

Some Things that You May or May Not Know About North Carolina

North Carolina claims, substantiated by history and fact:

- The first and oldest white settlement that has been continuously established in America, to-wit: the town of Bath.
- The first child of Anglo-Saxon blood born in America, was Virginia Dare, born on Roanoke Island.
- The first Declaration of Independence was written in Charlotte May 19th, 1775.
- The first real clash of arms against the British was at Moore's Creek, North Carolina.
- The deciding battle of the Revolution was fought at Guilford Court House, near Greensboro.
- Andrew Jackson, twice President of the United States, and greatest exponent of blood and iron, was born, reared and practiced law in North Carolina.
- James K. Polk, soldier of the Mexican War, President of the United States, was born, raised and learned the tailor's trade in North Carolina.
- Joe Cannon, member of Congress, and for years speaker of the House, was a Tar Heel by birth.
- "Blue Jeans" Williams, famous governor of Indiana, was born in North Carolina.
- The University of North Carolina is the oldest State institution of learning established in America.
- Salem Female Academy, now a full course college, is the oldest college for women established in America, is in Winston-Salem.
- David Caldwell and Calvin H. Wiley, the two greatest American educators in their day, were born and did most of their best work in North Carolina.
- The great and justly celebrated speech of Haynes replying to Webster, was written by James Iredell, of North Carolina.
- Hoke Smith, Senator from Georgia, Secretary of the Interior under President Cleveland, was born, raised and educated in North Carolina.
- The greatest peach orchard in the world is in North Carolina.
- North Carolina ranks among the first in apple growing, the great northwest counties rivalling the famous Washington and Oregon fruit. Mt. Airy is the largest cabbage center in the world.
- Wilkesboro is reputed to sell more chickens, turkeys and eggs than any other town in the world.
- Scotland county raises more cotton per acre than any other county in the world.
- North Carolina has more cotton mills than any other state in the Union.
- Greensboro, in the mills of the Cone Company, weaves more denims than are woven by any other one company in the world.
- The Cannon Mills, at Kannapolis, is the largest towel manufacturing concern in the world.
- The Henrietta Mills weaves more gingham than any other gingham manufactory in the world.
- The P. H. Hanes Knitting Co., in Winston-Salem, makes more knit underwear for men than any other like manufactory in the entire world.
- Winston-Salem has the largest tobacco factory in the world. It makes more than half the cigarettes supplied to the world.
- The largest granite quarry in the world is near Salisbury.
- The town of Wilson is the largest tobacco market in the world.
- The Champion Fibre Co., at Canton, is the largest paper pulp plant in the world.
- The town of Durham has more wealth per capita than any municipality of like size in the world.
- The State of North Carolina was the first in the Union to erect and operate a State institution, a hospital for the insane.
- At Pinehurst is the largest and most valuable herd of Berkshire hogs in the world.
- The municipality of Biltmore is the only town in the world that uses, by requirements of law, electricity exclusively for lighting and heating for all and every purpose.
- North Carolina raises and sells more Bermuda onions than does the Bermuda Islands.
- The Southern Power Company is

the second largest hydro-electric power company in the world.

James B. Duke, the third richest man in the world, the inspirator and organizer of the American Tobacco Trust, which in wealth and influence and extent, ranks with the United States Steel Company and the Standard Oil Company, was born and reared, and lives in North Carolina.

North Carolina grows, harvests and sells more medical herbs than all the rest of the world combined.

From the soil of North Carolina has been, and is being taken every known precious stone. Alexander County gives, alone of the whole world, that incomparable gem, hiddenite, which in terms of dollars and cents is one hundred per cent more valuable than the purest diamond.

The eastern section of North Carolina produces and sells 80 per cent of all the wooden telegraph poles for the world—the famous North Carolina cypress.

North Carolina produces, and its manufacturers manipulate almost every known variety of wood from Mountain Oak to Brier Root. When Asa Gray visited the North Carolina mountains he identified a greater variety of indigenous trees than can be found in crossing Europe from England to Turkey, or on a trip from Boston to the Rocky Mountains.

The second largest, heaviest piece of virgin gold ever dug from the earth was taken in Cabarrus County. This "nugget" weighed 28 pounds.

The manufacturers of electric light globes are dependent entirely, the world over, for a certain sand which is the component of the filament which is found only in this State.

During the first month of 1870, one Alred, living at Randleman, with a position of loom fixer at the Union Cotton mills went to a cotton mill at Fayetteville and accepted a similar position with less work and more pay. Being a natural born mechanic and full of energy, something had to be done to occupy his spare time. He built a small boiler and engine and rigged it up to an old wagon and fired it up. He rode into the town of Fayetteville, seven or eight miles, and scared the people of that town to such an extent that they do say some of them have not returned to this day.

Practically every shuttle everywhere, in every weave mill in the world, is made by J. Elwood Cox, of High Point.

The famous World Giant and Tall Man of Barnum and Bailey fame was from North Carolina.

The longest bearded man in the world, Sam Brinkley, of Mitchell County, has several times toured the United States and Canada with the world's largest circus.—Exchange.

Gone But Not Forgotten.

The blessed Lord visited our home on the 27th day of February, 1924, and called our loving little brother, Barnard, to sleep the long, sweet sleep with Jesus. He was 19 years old, being born March 19, 1904. The Rev. D. C. McCoy conducted the funeral services. He was laid to rest in the Watanga cemetery.

The dear little one was sick about seven months. When he was two years old he was taken sick with diphtheria, and could not talk any more, and has been an invalid ever since the diphtheria ruined his sweet little voice. He suffered so much during his illness and could not tell us where he hurt, and that did hurt us all so much. Of course we did all we could for our dear little one, and the vacant place in our home can never be filled.

Oh! how we miss his sweet little presence, and the day he died the blessed little one would look at us and then look up toward heaven, and of course he was trying to tell us where his resting place would be. About ten minutes before he passed to the great beyond he walked up to the fire with a little help.

We thank the kind preacher for the funeral service he delivered over our dear sweet little speechless brother, and may the Lord bestow the richest blessing on him and his family. And we also thank the good people for their kindness toward us during his sickness.

He leaves to mourn his loss, a loving mother, father, five brothers and four sisters. All were present at the funeral except his sister, Mrs. Minnie Clayton, of Greenville, S. C. We were so sorry that she could not come.

We do want the sympathy of each and every one.

His mother and sister,
MRS. R. D. BRENDEL,
MRS. CLAUDE BECCO.

SEED POTATOES.

There seems to be a shortage of seed Irish potatoes in Macon County. Any farmer that has or knows of any potatoes for sale of any variety will confer a favor by writing County Agent Arrandale at once, giving the variety and the price wanted.

Macon County farmers have an opportunity to grow and sell twenty-five or more car loads of potatoes this year. Let all pull together to get this done.

See that the label on your paper is dated in advance, if you want the Press to continue coming to your home.

National Forest Timber For Sale.

Sealed bids will be received by the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, N. C., up to and including April 10, 1924, for all merchantable dead timber, standing or down, and all live timber marked or designated for cutting on an area embracing about 200 acres on the watershed of Iotla creek, Nantahala National Forest, Macon Co., N. C., estimated to be 125 cords tanbark, 250 Chestnut oak ties, and 150 Chestnut poles, more or less. No bid of less than \$3.00 per cord for tanbark, \$0.10 each for Chestnut oak ties, \$0.25 each for 25 ft. poles, \$0.40 for 30 ft., \$0.50 for 35 ft., \$0.75 for 40 ft., \$1.00 for 45 ft., \$1.25 for 50 ft., \$1.75 for 55 ft., \$2.25 for 60 ft., \$2.75 for 65 ft. poles will be considered. \$150 must be deposited with each bid to be applied on the purchase price, refunded or retained in part as liquidated damages, according to the conditions of the sale. The right to reject any and all bids reserved. Before bids are submitted full information concerning the timber, the conditions of sale, and the submission of bids should be obtained from the Forest Supervisor, Franklin, N. C.

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Pine Grove News.

We are having some bad weather now in this section. Have had some snows that seem like old times.

The Pine Grove Sunday School is getting along fine now. We have the best Sunday School we have had in several years.

Our prayer meeting is also getting along nicely. We have prayer meeting every Saturday night. Everybody is invited to come.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gregory, from Tallulah Falls, Ga., were visiting Mrs. Gregory's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Holland, last Sunday.

Mr. T. T. Henderson is in from Hanes Park for a few days.

Miss Madge Evans is here from Raleigh, N. C., visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Evans. We are glad to have her back in our Sunday School.

Mr. Homer McCoy and Mr. Lester Reid were visiting Pine Grove Sunday School last Sunday.

Mrs. O. C. Corbin was visiting Mrs. C. W. Henderson last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. T. T. Henderson spent Sunday night with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Holland. We learn that Mr. Jim Holland owns another Ford car, and we also hear that Mr. Pritchard Russell has bought a car.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Holland are wearing a long smile over their fine baby boy. BONNIE BLUE EYES.

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