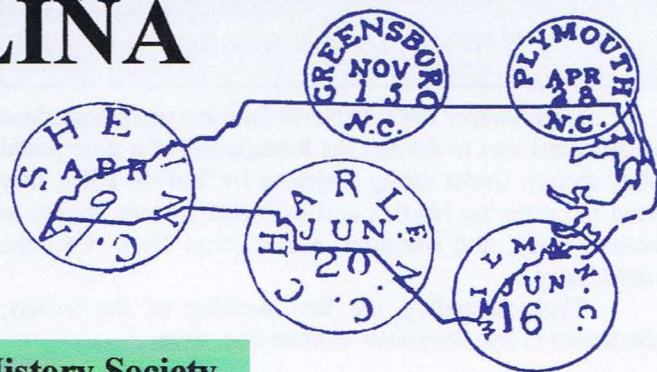


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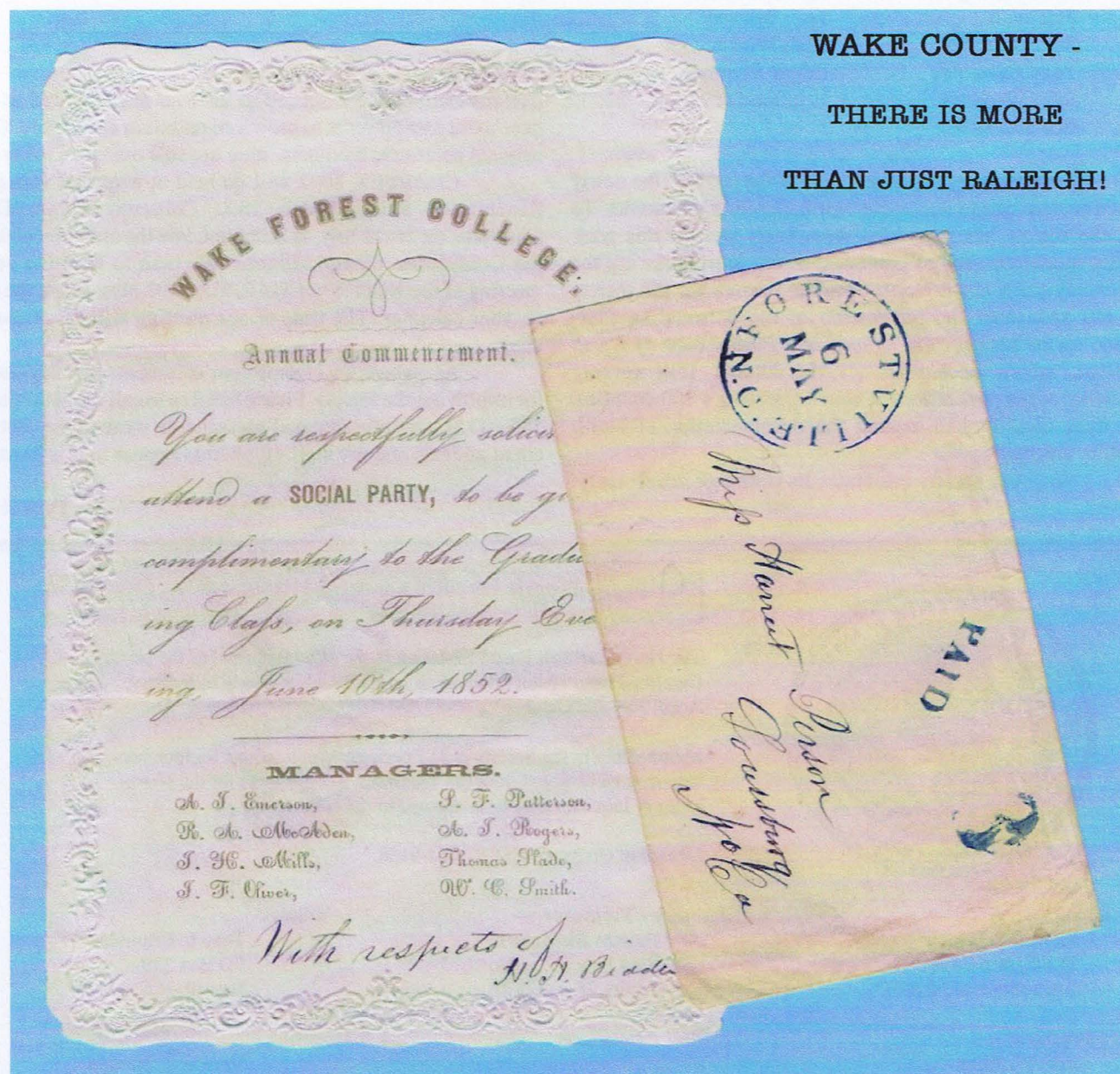


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## President's Message

On 9 January 1982, 17 North Carolina postal historians and collectors met to discuss the formulation of a state postal history society. Under acting chairman Dr. Harvey Tilles, they agreed to create the North Carolina Postal History Society to promote, study, and education others about North Carolina postal history.

Those attending the first meeting of the society, documented in the *Newsletter* number one, were:

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From the very beginning, one of the goals of the newly formed society was to document North Carolina postmarks. To date, the society has succeeded remarkably well in this goal. Besides numerous articles published in our journal during the past twenty years about North Carolina postmarks, the society also has sponsored the publication of the outstanding four-volume set of books, *Post Offices and Postmasters of North Carolina*, which documents all the known 19th century postmarks of the post offices in North Carolina's 100 counties. And work continues to expand the documentation of North Carolina postmarks.

Now, our society celebrates its twentieth anniversary.

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Congratulations are extended to all who have labored so hard over these past 20 years to grow and maintain our society. Of the original seventeen members, nine are still members today.

CHARPEX 2002 will be held at a special venue, the Renaissance Suites Hotel, 2800 Coliseum Centre Drive, Charlotte, on 26-28 July, to accommodate the annual meeting of the Confederate Stamp Alliance. We plan to hold the annual meeting of the NCPHS at CHARPEX 2002 also. Mark the dates on your calendar. The time of our meeting will be announced later.

As always, I welcome your comments and suggestions for improving the society. Please feel free to call me at home (336 545-0175), send me an email message, or write to me. Both my email address and my mailing address appear in this journal.

*Dick Winter*



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## There's More to Wake Than Raleigh

by Tony L. Crumbley

From Adams to Zebulon, Wake County has had a lot of different post offices since it's first, Raleigh, in 1794. Many of these post offices sprang up before the war to service the farm communities scattered throughout the 900 square miles of the county -- one of the largest in the state.

Suburban development began shortly after the Civil War. By 1872, economic and social influences were causing large scale growth outside of the traditional city core, where the bulk of Wake County population lived before the war. By the mid-1870's it was becoming more dispersed. Throughout the county new towns like Apex, Falls, Garner's Station, and West Raleigh began to spring up, many along the rail lines in order to take advantage of industrial growth.

(Figure 2) also saw a growth spurt in the 1870's. The post office itself was first opened in 1856 by Postmaster Allison Page. As new business was created by two rail lines in the city, the residents of Cary decided to incorporate the town. The General Assembly granted their charted on April 3, 1871. The boundaries were one square mile, it's limits were half a mile from the Chatham Railroad's warehouse and "parallel with the four walls." A.F. Page, the town's first Postmaster was named mayor. The town was named after Samuel Fenton Cary, an Ohio congressman who was strong on prohibition. Included in the town charter was a prohibition against any "tippling houses and like establishments" within two miles of its limits.

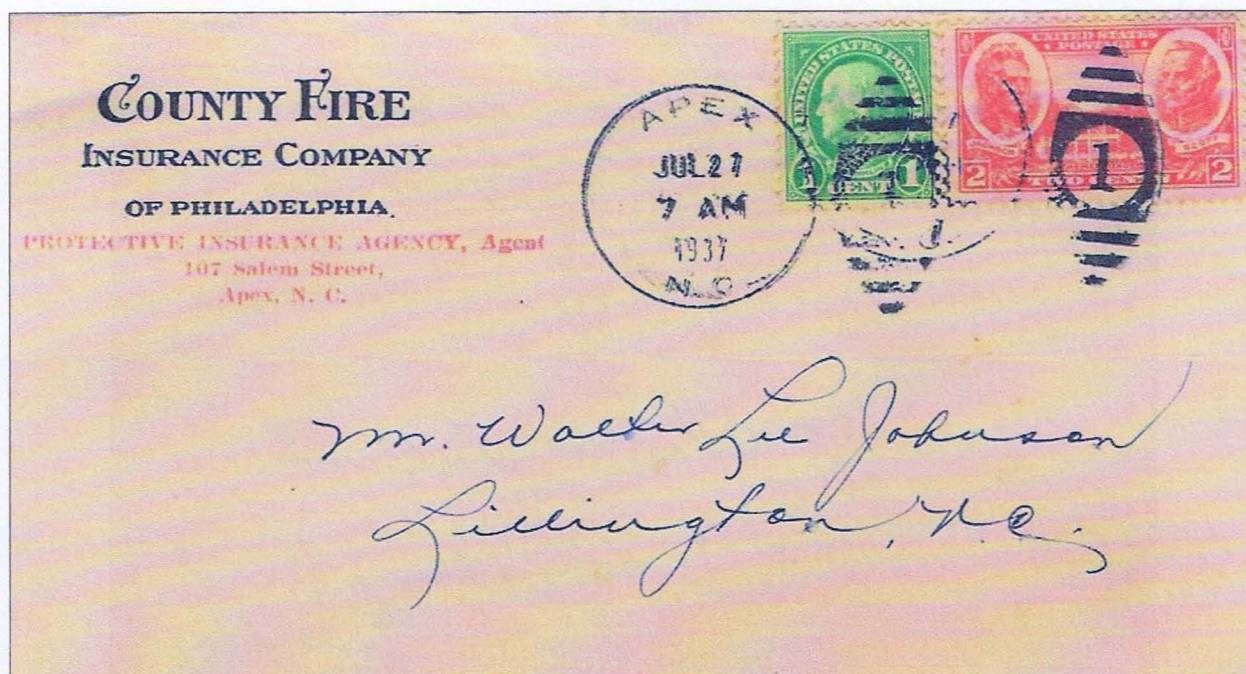


Figure 1

One of the first was Apex (Figure 1). The Chatham Railway Company established a depot called Apex, supposedly so named because its location at 504 feet above sea level, was the highest point of the terrain at that time. A year later, August 23, 1871, the Apex post office was established. Daniel Mann, first postmaster, probably handling out the mail from the Mann grocery store across Salem Street from the railroad station. He estimated at the time that one hundred families lived within three miles of his store. Apex received its town charter from the General Assembly on February 28, 1873. By 1880, a full year and a half after its first post office opened, Apex had a population of 228.

One of the fastest growing cities today, Cary,

Green Level (Figure 3) near Cary, was not located on one of the railroads in the 1860's. It was, however on one of the major east-west roads connecting Raleigh and Pittsboro. It's post office was first opened in 1847 with Thomas Utley being the first postmaster. The post office operated throughout the war and remained open until 1888. Local legend has it that the community's name originated with the comment of an old timer that the area surrounding the crossroads were exceptionally green and level. In 1872, the community had seven general stores.

Holly Springs was located six miles from the Chatham Railroad, thus as communities along the rail line prospered, Holly Springs went in the opposite direction. Numerous residents of the community moved away in the 1870's. It was not



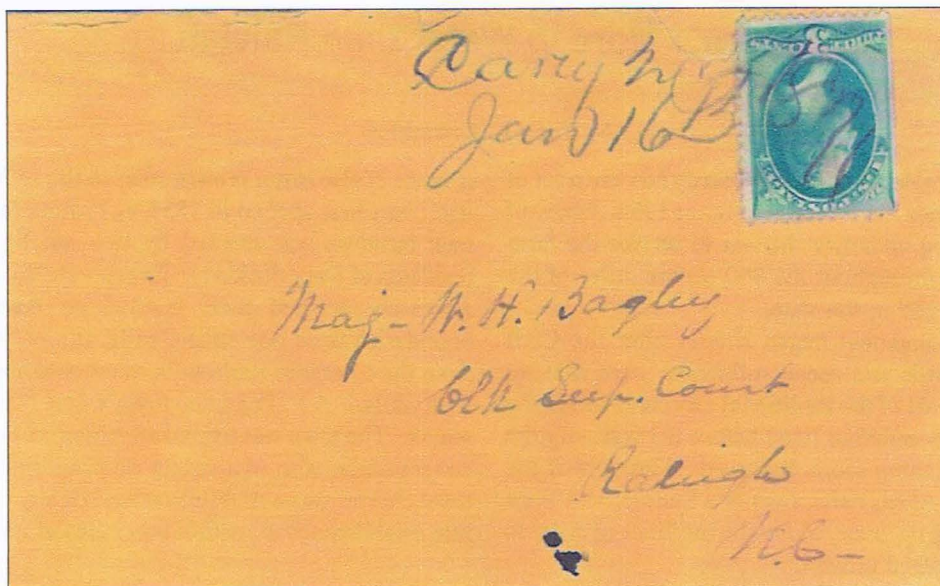


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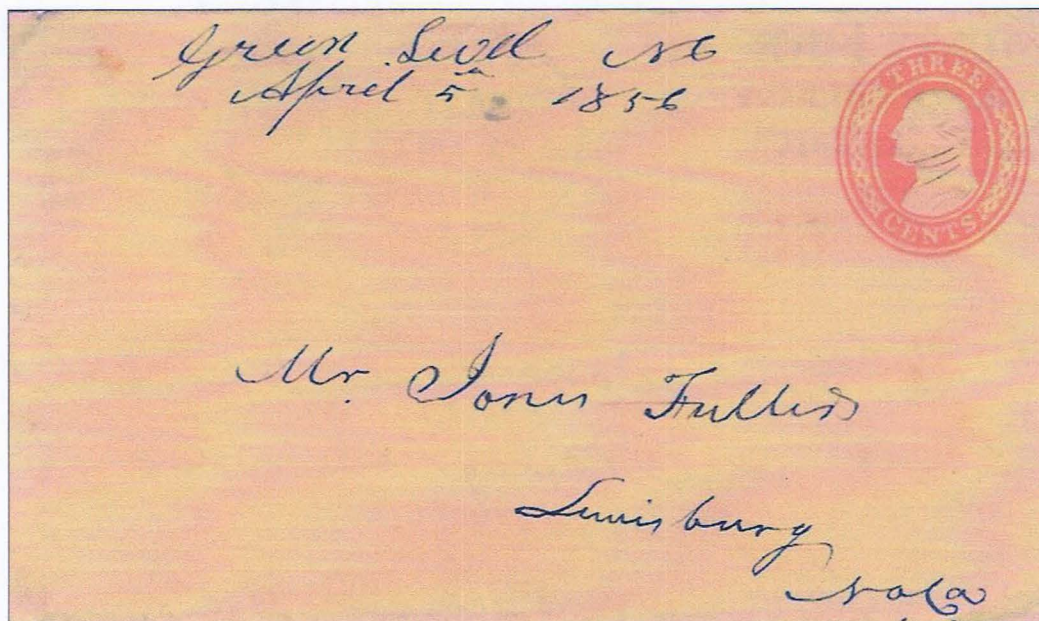


Figure 3

until the 1880's that the city's growth began to turn around. The post office was first established in Holly Springs on February 19, 1833, and it remained there until 1866. When it was discontinued in 1874, John L. Ballentine reopened it, and changed the name to Ballentine's Mills. On February 14, 1877, the name was changed back to Holly Springs. The cover in Figure 4 is interesting in that it was posted in the 1870's from Holly Springs, N.C. to Rev. H.W. Norris of Ballentine's Mills, N.C.

The community of New Hill (Figure 5) sprang up on the railroad line in southwestern Wake County, just south of Apex. The post office was first opened 30 Aug 1851 by Postmaster Robert M. Brown. Brown served through the Civil War. In 1895 the post office name was changed to Newhill until 1961 when it

was changed back to New Hill.

Wake Forest was an unincorporated village on the Raleigh & Gaston route. It had sustained a long-time rivalry with Forestville (cover), where the nearest railroad station was located; and the competition continued after the war. The student body of the college was again growing following the war. The covers postmarked from Forestville occasionally contained commencement or party invitations from students at Wake Forest to family and friends.

In 1873 the Wake Forest College post office, which had been discontinued in 1848, was reestablished, and in 1874 the railroad depot was removed from Forestville to the college town. (Figure 6) L.L. Polk's *Handbook of North Carolina* (1879) noted that "the trains of the Raleigh & Gaston Railroad skirt the



campus, and stop at the depot in front of the college. The college was in the midst of a rural village, and in a neighborhood of sobriety and thrift. Some 456 people were living close enough together at the end of the decade to incorporate themselves into a town."

For 122 years the college of Wake Forest was located in Wake Forest. In 1966 the L. Smith Reynolds Foundation offered to give the college \$350,000 annually on condition that the

school move to Winston-Salem. The school took them up on the offer and moved, leaving behind the Baptist Seminary to occupy the buildings.

Wake County has had many, many more operating post offices. Some of which no postmarks have been recorded. This is an indication that there is still much research to be done by students of North Carolina postal history.

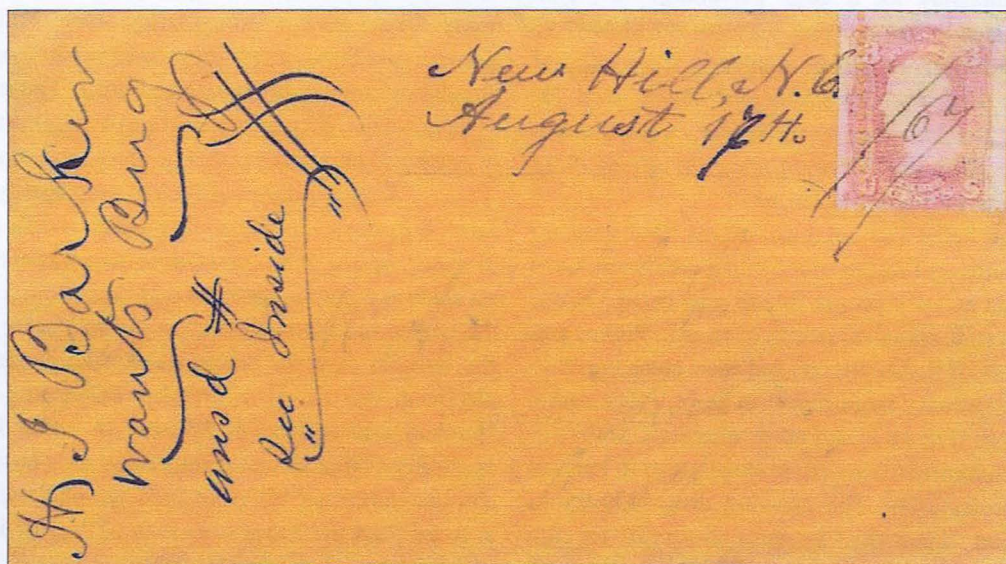


Figure 5



Figure 6



## Medical Remedies for Man's Aliments

by Jerry R. Roughton

*Fifty or sixty years ago, every home in the country had growing in its garden a liberal supply of old fashioned herbs and medicinal plants such as cat-nip, balm, tansy, camomile, sage and spearmint, peppermint, pennyroyal, elecampane and comfrey. People knew the use of these herbs, and their value in treating ailments. Doctors were few and far between, so the old settlers had to depend largely upon their supply of garden herbs. These would be given a trial in case of sickness before calling a doctor. ..."*  
Dr. Henry B. Shields (1853-1938)

Folk medicines, or home-made remedies as they were called, were the mainstay for a large percentage of North Carolinians in the years before the War Between the States and in many decades to follow. A family member's knowledge of botanical plants, or that of a herb doctor was carried over for generations. As Dr. Shields notes when "doctors were few and far between" in the 1870-80s -- *'People knew the use of these herbs, and their value in treating ailments.* "

These same herbs and botanical plants, that grew so bountifully in the fields and woods of the Old North State, were also gathered by the country people to sell and barter. North Carolina dealers in crude botanical plants, such as L. Pinkus and the Wallace Brothers of Statesville, traded their store goods to these gathers who collected a large variety of herbs, roots, barks, seeds, flowers. Pinkus (Figure 1) and other wholesale dealers in turn shipped large quantities of the crude dried drugs in bales to northern drug manufacturers. The growing drug industry in United States relied upon this *medicia materias* for the ingredients in the manufacturer of so-called patent medicines.\*

Early drugstores were more than the word implies, because they stocked a variety of goods from paints to seeds and many times were a mini-variety store. Following the War Between the States many drugstores began to stock and sell the popular manufactured patent medicines. The mortar and pestle, as an advertising image for a druggist, became more visible both in print and on signs painted or hung by hooks. (Figure 2)

A good number of doctors were also proprietors of their own drugstore. In some instances these physician-owned drugstores were, at times, no more than part of the doctor's office set aside as a pharmacy, or an add-on building. One can see both the healer and the businessman in these early doctors who saw the need to care for others as well as themselves. One such physician was Dr. V. E. Weyher of Kinston. He was born in Hungary and arrived in Kinston in 1872. By 1879 he was operating a large wholesale and retail drug business from a brick store on the corner of Queen and Caswell Streets. The following account from the *Kinston Journal* of August 14, 1879 provides us with a snapshot of his activities.

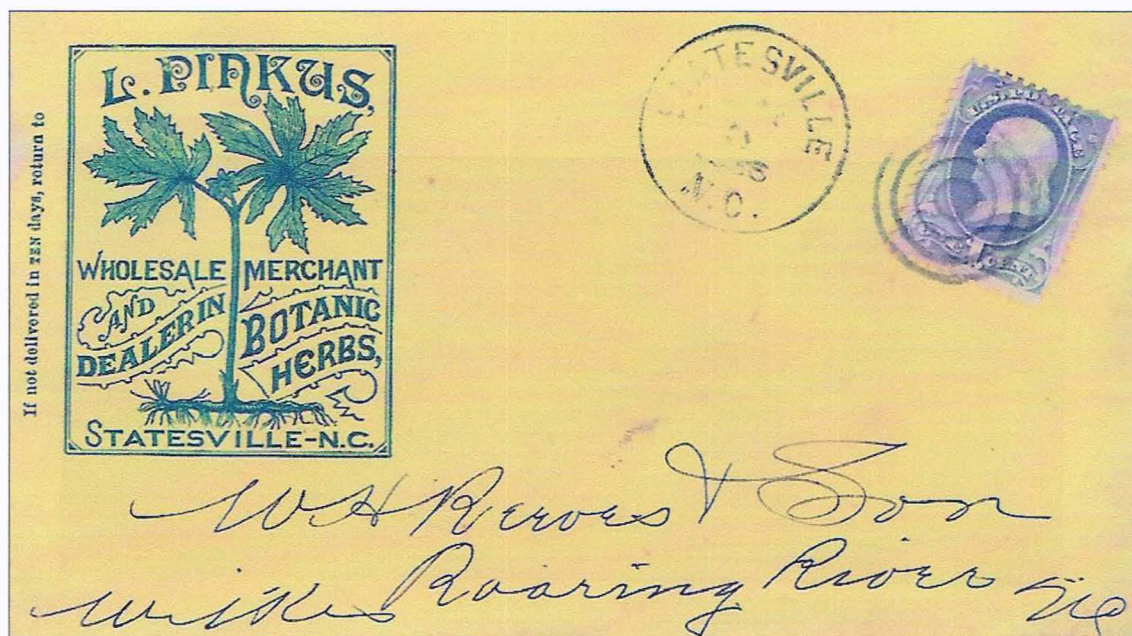


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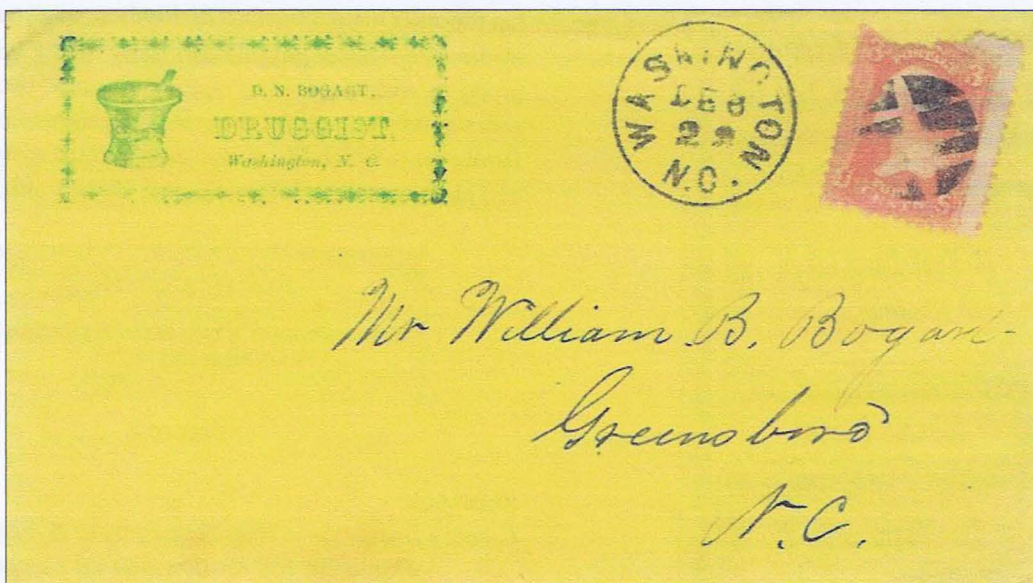


Figure 2

"Dr. Weyher is doing a very extensive wholesale Drug business in the lower Eastern counties. He has a Druggers license and keeps Bob Ferguson travelling most of the time taking orders and delivery goods. Ferguson left Kinston the 6th with a heavy two horse load of drugs for Trenton, Pollocksville, Swansboro, Jacksonville, and other intermediate points." Dr. Weyher was also manufacturer and sole proprietor of Weyher's Chill Pills, Liver Pills, Dianvea Mixtun and other preparations. Although patent medicines accounted for much of the over-the-counter medicines and preparations by the mid-1870s, proprietary medicines in the form of tonics, elixirs and bitters were being manufactured and marketed by North Carolina doctors.

Dr. J.M. Howard of Mount Olive (Figure 3) is a fine example of another North Carolina proprietary medicine. In the 1880s Dr. Howard was the "Practical Compounder and Proprietor of Howard's Infallible Remedy for Worms." His "infallible" remedy was a worm candy. Please note his 1884 advertisement from the *Goldsboro Messenger*, Figure 4.

Although not a medicine, another example of a proprietary health product is Mrs. Grier's Real Hair Restorer illustrated on a corner card from 1907. (Figure 5) It appears that a large majority of these proprietary medicines and health-beauty aids retained only a limited market and, in many cases, were short-lived due to a saturated market and no recognition.

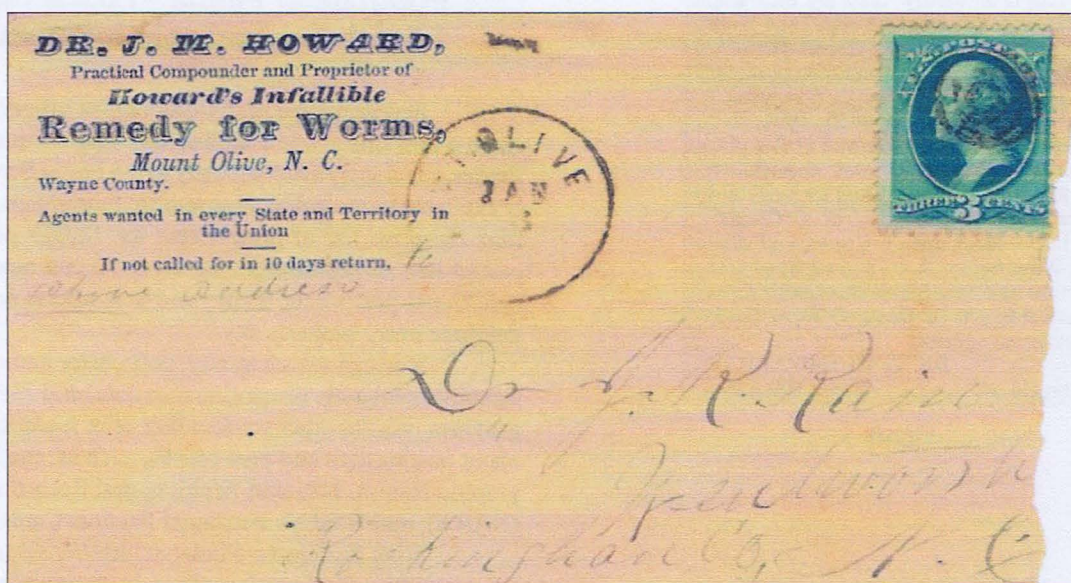


Figure 3



**TAPE WORM**

17 Feet Long taken  
from

Johnnie Currie,  
Six Years Old, of  
Wilmington, N. C.

One good Agent wanted in  
every Town in the State to sell  
the Medicine.

Address  
**Dr. J. M. HOWARD.**  
Mt. Olive, N. C.

WILMINGTON, N. C., Jan. 4th, 1882.  
This is to certify that my little son, 6  
years old, was troubled with Tape Worm,  
and was treated by different physicians  
who succeeded only in removing portions of  
the parasite. I at length determined to  
try Dr. J. M. Howard of Mt. Olive, N. C.,  
who in a few hours removed 17 feet of the  
worm, with head. I most cheerfully re-  
commend Dr. Howard and his medicine to  
the public. S. A. CURRIE.

P. S.—Mr. Currie is a prominent citizen  
of Wilmington, N. C., and engaged in the  
Livery and Sale Stable Business. Agents  
wanted to sell Dr. Howard's Worm Candy.  
For terms address,  
DR. J. W. HOWARD,  
Mount Olive, N. C.

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Figure 4

On the other hand, Lunsford Richardson, as a young pharmacist in the early 1890s, formulated a salve, along with a few other products, which he sold as “family remedies” over his drugstore counter. All these products carried the trade name “Vick”, an old family name which Mr. Richardson felt was easier to remember and pronounce than his own name. *Vicks* is still around today.

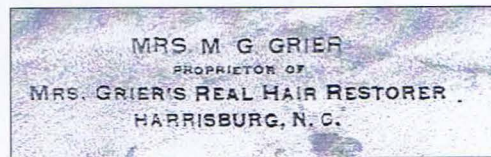


Figure 6

Reference:

*Country Doctor for A Half Century* by H. B. Shields (1975) pp. 97 and 60; *The Kinston Journal* August 14, 1879

\*Footnote to history: Sadly the era of patent medicines was “in a time when medical treatment was less understood than it is today, people who took the medicines wanted to ‘feel’ a difference”. American society by the late 19th century was permeated with patent medicines and, as history has shown, “there was nothing to stop patent medicines makers from claiming anything and putting anything in their products ...” The wake-up call came in 1905 in a series of writings by Sam Hopkins Adams in *Colliers Magazine*, entitled “The Great American Fraud”

Reference: “*The Patent Medicine Menace*,” Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, web site information; [www.fda.gov](http://www.fda.gov).

## Postmaster Finder - Postal History Database Available to the Public

Researching a postmaster or post office? Want to know when a post office was established or discontinued? Postmaster Finder, previously available only to the Postal Service's Internet, is available to the public now at <http://www.usps.com>. You will find complete list of postmasters for 12,000 post offices and partial lists of postmasters for about 30,000 more post offices. Additional postmaster names and post offices are added to the database every business day.

You can search by city, postmaster name, county, state, establishment date, discontinuance date, and ZIP code. The site provides links to other sources that offer historical information about postmasters and post offices, such as, the Board on Geographic Names, National Archives and Record Administration (NARA), and NARA's Personnel Records Center.

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# POSTAL HISTORY OF VANCE COUNTY

By Phil Perkinson

From the time of this country's formation in 1881, no institution was more vital to a community than its post office. Often located in a home, tavern, courthouse or place of business, it was here that people gathered on "mail days" (occurring only bi-weekly or monthly in some areas) to collect their letter, books, newspapers and to learn what was going on in the community and the rest of the world.

The earliest letters were carried "by favor of an individual in passing. During the British Colonial Period there were post offices at Bath, New Bern, Edenton and Wilmington, but their main business was handling ship mail to Europe and the larger American port cities. It was only after the Revolutionary War that the state started a serious westward expansion. North Carolina had only 13 post offices in 1792, but by 1794 there were forty seven. It was at this time that the Williamsboro post office was established. The main post road or "Upper Road" passed from Petersburg, Va. via Warrenton, Raleigh, Fayetteville and on to Augusta, Ga. From this main route, cross post routes were established. The one of interest here ran from Halifax to Salisbury via Warrenton, Williamsboro, Hilleboro and Salem. The light volume of mail is shown by the fact that receipts from 1792 to the end of 1793 were only \$35. The contract to carry the mail over this 211 mile long route was awarded on October 1, 1794 to Stephen Sneed, the postmaster at Williamsboro.

Post office equipment and supplies were rather simple in the early offices. The postmaster had to furnish only a wooden desk or chest with a strong lock and key, pen, ink and an area "sufficient to transact business". The General Post Office supplied: forms for various reports, a Table of U. S. Post Offices, a copy of the postal laws and regulations, a United States map, saddle bag or oilskin folio with lock and key, ledgers and a table of postage rates. Letters were charged per sheet of paper and were sent folded and sealed with address written on the outside of the letter. Since an envelope was considered a second sheet of paper they did not come into wide spread use until around 1848. Rates for a single sheet or letter going not over 30 miles was 6 cent, 30 to 80 miles was 10 cents, 80 to 150 miles was 12½ cents, 150 to 400 miles was 18-3/4 cents, and over 400 miles was 25 cents. These rates remained in effect until, 1845 when the rate was reduced to 5 cents up to 300 miles and 10 cents over 300 miles. These rates are reflected in the first U. S. postage stamps which were issued in 1847. Rates were reduced again in 1851 to 3 cents up to 3000 miles if prepaid and 5 cents if unpaid. It was not until 1855 that prepayment of letters was required and this was not well received since prepayment was thought to indicate that the receiver was too poor or unable to pay for his letters.

The focus of mail traffic saw a dramatic turn in September of 1838 when the Raleigh & Gaston R. R. arrived at the relatively new town of Henderson. The first postmaster was Lewis Reavis who donated the land for the combination railroad station-post office. This feat of generosity was matched at the small town of Lanesville to the north of Henderson. With the completion of the Roanoke Valley R. R. from Manson, N. C. to Clarksville, Va. in 1855; Edmund Towns donated land for the railroad station and Lanesville became Townesville in his honor. To the south, the old office of Linbank was moved several miles

to the southeast and reopened as Staunton to accommodate the new railroad business. At the outbreak of the Civil War the six principal towns in this area of Granville County were enjoying daily mail service thanks to the railroads.

With the birth of Vance County in 1881 the new county annexed three post offices from Warren County: Brookston, Middleburgh, and Woodworth; four from Granville County: Henderson, Kittrell, Townsville and Williamsboro, with none coming from the Franklin County area. By 1900 these seven offices had been joined by an additional nine, making a total of sixteen operating post offices. From 1900 to the present only two more post offices were established: Hilliard which lasted about five months and Tungsten which operated ten years.

With the introduction of Rural Free Delivery (RFD) in Vance County between 1903 and 1906 the less profitable fourth class post offices were rapidly discontinued. From 1900 to 1910 ten of these smaller offices were discontinued with the mail for that area being routed to a larger town or the new rural carriers. The past 83 years have seen Vance County post offices drop from the 1900 peak of 16 to the present 4; one less than when Henderson was established on September 28, 1838.

The following tabulation of post offices which have operated within the present boundaries of Vance County has many place and family names which are quite familiar and closely associated with the county. It shows that some offices had a quick turnover of postmasters, but in some the postmaster was truly a part of the post office. Outstanding in this respect were Fernando T. Tucker at Townsville, who at his death on January 25, 1953, had almost thirty nine years at his post, and Miss Lucille Brooks Ellis at Kittrell with over thirty years at her office when she retired. Lanesville - Townsville has the record for the longest period of continuous operation: one hundred and sixty two years.

I would like to sincerely thank the current postmasters of Vance County and the interested citizens who have supplied much valuable personal data regarding the many post offices and postmasters.

## VANCE COUNTY POST OFFICES

<b>Bearpond</b>	
Eugene O. Pardue	24 Oct 1889
Lizzie F. Pardue	26 Sep 1901
Discontinued	28 Feb 1903
Mail to Henderson	
<b>Bobbitt</b>	
Patrick A. Bobbitt	12 Nov 1891
Rufus K. Young	14 Jan 1901
Discontinued	30 Mar 1907
<b>Brookston</b>	
Nelson Brooks	13 Dec 1870
Henry Church	23 Apr. 1872
Charles R. Church	20 Dec 1877
Harriett D. Church	15 Jun 1892
Discontinued	31 Aug 1906
Mail to Henderson	



<b>Carlton</b>		Rebecca J. Wyche	15 Jul 1880
Oliver H. Parham	11 Apr 1892	Richard B. Henderson	9 Feb 1888
Minnie B. Hicks	11 Jan 1897	Thomas W. Hicks	28 Sep 1889
Discontinued	5 Dec 1905	John R. Moss	27 Jan 1890
Mail to Henderson		M.T. Cheatham	22 Mar 1894
<b>Cokes</b>		Dollie W. Garrett	2 May 1898
Joseph N. Tunstall	7 Jun 1894	Pryce T. Jones	24 June 1902
Discontinued	30 Nov 1905	William H. Jenkins	22 Jan 1906
Mail to Henderson		W.E. Gary	29 May 1913
<b>Dabney</b>		Isaac J. Young	22 Mar 1917
John Eaton Burroughs	3 Dec 1883	Vernon W. Faris	21 Dec 1922
Ira T. Hart	17 Apr 1900	Cadimus P. Wright	20 Dec 1930
Mary Wilson	31 Oct 1908	John R. Teague	18 Jul 1935
Lallinus W. Burroughs	13 Apr 1914	William G. Stainback	31 Oct 1953
Discontinued	15 Mar 1935	Junius W. Rogers, Jr.	31 Aug 1957
Mail to Henderson		William S. Jones	30 Jun 1973
<b>Epsom</b>		Winston R. Harriss, Jr.	5 Jan 1974
Simon W. Duke	27 Sep 1887	<b>Linbank</b>	
I.W. Green	10 Dec 1897	George Barnes	9 Mar 1829
Discontinued	31 Mar 1908	Samuel Duty	20 Apr 1830
Mail to Henderson		William A. Eaton	10 Dec 1835
<b>Gillburg</b>		Samuel Duty	27 Mar 1838
S.G. Satterwhite	7 Jan 1890	John Eaton	15 Jun 1838
Edwar W. Ellis	10 Oct 1899	Robert D. Eaton	16 Apr 1839
James O. Stainback	23 Oct 1903	William R. Hicks	21 Aug 1839
William G. Watkins	10 Nov 1905	Moved, Changed to Staunton	15 May 1841
Discontinued	15 Sep 1906	<b>Middleburgh</b>	
Mail to Henderson		Elmer W. Watkins	4 May 1876
<b>Strickland</b>		John W. Nicholson	19 Sep 1881
Bryant O. Strickland	18 Aug 1887	John G. Young	24 Nov 1882
Changed to Greystone	22 Dec 1887	Robert Bennett	21 May 1883
<b>Greystone</b>		John W. Nicholson	2 Feb 1885
Bryant G. Strickland	23 Dec 1887	Elmer W. Watkins	22 Apr 1886
Willie L. Ray	26 Jan 1888	Name Changed to Middleburgh	1 Dec 1894
P.L. Hester	19 Aug 1898	Brutus Young	12 Jan 1898
Elizabeth Wedding	17 May 1900	Elmer W. Watkins	16 Jan 1902
Elizabeth W. Linehan	30 Mar 1909	Rebecca Watkins	10 Feb 1902
John M. Linehan	19 Feb 1914	Linwood G. Twisdale	17 Feb 1904
Maurice C. Capps	24 Feb 1919	Herbert M. Church	3 Dec 1907
Eric A. Latta	15 Feb 1923	William L. Stewart	28 Apr 1914
Discontinued	15 Oct 1932	Robert T. Stewart	12 Apr 1919
Mail to Henderson		James R. Carroll	1 May 1940
<b>Hilliard</b>		Minnie B. Watkins	1 Aug 1942
H. Hilliard	12 Jul 1901	Minnie B. Jones	12 Oct 1942
Rescinded	3 Dec 1901	Lena H. Fleming	31 Jul 1957
Mail to Henderson		Hallie L. Edwards	12 Dec 1958
<b>Nutbush</b>		<b>Staunton</b>	
Henry B. White	23 Nov 1893	George Burns	16 Jun 1841
Rescinded	28 Apr 1894	Blair Burwell	6 Oct 1843
Mai to Manson		William B. Ellington	3 Jun 1845
<b>Henderson</b>		James H. Hayes	26 Jan 1847
Lewis Reavis	28 Sep 1838	James M. Poole	10 Dec 1849
George J. Reavis	19 Dec 1843	Elisha H. Overton	21 Dec 1851
Lewis H. Kittle	15 Oct 1845	Changed to Kittrell	10 Feb 1854
William W. Reavis	16 Jul 1850	<b>Kittrell</b>	
Elizabeth L. Reavis	9 Sep 1865	Elisha H. Overton	10 Feb 1854
Sallie J. Reavis	23 Feb 1866	Mary E. Overton	11 Oct 1865
Virginia C. McCraw	3 Apr 1869	Barnett L. Parrish	27 May 1872



James C. Reid	16 May 1873	Discontinued	31 Mar 1959
John C. Hester	13 Nov 1877	<b>Williamsboro</b>	
William Blacknall	15 Oct 1887	Stephen Sneed	12 Jun 1794
Thomas H. Burwell	24 Oct 1887	James Sneed	1 Jul 1798
Rufus M. Parson	4 Sep 1893	Albert Sneed	4 Mar 1816
John H. Thorpe	14 Jan 1898	Stephen Sneed	18 Jun 1819
Walter H. Finch	28 Mar 1902	James C. Stevens	3 Mar 1823
James E. Smith	29 Dec 1902	Alexander Hamilton	19 Feb 1824
Ira T. Hunt	29 May 1913	Spelling changed to <b>Williamsborough</b>	Jan 1825
Walter H. Finch	28 Mar 1922	James Anderson	25 Jul 1833
Lucille B. Ellis	7 Sep 1943	Henry Fowler	25 Jul 1836
Sally Ann Van Dyke	31 May 1965	Moses Neal	6 Sep 1843
Charles C. Brown	10 Feb 1967	Elizabeth Satterwhite	17 Sep 1853
Donald E. Johnson	30 Dec 1982	Leopold Henderson	24 Aug 1865
Lewis G. Harris, Jr.	14 May 1983	S.S. Cooper	23 Dec 1865
<b>Steedsville</b>		William F. Henderson	26 Sep 1866
James H. Goodrich	4 Mar 1884	Discontinued	9 Aug 1869
Walter H. Aycock	30 Jan 1885	Reopened	14 May 1879
William H. Stewart	28 Sep 1887	John E. Haithcock	14 May 1879
T. Britt	23 Jan 1890	Herbert S. Lemay	8 Dec 1887
George H. Finch	29 Jan 1891	James C. Wyche	10 Apr 1891
Mattie M. Stainback	22 Mar 1894	William T. Hardy	26 Sep 1893
Discontinued	15 Dec 1894	Robert A. Field	10 Dec 1897
Mail to Vicksburg		Discontinued	15 Feb 1909
<b>Lynessville</b>		Mail to Henderson	
Nathaniel G. Daniel	24 Feb 1821	<b>Woodworth</b>	
William H. Hodge	3 Oct 1829	Henry Woodworth	29 Dec 1831
William T. Hargrove	30 May 1835	E.M. Hargrove	14 Jun 1837
John R. Hargrove	9 Apr 1841	John Read	27 Sep 1837
George Morgan	4 Nov 1844	O.F. Manson	10 Jun 1847
John R. Hargrove	18 Nov 1847	William W. White	12 Feb 1851
William t. Ester	27 Oct 1848	George L. Ridout	7 Mar 1854
William B. Hughes	7 Apr 1851	James O.K. Paschall	15 Jun 1855
Changed to <b>Townesville</b>	4 Apr 1855	Lewis J. Peoples	15 Feb 1859
<b>Townesville</b>		Discontinued	13 May 1867
William B. Hughes	4 Apr 1855	Reopened	29 Mar 1880
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Moses J. Bullock	19 Feb 1872	Mary E. Ridout	3 Nov 1896
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## 2001 NCPHS Member Survey

by Tony L. Crumbley

The Board of Directors in their 2001 meeting requested that the membership be surveyed to determine the condition of the society and to set direction for the future. A survey was mailed with the last newsletter. Of the 112 members, 30% were returned answered. Those familiar with survey results know a 5% rate is quite good -- a 30% is outstanding. This speaks well for our membership that they are concerned about the organization.

A quick review of these responses will indicate anything rating about a 3.0 indicates you want to see more. The higher the number, the more important it is. Anything below a 3.0 is less important.

The following are the results of the survey:

1. Which articles do you want to see more or less of (1 = less and 5 = more)?

	Avg. Score
Hard core philatelic	3.4
Historical related	4.1
Human interest	3.4
Society news	3.1
Member news	3.2

2. What historical periods do you want more or less of?

Colonial	3.9
Federal	3.7
Antebellum	3.9
Confederate	4.1
Reconstruction	3.8
20 <sup>th</sup> Century	3.0
Modern	2.3

3. Would you support a dues increase to maintain color?

Yes	88%
No	12%

4. Did you participate in past NCPHS auctions?

Yes	32%
No	68%

5. How important are live auctions? 3.5

6. What type of material should be included in future auctions?

stampless (5),  
CSA (4),  
railroad (2),  
Indian related,



Appalachian,  
Union occupation,  
maritime,  
Doanes,  
flags,  
eastern NC,  
pre 1950's,  
waterway,  
Forsyth County,  
19<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> century letters

7. How important are live auctions at NCPHS meetings? 83.1

8. What programs should be at annual meetings?

Central location,  
small shows,  
guest talks,  
central N.C. history,  
slide shows,  
cover dealers,  
hold meeting in Oklahoma (thank you, Scott Troutman),  
membership discussions

9. General comments

Editors are doing a great job;  
give us more;  
I'm too far away to attend;  
great society;  
meet in Charlotte and Raleigh;  
do survey once a year;  
great job with Journal;  
don't change it much;  
don't collect N.C. but enjoy reading Journal;  
forgery information;  
exhibiting tips;  
editors are doing a great job;  
color is excellent;  
I like the color;  
staple the newsletters,  
sorry I can't travel to events.

Several clear points to come from the survey are that you would like to see more historical related articles - 13 members marked this a 5. And in general the mix of articles are about right. The Confederate era ranked highest with a 4.1 - 14 members marked this a 5. That was followed by Colonial with a 3.9 and Antebellum with a 3.9 also. 20<sup>th</sup> century and modern era clearly came in as not much interest with a 2.0 and 2.3, respectively - 11 members marked modern with a 1.

88% of you were supportive of a modest increase in dues in order to maintain the color. This tells us you like the color copies. Tell Vernon "thank you" next time you see him - it takes hours of his time to print.

As you read over these comments, if they bring up additional comments, please don't feel you need to wait for the next survey. Just drop one of the editors or officers a note. We can't address your desires unless we hear from you.

The editors would like to thank each of you who took the effort to respond. Your comments will be helpful as we plan future issues of the Journal and activities of the society.



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