

# Small-town businesses, 1903

COMMENTARY AND SIDEBAR NOTES BY L. MAREN WOOD

*The North Carolina Year Book and Business Directory, 1903.*

## As you read...

This page includes the entries from the *North Carolina Year Book and Business Directory* from 1903, for the towns of Jefferson (in Ashe County, in the far northwest of the state) and Washington (in Beaufort County, on the coast).

This book was the equivalent to the Yellow Pages we have today. It listed all of the business by county and city within the state. The directory gives us a picture of small-town life at the turn of the twentieth century. It also shows that even though factories were growing fast, most businesses were still small.

## QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER

1. What was the population of each town? What types of business were in each town? What type of business were only found in larger centers?
2. What business were operated by women? By African Americans? Can you identify any other minorities who lived in these towns based on this list? What business did these people own and operate? What does this directory tell you about the opportunities for women and people of color in North Carolina in 1903?
3. What occupations had the most listings? The fewest? Why do you suppose this is?
4. What businesses are listed in this directory that are now obsolete (no longer used)?
5. The book didn't give addresses for each business. Why do you suppose that was?
6. As we usually do, we've copied the formatting of the original book as closely as possible. Text in bold here was in bold in the original — why do you suppose some businesses are listed in bold and others are not?

## Jefferson

Incorporated in 1800. (No town government. Population, 230.

POSTMISTRESS— Mrs. Julia L. Smith.

#### **MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.**

- PRESBYTERIAN — Calvin Smith, Pastor.
- METHODIST— L. P. Bogle, Pastor.

#### **HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.**

- Mrs. Lucy Carson.
- Mrs. H. H. Rollins.

#### **BARBER SHOPS.**

- John L. Hollars.

#### **BLACKSMITH SHOPS.**

- Alex. Goins, Crumpler<sup>1</sup>.
- Joe Medley, Jefferson.

#### **BOOT AND SHOE SHOPS.**

- John Hollars, Jefferson.

#### **BOTTLING WORKS.**

- Thompson Bromine-Arsenic Springs Co., Crumpler.

#### **DENTISTS.**

- J. W. Sharp, Clifton.
- W. A. Taylor, Scottville.
- E. A. Reeves, Lamar.
- Thomas Goss, Creston.

#### **CATTLE DEALERS.**

- P. G. McNeill, Jefferson.
- I. S. Goss, Ashley.
- [?]. D. Thomas, Creston.
- T. K. Miller, Ore Knob.
- W. H. Hamilton, Beaver Creek.
- W. J. Perkins, Helton.
- J. P. Perkins, Helton.
- W. C. Greer, Grassy Creek.
- John Dent, Jefferson.

**CABINET-MAKERS.**

- John W. Badger, Jefferson.

**CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.**

- Williamson & Weaver, Wagoner.
- James B. Woody, Beldon.

**FLOUR, CORN AND FEED DEALERS.**

- Jefferson Roller Mills, Jefferson.
- Creston Roller Mills, Creston.
- Helton Roller Mills, Helton.
- Barnett Idol, Idol.
- J. U. Ballou, Eugene.
- M. H. Wilcox, Dresden.
- Calvin Graybeal, Ashley.
- J. A. Dixon, Weaversford.

**HARDWARE AND AG'L IMPLEM'TS.**

(See General Merchandise.)

- R. A. Hamilton, Beaver Creek.

**HARNESS M'F'RS AND DEALERS.**

- H. H. Rollins, Jefferson.

**HIDES AND PELTS.**

- Walter Ray, Treetop.

**INSURANCE AGENCIES.**

- R. H. McNeill, Jefferson.
- G. L. Park, Jefferson.
- D. A. Osborn, Jefferson.

**LUMBER M'F'RS AND DEALERS.**

- Williamson & Weaver, Wagoner.
- W. T. Dollar, Solitude.
- J. S. Hopkins, Hopkins.
- J. B. Woody, Beldon.

**LAWYERS.**

- George W. Bower, Jefferson.
- Todd & Pell, Jefferson.
- G. L. Park, Jefferson.
- R. H. McNeill, Jefferson.
- T. C. Bowie, Jefferson.
- J. B. Councill, Jefferson.
- D. A. Davis, Jefferson.
- Oscar Dancy, Gray.
- H. A. Wilborn, Transou.

**MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS.**

- Miss Sallie Gentry, Jefferson.
- Miss Chessie Barr, Jefferson.

**PAINTERS.**

- W. E. Gentry, Jefferson.

**PAPER-HANGERS.**

- W. E. Gentry, Jefferson.

**REAL ESTATE AGENTS.**

- George P. Pell Jefferson.

**FLOUR, CORN AND FEED MILLS**

- Creston Roller Mill, Creston.
- Helton Roller Mill, Helton.
- Jefferson Roller Mills, Jefferson.

**SALOONS.**

- No saloons in the county. Total prohibition.

**SALES AND LIVERY STABLES.**

- R. C. Barr & Co.

**TELEPHONE EXCHANGE & M'GRS.**

- Jefferson Telephone Exchange—Mrs. John F. Logan, Manager.

### **VETERINARY SURGEONS.**

- Oliver Hanks, Sturgill.

### **WATCHES AND JEWELRY**

- N. Testerman, Silas Creek

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## Washington

Incorporated in 1847.

Value real estate, \$893,892.00.

Value personal property, \$601,396.00.

No. white polls, 2,546.

No. colored polls, 1,577.

Tax rate—City purposes, 50c. on \$100;

Schools, 20c; bonded debt, 10c.

There are 5 miles of perfect road and street made of oyster shells.

### **TOWN OFFICERS**

Election is held in May; term of office, 2 years.

- **MAYOR**—George J. Studdert.
- **CLERK**—John R. Ross.
- **TREASURER**—Aruthur Mayo.
- **TAX COLLECTOR**—John R. Ross.
- **FIRE DEPT. CHIEF**—Jos. Chancey.
- **FIRE COMPANIES AND CHIEFS**—Ocean Fire Company, J. F. Thomas; Volunteer Fire Co., T. W. Hoyt; Dibble Fire Co., Sylvester Dibbde; Salamander Fire Co., (col.), Charles Blackledge.
- **CHIEF OF POLICE**—James R. Grist.
- **POLICEMEN**—J. G. Chauncey, Rufus Shelton, George R. Howard.
- **BOARD OF ALDERMEN**—B. G. Moss, C. T> Stewart, W. J. Rhodes, T. G. Paul, J. F. Tayloe, G. J. Studdert, W. M. Chauncey.
- **CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPT.**—Harry Howell: Principals, J. R. Conley, Miss Elizabeth Mallison.
- **CITY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**—E. K. Willis, J. H. Small, S. R. Fowle, W. J. Crumpler, W. C. Mallision, S. C. Bragaw, W. B. Morten.
- **POSTMASTER**—John B. Respass.
- **EXPRESS AGENT**—E. J. Hocutt.
- **R. R. AGENTS**—R. A. G. Barne; Clinton Ross.

## **HOTELS AND BOARDING HOUSES.**

- The Nicholson.
- Ormond House.
- Bonner House.
- The Ricks.
- Hotel “Marie-Louise.”
- Jackson House.
- M. T. Fowler.
- Mrs. Olivia Blakeley.

## **MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.**

- ST. PETERS-(Episcopal)-Nathaniel Harding, Rector.
- METHODIST—R. C. Bearman, Pastor.
- PRESBYTERIAN—George W. Lawson, Pastor.
- BAPTIST—Josiah Crudup, Pastor
- CHRISTIAN—No Pastor.

## **CEMETERIES AND SUPTS.**

- OAKDALE—D. M. Lewis.

## **SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES.**

- Miss Bettie Robinson.
- Miss Sarah Russell.
- Miss Mary P. Blount.

## **ARCHITECTS.**

- Charles Doughty.
- Burwell Riddick.
- Marshall Jones.
- J. L. Gardner & Son.

## **AUCTIONEERS.**

- Doc Simmons.

## **BANKS AND BANKERS**

- FIRST NATIONAL—President, James L. Fowle; Cashier, A. M. Dumay. Capital, \$50,000; Surplus and profits, 46, 303.
- BANK OF WASHINGTON—President, Seth Bridgman; Cashier, Thomas J. Latham. Capital, \$50,000; Surplus and profits, \$19, 645.

**BAKERS.**

- D. W. Morgan.

**BARBER SHOPS.**

- Chapman & Price.
- Dibble & Brown.
- J. H. Thompson.
- Sam Dibble.

**BROKERS.**

- W. P. Baugham.
- S. H. Williams.
- C. T. Cordon.
- E. R. Mixon.
- W. J. Rhodes.

**BUTCHERS AND DEALERS IN CATTLE.**

- H. R. Bright.
- Isaac Buck.
- J. F. Lucas.
- Ottway Rumley.
- W. A. Bridgers.

**BICYCLE DEALERS.**

- J. L. Mayo & Co.
- L. H. Padgett.
- H. Sncil.

**BLACKSMITH SHOPS.**

- John A. Lanier.
- Leonard Holtzscheiter.

**BOOKS AND STATIONARY.**

- E. M. Brown.
- Washington News Co.
- W. S. Frizzle & Son.

**BOOT AND SHOE SHOPS.**

- J. A. Harman.
- Moore Bros.
- L. B. price.

#### **BOTTLING WORKS.**

- ROBERT PORTNER BREWING CO.—J. T. Newman, Manager.

#### **BRICK M'F'RS AND DEALERS.**

- Wm. A. Blount.
- S. R. Fowle & Son.

#### **CANNED GOODS.**

- WASHINGTON CANNING FACTORY—J. S. Farren, Prop.

#### **CARRIAGE MANUFACTURERS.**

- Miles & Corey.

#### **CONFECTIONARY DEALERS.**

- W. Scott Frizzle & Son.
- W. D. Buckman.
- B. L. Susman
- H. E. & R. P. Wright.
- W. T. Rhodes.

#### **CONTRACTORS AND BUILDERS.**

- John L. Gardner & Son
- Charles Doughty.
- Ira Congleton.

#### **COTTON BUYERS AND BROKERS.**

- J. E. Latham Co.—(Branch Office)—A. B. Smith, Manager.
- Wm. Bragaw & Co.
- H. B. Mayo.
- J. Havers.
- Alex Sprunt—(Branch Office)—L. B. Price, Manager.

#### **CLUBS.**

- HALCYON GERMAN CLUB—John G Blount, President; J. G. Bragaw, Jr. Sec.
- CHAMBER OF COMMERCE—A. M. Dumay, President; W. D. Grimes, Secretary.

#### **COAL AND WOOD.**

- J. Havens.

- W. B. Walling.

#### **COMMISSION MERCHANTS.**

- C. T. Cordon.
- M. J. Wright.
- J. B. Moore & Son.
- W. J. Rhodes.
- E. R. Mixon.

#### **CROCKERY AND GLASSWARE.**

- W. D. Buckman.
- W. C. Mallison & Son.
- E. M. Mixon.

#### **CLEANING AND PRESSING CLOTHES.**

- WASHINGTON PRESSING CLUB—Carney Bryan, Manager.

#### **CASKET M'F'RS AND DEALERS.**

- W. L. Farrow.

#### **CLOTHING, HATS AND MEN'S FURNISHINGS.**

- J. K. Hoty.
- Knight & Cooper.
- Washington Bargain House.
- James E. Clark Co.

#### **DENTISTS.**

- H. Snell.
- A. S. Wells.
- R. T. Gallagher.

#### **DOCTORS.**

- Wm. A. Blount.
- John G. Blount.
- D. T. Tayloe.
- Joshua Tayloe.
- James M. Gallagher.
- Ira M. Hardy.
- S. T. Nicholson.

- P. A. Nicholson.
- John C. Rodman.
- E. M. Brown.
- J. M. Lloyd, (col.)

#### **DRUGGISTS.**

- C. B. McKeel.
- D. Meade Field.
- J. M. Gallagher.

#### **DEALERS IN CARRIAGES.**

- F. H. Rollins
- Miles & Conly.

#### **DRESS-MAKERS.**

- Mrs. Kate McClure.
- Mrs. F. P. Whitney.
- Mrs. Margaret Langley.
- Madame Hortense Littler.

#### **DRY GOODS AND NOTIONS.**

- Knight & Cooper.
- Spencer Bros.
- James E. Clark Co.
- J. F. Buckman.
- J. K. Hoyt.
- E. W. Ayers.
- H. B. Clark.
- A. S. Kelly Company.
- H. Wahrhoptig.

#### **DEALERS IN TOBACCO.**

- E. Peterson Co.
- Buckman Cigar Store.
- C. B. McKeel.
- J. F. Yaloe.
- E. M. Brown.
- W. Scott Frizzle.

#### **DEALERS IN GRAIN AND SEED.**

- Havens Milling Co.

#### **FISH MARKETS.**

- C. H. Sterling.
- E. B. Moore.
- J. M. Gaskill.
- A. S. Fulford.
- W. E. Swindell.
- Chilicothee Bay Fish Co.

#### **FLOUR, CORN AND FEED DEALERS.**

- Havens Milling Co.
- C. T. Cordon.
- J. Havens.
- D. M. Carter.
- E. R. Mixon.
- C. M. Little.

#### **FOUNDRIES AND IRON WORKS.**

- Pamlico Iron Works, G. T. Hardy, M'g'r.
- Mutual Machine Works.

#### **FRUIT DEALERS.**

- Enterprise Fruit Co.
- Buckman Fruit Co.
- B. L. Susman.

#### **FURNITURE DEALERS.**

- Southern Furniture Company, John Aden, Manager.
- W. B. Morton.

#### **GRIST MILLS.**

- J. Havens Milling Co.

#### **HARDWARE AND AG'L IMPLEM'TS.**

- N. S. Fulford Hardware Co.
- W. C. Mallison & Son.

#### **HARNESS M'F'RS AND DEALERS.**

- T. E. Warren.
- F. F. Cozzens.
- G. A. Phillips.

### **HIDES AND PELTS.**

- H. B. Mayo.
- John Edwards.

### **ICE FACTORIES AND OFFICERS.**

- CRYSTAL ICE CO.—Lee Bonner, M'gr.

### **INSURANCE AGENCIES.**

- Wm. Bragaw & Co.
- S. H. Williams.
- W. J. Crumpler & Co.
- G. A. Phillips.
- W. D. Grimes.

### **JOB PRINTING OFFICES.**

- Progress Printing Offices.
- Johnston's Printing House.
- Messenger Print-Shop.

### **JUNK DEALERS.**

- H. B. Mayo.
- John Edwards.

### **KNITTING MILLS.**

- WASHINGTON KNITTING MILL—J. Havens, President; W. L. Horah, Supt.

### **LAWYERS.**

- Charles F. Warren.
- S. C. Bragaw.
- John H. Small.
- W. B. Rodman.
- W. Demsie Grimes.
- M. W. Nash.
- E. S. Simmons.
- B. B. Nicholson.
- Junius D. Grimes.

### **LAUNDRIES.**

- Washington Steam Laundry.
- Quong Lee.
- Billy Lee.

#### **LEATHER DEALERS.**

- T. E. Warren.
- F. F. Cozzens.
- G. A. Phillips.

#### **LUMBER PLANTS.**

- E. M. SHORT LUMBER CO.—F. H. Short, Manager.
- EUREKA LUMBER CO.—G. T. Leach, President.
- S. R. FOWLE & SON.
- W. B WALLING.
- KUGLER LUMBER CO.—F. C. Kugler, Manager.
- MOORE LUMBER CO.
- T. ELWOOD CONLY.

#### **MACHINERY DEALERS.**

- N S. Fulford Hardware Co.

#### **MARBLE WORKS.**

- WASHINGTON MARBLE WORKS—B. F. Sugg & Son, Proprietors.

#### **MASONS AND BUILDERS.**

- Walter White.
- Allen Peyton, (col.)
- George Harrison, (col.)

#### **MEDICINE MANUFACTURERS.**

- J. M. Gallagher(—Aanti-Malarial.) (Hog Cholera Cure.)

#### **MILLINERY AND FANCY GOODS.**

- Madame Hortense Littler.
- E. W. Ayers.
- Knight & Cooper.
- A. S. Kelley Co.

#### **MATTRESS MANUFACTURERS.**

- W. B. Morton.

#### **MUSIC TEACHERS**

- Mrs. Wm. Bell.
- Miss Charlotte Brown.

**NAVAL STORE DEALERS.**

- S. R. Fowle & Son.

**NEWSPAPERS AND EDITORS.**

- GAZETTE-MESSENGER—J. A. Arthur, Jr., Editor.
- PROGRESS—W. K. JACOBSON, EDITOR.
- “NOT MUCH.”—J.J. JOHNSTON, EDITOR.

**OIL DEALERS.**

- Standard Oil Co., J. B. Moore & Son, Macon Bonner.

**PAINTERS.**

- Charles E. Harriss

**PAPER-HANGERS.**

- John R. Proctor.
- Charles F. Harriss.

**PAINT AND OIL DEALERS.**

- S. R. Fowle & Son.
- E. K. Willis.

**PIANOS AND ORGANS.**

- S. S. Dawson.

**PLUMBERS.**

- B. L. Holtzscheiter.

**PRODUCE DEALERS.**

- H. B. Mayo.

**REAL ESTATE AGENTS.**

- Grimes Real Estate Co.
- Harding & Mayo.

**RETAIL GROCERS.**

- J. F. Tayloe.
- M. J. Wright.

- Satterthwaite, Willis & Co.
- B. M. Little.
- M. T. Archbell.
- D. M. Carter.
- E. K. Willis.
- George I. Dail.

#### **SALES AND LIVERY STABLES.**

- George J. Studdert.
- George H Hill.
- Oliver Credle.
- J. G. Chauncey.
- Susman & Credle.
- W. T. Litchfield.

#### **SPORTING GOODS.**

- W. Scott Frizzle & Son.
- Stoves and Tinware.
- W. C. Mallison & Son.

#### **SHINGLE MANUFACTURERS.**

- S. R. Fowle & Son.

#### **SHINGLE DEALERS.**

- W. E. Scovill.

#### **SALOONS.**

- W. H. Albert.
- Blue Front Bar.
- “Star and Crescent”—F. G. Paul.
- Scott Bros.
- W. C. Dudley.
- O. B. Wynne.
- A. J. Mitchell.
- C. J. Lockyer.
- Bergeron & Cutler.

#### **TAILOR ESTABLISHMENTS.**

- C. Jacobs.
- Mrs. Emily Ross.

### **TELEGRAPH OFFICES AND M'GRS.**

- Western Union Tel. Co.—E. J. Hocutt, Manager.

### **TELEPHONE EXCHANGES & M'GRS.**

- CAROLINA TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH CO.—D. W. Bell, Manager.
- WASHINGTON AND AURORA TELEPHONE COMPANY.

### **TYPEWRITERS AND SUPPLIES.**

- H. Snell.
- E. J. Hocutt.
- Fred B. Warren.

### **VETERINARY SURGEONS.**

- T. P. Howard.

### **WATCHES AND JEWELRY**

- Wm. Bell.
- W. S. Frizzle.
- J. S. Campbell.
- M. Milgram.
- Robert Mitchell, (col.)

### **WHOLESALE GROCERS.**

- E. Peterson Co.
- Pamlico Grocery Co.
- E. R. Mixon.
- E. K. Willis.
- D. R. Willis.
- F. G. Paul & Bro.

### **WOOD-WORKING SHOPS.**

- B. G. Moss.

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## Notes

1. Crumpler and Scottville (mentioned below) are villages near Jefferson, too small to have their own pages in the business directory.

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