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### POPULATION OF SMITHFIELD 1347

#### Census Bureau says Clayton Leads

#### KENLY INCREASED 179 PER CENT

Smithfield Has Grown From 764 Ten Years Ago to 1347 an Increase of 75 Per Cent. Kenly and Benson Make Fine Increase in Growth.—Brilliant Reception at White House Tuesday Night.

BY A. M. NOBLE.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 9.—When the 1910 census is completed and the exact population of the towns in the State is announced, there will be in store for many, a pleasant surprise, while others will, no doubt, feel a rather keen disappointment.

The population of the five leading Johnston County towns, which was announced on February 3rd and 7th, at my special request, will no doubt be of interest to all the people of old Johnston County; and every one has the right to be proud of the record made by these towns during the past ten years. The increase in these towns has been as great as any perhaps in the state. Kenly has increased her population 179 per cent, Benson 108 per cent, Clayton 88 per cent, Smithfield 75 per cent and Selma 64 per cent.

In the number of inhabitants the thriving, enterprising little town of Clayton, the home of Hon. Ashley Horne, who is now representing Johnston County with so great honor to himself and the country in the State Legislature, is now the leading town in the county with a total population of 1441. From third place in 1900 with a population of only 754, this progressive town has forged her way to the front; passing her greatest rivals, Smithfield and Selma and is now in the lead with 94 more inhabitants than Smithfield, whose population is 1347.

Selma, leading the towns of the county in 1900 with a population of 816, must be contented with third place with a present population of 1331; her increase being less than any of the five leading towns, having increased only 64 per cent.

The honors for the greatest increase in population rightfully go to Kenly, the home of former County Commissioner, W. T. Bailey, Messrs. C. W., J. E., and Henry Edgerton, and James H. Kirby, all of whom have done so much for the upbuilding of this progressive little town. With a population of only 260 in 1900, it now numbers a population of 726, an increase in population of 179 per cent.

Benson, the home of Senator O. A. Barbour, to whose untiring energy this town is indebted for much which has tended for its betterment and upbuilding, also possesses quite an enviable record. From a small village in 1900 numbering only 384, it now enjoys a population of 800, an increase of 108 per cent., and has 36 more inhabitants than had Smithfield ten years ago.

Smithfield must content itself with the same position held in 1900. Being second in 1900 with a population of 764 behind Selma in that same year, she now stands second being 94 behind Clayton, which now takes the lead for the first time in the history of the county.

The five leading towns in the county hold the same relative positions in 1910 that they did in 1900, with the exception of Clayton and Selma, which towns during the past ten years have changed places. Clayton being third in 1900 with 62 less than Selma, now leads; while Selma leading in 1900 now takes third place and is 110 behind Clayton.

No doubt many, like myself, are somewhat disappointed at the population given Smithfield, and surprised to know that only 1347 inhabitants are as many as we can rightfully boast of; but with the completion of the Ivanhoe Manufacturing Company's new mill, the installation of waterworks and the electric light plant, and the erection of a handsome, new brick school-building adequate to meet the demands of our thriving little city, we give

fair notice to the other towns of the county that in 1920 when the next decennial census is taken, Smithfield will again lead all Johnston County towns in the number of its inhabitants.

The White House was beautifully decorated with flowers and brilliantly lighted on Tuesday evening when the third and final reception of the winter was given by President and Mrs. Taft to the members of the Senate and House.

This reception was the largest and most elaborate of the season and was attended by more than 1200 guests. In addition to the guests of honor were a number of diplomats, several Justices of the Supreme Court and many prominent officers of the Army and Navy, including General Leonard Wood.

Upon their arrival the guests assembled in the east room, and at nine-thirty o'clock the long line began to move through the green room and on to the blue room where the receiving party had taken its place, with President Taft at its head. From the blue room the guests moved on through the red room, into the hall and in to the dining room, where punch and refreshments were served.

Among the diplomats present were, the new Minister of Sweden, the French, British, Turkish and Italian Ambassadors, the Norwegian and Danish Ministers, Countess Moltke and Prince Kondacheff, of Russia.

To many of the guests present it was their farewell appearance at the White House for on March 4th their official careers at Washington end.

Among the North Carolinians present were, Hon. and Mrs. John H. Small, of Washington, Hon. John M. Morehead, and Hon. Charles H. Cowles, Messrs. Kathrynne and May Belle Small, of Washington, Lillie and Carrie Hill, of Pittsboro and Margaret Cain, of Dunn; and Messrs. Herbert Sink, of Lexington and A. M. Noble, of Smithfield.

### FIRE DESTROYS CAPITOL

#### Lightning Strikes State House

#### MANY RECORDS ARE CONSUMED

Governor Hadley Directs Fight Against Flames, but Inadequate Water Power Makes it Futile—Convicts Risk Their Lives to Save Structure From Ruin.

Jefferson City, Mo., February 5.—The Missouri Capitol building was destroyed by fire tonight. The total loss, including the structure and many records and State papers in the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State and Treasurer, is estimated at \$1,000,000, with no insurance.

Lightning, which struck the cupola of the dome shortly after 7 o'clock, spread the flames to the roof of the House of Representatives on the north side of the structure, and in less than half an hour it was apparent that the building was doomed.

Because of the inadequacy of the water pressure, the fire could not be reached, and no aid could be given for some time by the local fire company.

Governor Hadley directed the fight against the flames, which, because of the age of the building, rapidly gained great headway. The penitentiary fire department was called and the convicts worked heroically, scaling walls and taking dangerous chances for their lives.

The records of the House of Representatives were destroyed, while those of the Senate were saved. In the State Treasurer's office, more than \$1,000,000 in the time vault, supposed fire-proof, and may be saved when the debris is cleared away. There was no insurance.

The Capitol was erected in 1838 at a cost of \$350,000, and in 1887 remodeled at a cost of \$25,000. While it was built of stone, the roof was covered with much inflammable material.

Mr. W. E. Barbour, The Herald's enterprising and wide-awake correspondent at Four Oaks, was in the city Wednesday.

### ROADS CONVENTION A GREAT SUCCESS

#### Every township in County Represented

#### INSTRUCT FOR BOND ISSUE

Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt Present to Talk on Good Roads. Good Roads Association Organized with W. M. Sanders President and C. M. Wilson Secretary. A Vice President From Each Township was Elected.

The Good Roads Mass Meeting held here Monday was a success from every standpoint. The Court House was full of people who had come from every section of the County to consider this live subject. Though the roads were bad in some sections, that did not keep the people at home. Every township in the county was well represented, showing how much the folks are interested in the subject of better highways. The meeting was called to order in the court house at noon by Mr. James A. Wellons, Mayor of Smithfield, who called Mr. W. M. Sanders to the chair.

Mr. Sanders introduced Dr. Joseph Hyde Pratt, Secretary of the North Carolina Good Roads Association, who made a plain and practical talk along the line of how to get a system of good roads and the maintenance of same. He suggested that there were two ways by which a County could get roads: One by direct taxation, the other by a bond issue. He showed that of the two the bond issue plan was the cheaper in the long run.

At the conclusion of Dr. Pratt's address, the Johnston County Good Roads Association was formed and W. M. Sanders, of Smithfield, was elected president, and C. M. Wilson, of Wilson's Mills, secretary.

Upon motion it was decided to have a vice president from each township in the county, and that the vice presidents and the president and secretary should constitute the Board of Directors. The following vice presidents were chosen:

- Clayton—E. R. Gully.
- Cleveland—C. L. Sanders.
- Pleasant Grove—E. S. Edmondson.
- Elevation—J. H. Smith.
- Banner—Dr. H. H. Utley.
- Meadow—J. J. Rose.
- Bentonville—Rufus Sanders.
- Ingrams—B. B. Adams.
- Boon Hill—Harry Watson.
- Beulah—L. B. Boyett.
- O'neals—Haywood Price.
- Wilders—V. R. Turley.
- Wilson's Mills—W. G. Wilson.
- Selma—M. C. Winston.
- Pine Level—D. B. Oliver.
- Smithfield—J. H. B. Tomlinson.

The matter of making some recommendations to the members of the General Assembly was next taken up and after several plans had been suggested the meeting finally decided to recommend a bond issue for the improvement of the public roads.

Upon motion a resolution was passed unanimously, requesting the Johnston County Representatives in the present General Assembly to secure the passage of a bill enabling the county to vote on a proposition to issue five per cent forty year bonds, not to exceed \$500,000, and in the event that this fails to carry, then each township may vote on the proposition to issue not more than \$60,000 in bonds for road construction and maintenance. The rate of taxation is not to exceed 33 1-3 cents on the \$100.

There was much interest in the meeting and the action taken met with general favor.

### CASUALTIES ON THE RAIL.

#### More Than 3,000 Persons Were Killed During Three Months.

Washington, Feb. 4.—During the months of July, August and September last the total number of casualties of all kinds on steam operated railroads was 22,328. Of these, 2,948 were killed and 19,380 injured. The accident statistics of those electric lines on which interstate traffic is carried show 146 persons killed and 1,070 injured.

### MEMBERS FAVOR 433 IN HOUSE

#### Likely to Defeat Republican Caucus Plan

#### BACK OF THE CRUMPACKER BILL

Scheme to Keep Membership at 391. The Present Figure, Beaten, as 40 Insurgents Will Vote With the Democrats. Cannon and Hinds at Odds, Latter Desiring to Save Seat for Maine.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 6.—Although the Republican caucus has declared for a reapportionment that will keep the membership of the House at the present figure, 391, it became known last night that no less than 40 Republicans are prepared to vote for the Crumpacker bill, which increases the membership to 433. A poll of the Democratic members of the House shows that not more than fourteen favor the Republican caucus plan. In other words, 164 Democrats favor an increase.

Chairman Crumpacker, of the House committee on census, intends to call up his bill, providing for the increase, on Thursday. By that time, it is claimed, the advocates of an enlarged House will have ample votes to defeat the substitute measure indorsed by the Republican caucus.

There are six vacancies in the House, caused by deaths and resignations, leaving a voting membership of 385. The number of votes necessary to put through the Crumpacker bill, therefore, is 193. The advocates of an increased membership say they are sure of enough votes to win.

It develops that while Speaker Cannon is strongly opposed to an increase in the membership, arguing that it will not only be unwieldy, but very expensive Asher Hinds, his parliamentarian, who has been elected a member of the House from Maine, is working hard to bring about the passage of the Crumpacker bill. He is trying to save Maine from losing a seat.

In view of the fact that most of the Democrats object to any reapportionment that will lower the representation from any of the States, and most of the Republicans whose States would be affected join with the Democrats in this opposition, it seems very doubtful that the Republican caucus recommendation will be adopted by the House.

Representative Tawney is opposing the bill on his usual plea of economy. He says there will be a \$4,000,000 Congress in five years if the bill is passed. Tawney retires March 4, but he believes he can defeat the measure before he passes on.

### THE NEWS IN BENSON.

Matters of Local Interest Reported By Our Regular Correspondent.

Benson, Feb. 8.—Mrs. Etta V. Johnson, of Clayton, visited relatives here Sunday and Monday, returning to Clayton Monday afternoon.

Mr. R. T. Surlis spent Monday in Wilson on a business trip.

Attorney N. T. Ryals was in Dunn Tuesday on legal business.

Mr. Rosmal Smith, who was with R. F. Smith Co., last year, left last week for Hilliard, Fla., where he has secured a position as salesman.

Mrs. Sarah Woodall, of Kenly, came Saturday to spend several days with her daughter, Mrs. J. M. Morgan.

Jake Greenbaum, the popular traveling salesman for the Griffon Tailoring Company of Baltimore, was here for several days this week.

The wreck of a coal car on the Atlantic Coast Line in town Monday night delayed several of the passenger trains here for a few hours Tuesday morning early.

Dr. W. H. Rowland left this morning for Raleigh where he will spend to-day and tomorrow.

We welcome to town the family of Mr. Will Weeks who moved here yesterday from Raleigh. They will occupy the house on Main Street recently vacated by Mr. Archie Ry-

als. Mr. Weeks has a position as salesman in the stores of the R. F. Smith Company.

We are sorry to note the sickness of Mr. J. E. Hobbs at his home on Church street.

Miss Viola McNeill, of Dunn, is spending some time at the home of Miss Mota Harper in West Benson.

Mr. Fred Jernigan, of our town, who was indicted in the Superior Court of Harnett County for carrying a concealed weapon, was convicted at Lillington Monday and fined twenty dollars and costs.

Messrs. Telfair Tart and C. C. Barnes attended court at Lillington Monday.

Miss Edna Weeks, of Raleigh, visited friends here Tuesday and Wednesday.

Misses Mary Ryals and Katie Eldridge spent Saturday and Sunday visiting friends in Pine Level.

Miss Bertha Johnson visited friends at Four Oaks Sunday, returning home Monday afternoon.

Misses Louise Carrol and Nan Gordon were visitors to Four Oaks last Saturday.

State Senator O. A. Barbour came down to Benson Sunday afternoon returning to Raleigh Monday morning.

Mr. Wade Royal spent several days in Richmond the first of the week buying goods for the Royal Hardware Company.

Quite a large delegation from our town attended the Mass Meeting at Smithfield Monday. The steps taken and the resolutions adopted at the meeting seem to meet with universal approval in our part of the county. The people have come to realize that nothing builds up a community more than good roads, and good roads our people are determined to have.

We regret to note the death of the infant baby of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Canaday, of Godwin, which occurred here Monday night. Mrs. Canaday was visiting at the home of her mother when the child died.

### TRAGEDY AT WILSON

#### Negro Kills Deputy Sheriff George Mumford

#### CHIEF GLOVER BADLY WOUNDED

Officers Shot While Trying to Arrest Robbers Who Were Wanted At Dunn. They were Found in a Negro Woman's House. Large Rewards Have Been Offered for Negro's Arrest.

A terrible tragedy was enacted at Wilson last Friday when a bad Negro shot and killed the deputy sheriff and badly wounded Chief of Police, A. O. Glover. The story is briefly told in the following newspaper clipping:

"Deputy Sheriff George Mumford and Chief of Police A. O. Glover, of Wilson, were shot down Friday afternoon by negro desperadoes they were trying to arrest. Mumford died in a few minutes after he was shot, his wounds being in the head. Glover was shot through both lungs.

"Friday morning the Wilson officers were notified of a robbery at Dunn and were advised to watch for three negroes suspected of doing it. In the afternoon the negroes were located in a negro house in Wilson and the officers went to make the arrest. Mumford and Glover entered the front door and two other officers stood guard at the rear of the house. As soon as the officers entered the front door they were shot down and the negroes escaped before the other officers could interfere. Bloodhounds were taken to Wilson on special trains and pursuit was given the negroes by the hounds and posses. The Governor ordered out the Wilson military company to prevent a lynching in case the negroes were caught."

Great efforts have been made to capture the negro and according to the reports sent out he has been surrounded several times, but later found to be false. Large rewards have been offered for his arrest and feeling is much stirred up in Wilson. Two negroes supposed to be connected with the killing have been arrested and carried to Raleigh for safe keeping, one of whom, Stetson by name, was arrested at Selma the first of this week.

### WOULD ADD 500 MORE BANKS

#### Anxious to Enlarge Postal Savings System

#### DEPOSITS NOW REACH \$60,000

Encouraged by Showing for First Month, Postmaster General Hitchcock Would Extend Service if Appropriations Were Available—Foreign Americans Good as Depositors—English Records Surpassed.

Washington, D. C., Feb. 5.—"If the necessary appropriations were available, I would establish postal savings banks tomorrow in 500 additional cities and towns of the United States.

This statement was made last night by Postmaster General Hitchcock in view of reports thus far received concerning the first month's operation of the postal savings system. The reports are regarded as demonstrating that the new system already has passed the experimental stage.

The certificate-of-deposit plan, which is an innovation in the transaction of postal savings business, is shown to be admirably adapted to its purpose.

The total deposits in the 48 existing postal banks for January will amount to approximately \$60,000. This is an average of about \$1,200. Assuming that this average will be maintained throughout the year, the aggregate of annual deposits will be close to \$750,000. It is assumed by the officers of the system that the deposits will be correspondingly greater when the service is extended to first-class offices.

The average amount of deposits being received at each office, as indicated by the January returns, is larger than the corresponding average for the British system of postal savings depositories in 1908, the most successful year in the history of that system.

A large majority of the depositors were foreign Americans, many of whom have been in the habit of sending their savings to their native countries for deposit. A result of the system, therefore, is to diminish the outflow from the United States of such funds.

In view of the successful operation of the new system during its first month, Postmaster General Hitchcock has recommended to Congress the appropriation of \$1,000,000, to be immediately available, for the extension of the postal savings system to a considerable number of postoffices, the patrons of which are clamoring for the new banks.

### SHE SEES KNIFE USED ON HER

#### Aged Nun Undergoes Appendicitis Operation Without Anesthetic.

Philadelphia, Feb. 3.—Unable to have ordinary anesthetics administered because of her advanced age, Mother Superior Hillegralde, of the Merion Academy for Girls, today saw surgeons in St. Joseph's Hospital remove her vermiform appendix. The mother superior, who is 71 years of age, was removed to the hospital on Wednesday. It was decided that an operation for appendicitis was necessary, but the physicians feared the effect of an anesthetic on the heart. Cocaine was administered locally, and the aged mother superior retaining all her faculties, calmly watched the surgeons make the incision, remove the appendix, and sew up the wound.

Late tonight her condition was reported as favorable, and the physicians say they hope for her recovery.

### SNOWSTORM LIGHTNING KILLS.

#### Pennsylvania Man Struck Dead During Freak Weather Conditions.

Harrisburg, Pa., Feb. 4.—Andrew Muzzleman, a farmer living near Greencastle, Franklin county, was struck by lightning and killed in the storm of mingled snow and rain, which swept over southern Pennsylvania late last night.

Muzzleman was walking along a road near his home when killed. His body was badly burned. The death is the first of the kind ever known in this section from lightning in January.