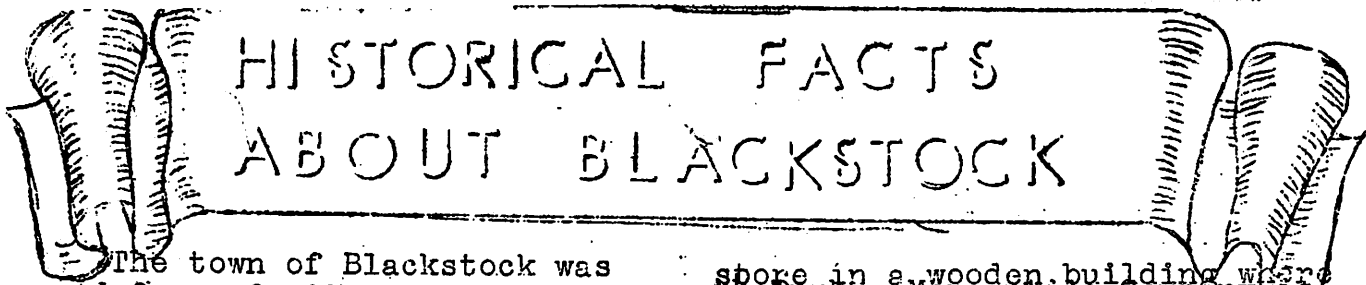


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# HISTORICAL FACTS ABOUT BLACKSTOCK

The town of Blackstock was named for a family of that name who formerly lived in this community. There was no railroad in this section of the country then, and the mail was carried by stage coach. The Post Office was kept in the house that is now occupied by the Bell family, and this home was also the Wayside Inn, or tavern where the stage coaches stopped over night. Mr. De-Laith lived there and was proprietor of the tavern.

At this time, the cotton, indigo and other farm produce was carried by wagons to Columbia, or Charleston, and there offered for sale. Mr. William Bonner, who lived over near Wateree River, was the first man in this section to own a cotton gin. The farmers carried their cotton for miles to this gin and they were delighted if it ginned for them one 300-pound bale per day. This was slow work compared with the gins of the present

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store in a wooden building where the Durham Mercantile Company was located. In about a year they sold out to Messers. D. Fant and Henry Pratt; who ran the business under the name of Fant and Pratt.

George Hooper owned all the land near the railroad station, and heropened up a bar room there. This is said to have been the cause of much fighting and trouble in the community.

Near where Mr. Sigmon's barn is located, Mr. Hiram Steele erected a carriage factory. He was a progressive man, and he built up a large business here. Later he moved the factory to the John Mackerell place, just south of this town.

In 1856, George Hooper sold his real estate to Mr. T.M. Boulware, who moved to Blackstock and made his home there. Soon after this, Fant and Pratt closed their store. The only thing left of the place was the railroad station, and Mr. Boulware's home; and it continued thus, until after "The War between the States."

Up to this time, there was neither church nor school here. The people of the community worshipped at Hopewell Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church which was organized in 1787, or Concord Presbyterian Church, which was organized in April, 1796.

Mr. Hiram Steele, who was a devout Methodist, had the Circuit Riders of that day and time preach once a week at his carriage factory, generally on Wednesday even-

- 2013.58.1: John B. Lewis diary (1927); 1927 Physicians Diary
- 2013.58.2: Account Book, 1900-1902; items bought by M.J. Lewis of George L. Kennedy and Company, David the prophet, the Durham Mercantile Company (merchants and cotton buyers, Blackstock), and payment to various (listed) cotton pickers
- 2013.58.3: Diary/Account book; listings by Thomas J. Moore of Spartanburg, 1863; miscellaneous recipes (muffins, mince meat, for preserving melons, tea cakes)
- 2013.58.4: Diary and Daily Reminder (1951) kept by John B. Lewis; includes births (including of "colored"), deaths, marriages, etc.
- 2013.58.5: Five Year Diary (1946-1948) kept by John B. Lewis; includes births, deaths, marriages, etc.
- 2013.58.6: Five Year Diary (1953-1954) kept by John B. Lewis; includes births, deaths, marriages, etc.
- 2013.58.7: Five Year Diary (1948-1952) kept by John B. Lewis; includes births, deaths, marriages, etc.
- 2013.58.8: Pierce's Memorandum and Account Book; ledger/accounts, 1884
- 2013.58.9: John B. Lewis Autographs book (1931)
- 2013.58.10: Year Book (1930) kept by John B. Lewis
- 2013.58.11: Record; miscellaneous notes
- 2013.58.12: Five Year Horoscope Diary (1939-1943) kept by Bren Lewis
- 2013.58.13: Year Book (1931-1933, 1944) kept by John B. Lewis
- 2013.58.14: Print, photographic; Christmas Card, "All Good Wishes," to Little Mary J. Lewis from Baby Charlotte; color-tinted photograph (2 ¾ x 4 inches)
- 2013.58.15: Photographic print (6 x 7 ¼ inches) mounted on cream decorative cardstock; Viola Lewis, Evelyn Lewis, Lizzie [Elizabeth] Lewis and Kate Lewis, September 1907
- 2013.58.16: Print, photographic; World War II era; unidentified soldiers (two) in front of barracks building; black and white photograph
- 2013.58.17: PHOTOGRAPH Print, photographic; unidentified young man
- 2013.58.18: Print, photographic; sepia print mounted on cream decorative cardstock; family (unidentified) photograph
- 2013.58.19: Print, photographic; sepia print; family (unidentified) photograph