confederate officers, although their father was originally a Union man. Young Henry Lee became a captain of the Confederacy at the age of 18.

The war was declared over, and Henry's slaves were freed. The whole way of living was changed, but the Bucks continued to work the woods at Bucksville. They revived their New England friendships and trade between the two sections flourished.

1875, scarcely ever did the huge fires within it die. The Bucks, (Continued On Page 4)

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