

Along The Way

By Emily Kilette

Strickland and later Stricklands-ville were the names under which Magnolia was first chartered as a town in the early 1700s.

Along the Way began a reprint of an article about the history of Magnolia two weeks ago. The article was written by H. Tracey Brown in 1955. The article was published under the title "The Town of Magnolia" and appeared in the February 24, 1955 issue of the DUPLIN TIMES. As Along the Way continues this week with Brown's history of Magnolia, please remember the article was written in 1955 and a great deal of changes have taken place in Duplin's oldest chartered town.

The Town of Magnolia
We do not have a list of all the doctors who practiced medicine here. Dr. Milton K. Devane practiced medicine here from 1850 or earlier, until about 1886.

Dr. McMillan was here for a shorter period, leaving in or about the year 1893. Each of them used the building that is occupied now by Dr. Berkley Wilson as their offices. Dr. Grady came and used the same office until about 1896. Dr. Arthur was here for five years, leaving about the year of 1901. Dr. Arthur used the office which was occupied by Dr. Grady and others. A number of doctors came and stayed only a short time, Drs. Clark, Williams, Smith, Kyle and Carr.

Their offices were on the West side of the railroad near the present drug store and served in his profession until his death in 1947.

Many of the streets were once shaded with elm trees, which gave comfort to the citizens of the town during their leisure hours, also to strangers passing through. Main, Monk and Carroll streets were the most beautifully shaded. A large water oak with spreading branches stood back from Carroll Street, to the north between Miss Macy Cox's store and the railroad. This tree shaded many horses on hot summer days, while their driver went to the Post Office, depot and stores where he did his shopping, also congregated for a friendly chat with the merchant and others who came in.

Telling jokes of humor and fun. Boasting of his best hound dog. Each one trying to prove that he had the bestest drive horse and many other hobbies of that day.

In spirituality Magnolia has ever looked to the higher power. Her churches have not been neglected. There are at present four white

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Wednesday - spaghetti or smoked sausage, tossed salad, green peas, fruit, roll

Thursday - chick fillet or barbecue, coleslaw, baked beans, orange, banana, hamburger roll, cake

Friday - Workday

A choice of whole, sweet acidophilus or flavored low-fat milk is offered. Each school offers a variety of extra items for sale.

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churches and three colored churches. Each has good attendance by their many faithful and loyal members.

Old records tell us of a house for worship one mile from Strickland's (as this town was called at that time) on the south side of Carr Branch. We do not know at what date that church was built. It was well back in the 1700s and long before the day of the Methodist circuit riders. Records indicate that it was an old building in 1794, as the congregation was then preparing to erect a new one. This church was nondenominational, at

the time it was built just as a place to worship God. When the Methodist circuit riders came to this section its doors were open to them.

Soon the congregation followed them in their faith and it became a Methodist church.

The owner of the land where the church was built, James Rogers, deeded one acre of land, "Where the church was standing" to Francis Asbury, Bishop of the Methodist Church of America.

This deed is on the Duplin County Registry, dated August 22nd, 1794. This location was used for a good

many years after the deeding. In 1856 Dr. Milton K. Devone deeded a lot on "Carlton Street in the town of Stricklandsville," (as it was called at that time) to erect a Methodist church on. The present Methodist church building was erected on that lot and was moved to the present site on Main Street in 1905.

The Baptist Church was organized in the Beaver Dam School house on the fourth Sunday in November 1835 and was built on a part of the same grounds, and called the Beaver Dam Baptist Church. This was where the

Mainly house stands, on the Kenansville road, just east of town. Paul Bass now owns the land. This church was moved in town where the present brick structure now stands.

There are two Free Will Churches in town at present. The First Free Will Church house was organized and built during the years 1899 and 1900 as a Pentecostal Holiness Church. The sills were first laid on the lot where the Methodist Church now stands. By an argument or some dissatisfaction that arose, a member moved the timber to the lot on Highway 117 where it now stands. In

or about the year of 1910 it turned to "Free Will," and a few years later a part of the congregation withdrew and organized the Carroll Street Free Will Church. A Universalist congregation worshipped here from about 1890 to 1926, when they disbanded, most went to the Red Hill Church in Sampson County. The construction of this church building was financed by the late H.E. and Martha Newbury, the grandparents of Mrs. L.M. Sanderson, Sr. The building is now owned and used by the Woman's Club, also is used as a community center and for lodge meetings.

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