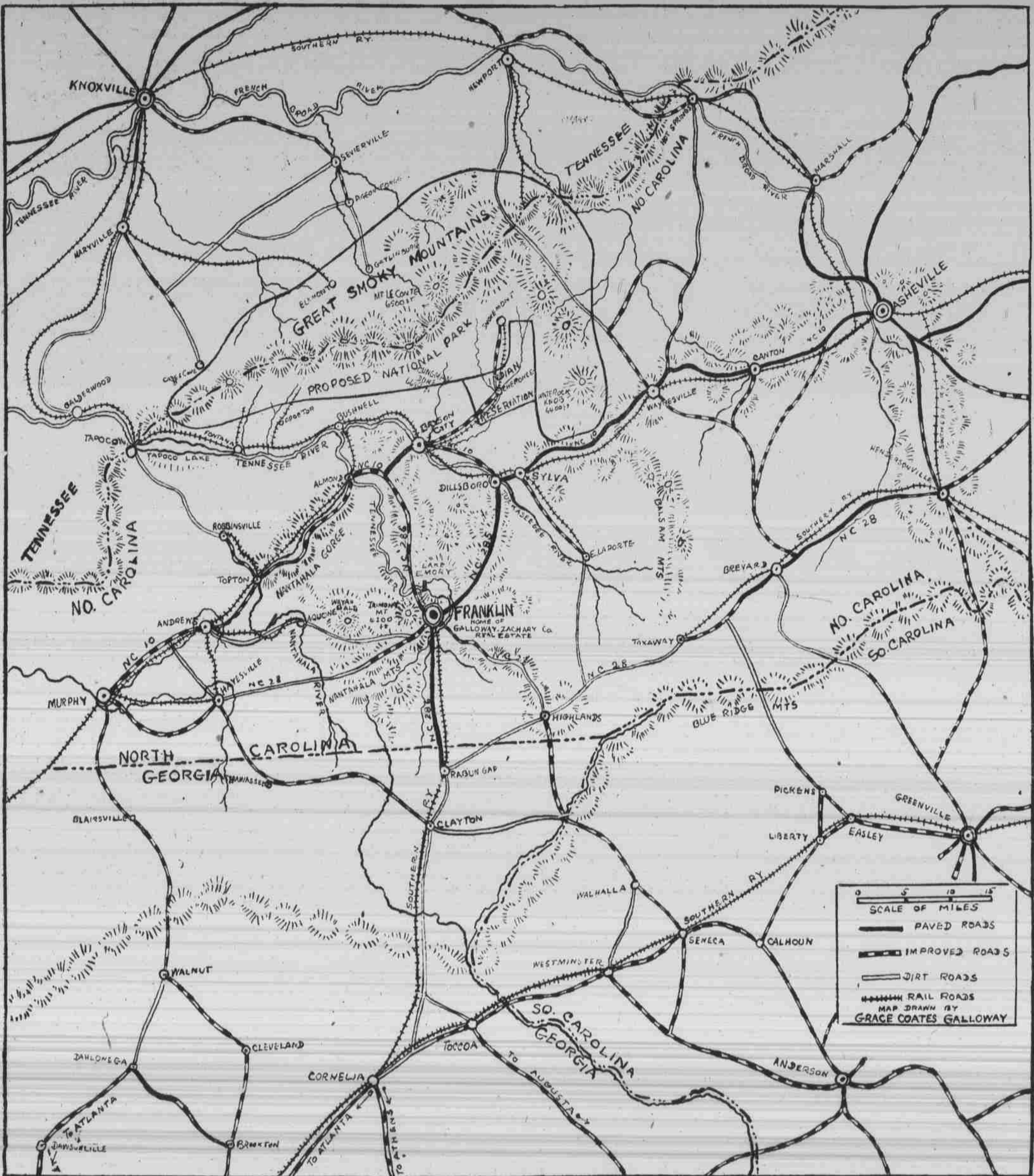


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MACON COUNTY HIGHWAYS

It takes but a glance at the highway map of North Carolina to impress the excellent advantages, as to highway transportation, which Macon county possesses. Her position in this respect is undoubtedly the best of any county in the whole of Western North Carolina, with the exception of Buncombe.

The Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta Highway.

Most important to the tourist, at least, of all the roads of Macon county is the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta highway—short route from the south to the mountains. The road enters the state fourteen miles south of Franklin and leads by Franklin on to Dillsboro, where it connects with the central highway.

With the exception of two miles in Macon and six miles in Jackson county, this road has been paved to Dillsboro. It is expected that the road will be finished by next July.

After reaching Dillsboro on the road to Asheville the traveler follows the Central Highway, N. C. Route 10, the great "main street of the state." The stretch from Dillsboro to Waynesville, now an excellent all-weather road, is within the year to be concreted. The remainder of the Franklin-Asheville road has already been paved.

By next summer, therefore, the traveler may cover the entire distance from the Georgia line to Asheville on an unbroken stretch of concrete

Nor is that all. Arrangements have been made and the contract is to be let for paving of the portion of the Asheville-Atlanta highway through Rabun county Georgia. Habersham is soon to follow suit. When these Georgia counties have completed their work the Asheville-Atlanta-Franklin highway will be a splendid hard surfaced highway from Cornelia, whence the road to Atlanta is in splendid shape—to Asheville—a tourists dream of over one hundred and twenty-five miles.

And what a road it will be—Curving gently on splendid grades from Cornelia in the Habersham, within thirty minutes the traveler has reached the Tallulah Falls, that great scar in nature's face carved out by the Tallulah river, the splendid lakes of the tremendous development of the Georgia Power company. Within another hour they have reached Rabun Gap where the waters divide so imprecipitely as to be unnoticed, those on the one hand flowing to the Atlantic, on the other down through the gorge and glen to mingle with the great Father of Waters.

Within two hours the tourist is within Macon county—Franklin, lying in the valley of the Tennessee with the great Nantahala on the west less than an hour away while on the other side lies the Cowee range. Reaching Franklin the tourist must needs stop. He could not pass unheeded this wonderful region. He



View of Macon County's Link of Atlanta-Franklin-Asheville Highway.

finds hotels of the best, trout streams within a short drive, muskellunge fishing within an easy walk, Lake Emory—swimming—boating—golf—rest—recreation.

Leaving Franklin the tourist skirts Lake Emory and rapidly climbs on sweeping curves up the Cowee range through the Cowee Gap, on up the Tuckaseegee Valley, across the mighty Balsam range, down the beautiful valley of the Pigeon to Asheville.

For years the heat racked tourist from the south has had to drive from

Atlanta to Greenville and then to Asheville. From Atlanta to above Greenville he has traveled for a distance of nearly two hundred miles through the monotonous flatness of Georgia and South Carolina dust. That day will be gone upon the completion of the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta highway. Within 30 minutes after leaving Cornelia, he is in the mountains, the long, hot dusty trip is gone.

At the inner portal of Western North Carolina—stands Macon coun-

ty and Franklin.

Franklin to Bryson City.

From Franklin to Bryson City, thirty miles away, extends one of the most wonderful scenic highways in Eastern America. This is N. C. route 286. For a distance of twenty miles from Franklin this road follows the valley of the Tennessee river, at times rising far above it as it twists its way between the mountains. It then turns sharply across the Cowee range and down to the valley of the Tuckaseegee where, near Bryson City, it connects with the Central Highway on the west.

From Bryson City eastward to Sylva the Central Highway, Route 10, is paved. By leaving Franklin on route 286, thence to its connection with route 10 near Bryson, thence to Dillsboro on route 10 and back to Franklin on the Asheville-Franklin-Atlanta highway, the tourist is able to make a triangular drive of around seventy-five miles, over splendid road through a country unsurpassed for sheer scenic beauty. This trip may be compared with any of its length in the state with no fear of loss.

N. C. Route 28.

Returning from Hendersonville and Brevard on the east, through the Sapphire country around Toxaway on through Cashiers Valley to Highlands, the highest incorporated town in eastern America, down the Culla-

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