

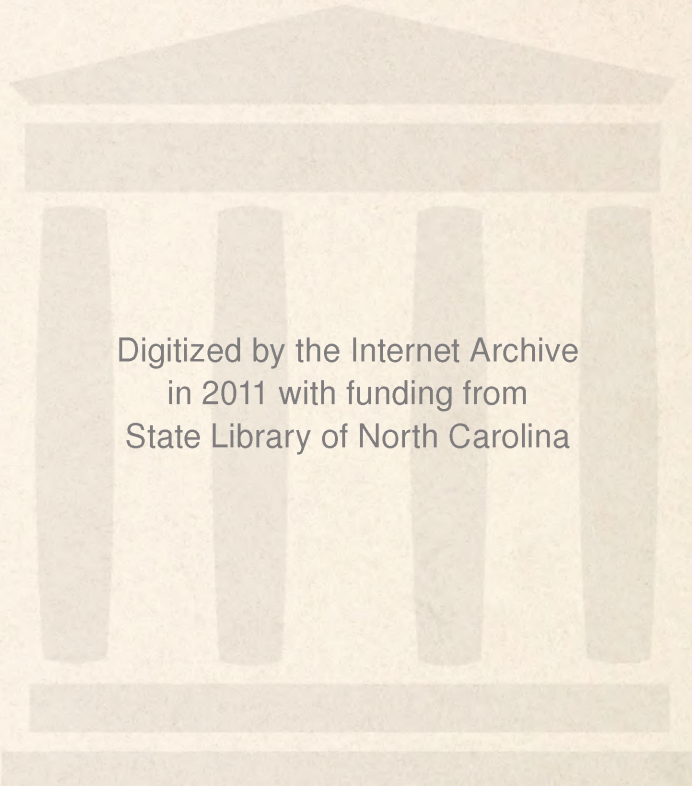
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Finance—J. R. Teague and J. H. Bridgers.

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Teachers and Salaries—Hight, Watkins, Teague and Alderman.

Visiting—Mrs. Perry.

Sanitary—W. T. Watkins.

Property—W. T. Watkins and J. D. Cooper.

Financial Statement

RECEIPTS

1922		First National Bank	
July	1	Balance on hand July 1, 1922.....	\$ 10,401.10
	12	From Royster, local tax.....	410.93
Aug.	5	From Royster, local tax.....	306.12
	9	From rent at Teacherage.....	5.75
Oct.	3	From Royster, local tax.....	301.77
	9	From E. M. Rollins, balance due for last year..	4,783.24
	23	From E. M. Rollins, state and county fund....	4,000.00
Nov.	16	From Royster, local tax.....	2,108.50
	17	From note.....	3,979.20
	23	From Royster, local tax.....	2,406.58
	25	From check, to pay interest.....	20.00
	25	From note.....	4,899.00
Dec.	1	From Royster, local tax	6,529.59
	4	From Royster, local tax.....	7,031.04
	16	From rent at Teacherage.....	95.10
	29	From Royster, local tax.....	45.12
1923			
Jan.	8	From W. C. Hight for old material on H. S. lot.	121.00
1923		Citizens Bank and Trust Co.	
Jan.	16	From Royster, local tax.....	5,643.79
	23	From Rollins, state and county fund.....	5,000.00
Feb.	8	From Royster, local tax.....	9,474.28
	16	From Rollins, state and county fund.....	10,000.00
Mar.	9	From Royster, local tax.....	1,873.18
Apr.	6	From Rollins, state and county fund.....	6,000.00
	10	From Royster, local tax.....	6,512.64
	14	From rent at Teacherage.....	23.52
	18	From transfer from First Nat. Bank.....	9,303.40
		(Do not count this item twice in making up total receipts for the year.)	
	21	From rent at Teacherage.....	6.00
May	3	From Royster, local tax.....	3,926.33
	18	From Rollins, state and county fund.....	14,314.18
June	6	From error in bill, returned.....	2.00
	8	From Royster, local tax.....	1,219.13
	29	From rent at Teacherage.....	244.75
	30	From Royster, local tax.....	428.16
			\$121,416.20
Deduct amount from First Nat. Bank.....			9,303.40
Total receipts current fund.....			\$112,112.80
April 18		Bond Fund transferred to Citizens Bank.....	\$ 2,404.40

DISBURSEMENTS OF CURRENT FUNDS

1922-1923

Paid for salaries of teachers and superintendent.....	\$ 56,004.32
Paid for office help	122.00
Paid for janitor service.....	1,862.47
Paid for fuel	2,587.13
Paid for insurance	909.17
Paid for light, gas, water and installation.....	339.61
Paid for rent	1,116.63
Paid for interest on borrowed money.....	221.30
Paid for money borrowed repaid	5,125.58
Paid for bill for printing.....	85.31
Paid for repairs	2,263.09
Paid for building and sites out of current fund.....	11,618.91
Paid for supplies	709.79
Paid for furniture	2,147.48
Paid for incidentals	427.46
Paid for bond number 14, first series.....	1,000.00
Paid for coupons on all outstanding bonds for year....	7,850.00
Paid for certificate of deopsit—for sinking fund.....	7,000.00
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Total amounts of checks on Treasury.....	\$101,390.25

On July 1, 1923, there was on deposit in the Citizens Bank, the County Treasurer or Financial Agent:

For Sinking Fund, eight certificates of deposit....	\$8,000.00
Balance on Bond Fund (from last year).....	2,404.40
Balance on Bond Fund as of June 30, 1923.....	
Balance on Current Fund as of June 30, 1923.....	

I have not been able to secure the amount of these balances. The report of the auditors, S. G. Gardner & Company, seems to be full and complete, but I fail to comprehend it.

There is valuable information in the report for the Board.

There should be three separate accounts of school funds kept in order to comply with the school law. A new and accurate system of bookkeeping should be adopted to keep these accounts so they can be balanced at any time.

Henderson Graded School Bonds

The "First Series" of school bonds was voted by Henderson Township on April 11, 1905. This issue was for \$20,000 and to bear five per cent. Of this amount \$14,000 has been paid off, leaving \$6,000 yet unpaid.

The "Second Series" was voted April 8, 1913, and was for \$30,000 High School bonds to bear five per cent. These are not serial bonds, but will become due in a lump July 1, 1943. At this date we have a sinking fund of \$8,000 building up to liquidate these bonds when they become due.

The "Third Series" was voted December 14, 1920. This issue was for \$100,000. At that time nothing under a six per cent bond could be sold. So we put it into the face of each bond that the Board reserved the right to call in the bond at any time by giving ninety days notice of such intention. This was done in order to replace these six per cent bonds with lower rate bonds as soon as the bond market should become normal.

The "Fourth Series" of school bonds was voted on January 30, 1923, and was for \$150,000 five per cent bonds; \$100,000 of these bonds were "Refunding" bonds to replace the former \$100,000 six per cent bonds; the other \$50,000 were for building purposes.

The Third Series of \$100,000 was taken up and replaced with five per cent bonds. This Fourth Series are serial bonds and after 1928 \$5,000 will be paid off each year till all of this series shall be paid.

The following is a simple statement of the outstanding Henderson Graded School bonds at this date, August 1, 1923.

First Series.....	\$ 6,000.00
Second Series.....	30,000.00
Third Series.....	NONE
Fourth Series.....	150,000.00
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Total bonded indebtedness.....	\$186,000.00

The proceeds from the sale of these bonds have been faithfully invested in the purchase of sites and the erection of school buildings. All of the bonds were sold above par and accrued interest. Not a dollar of the money has been lost by bad investment; rather, there has been enhanced value in every instance.

Insurance Statement

<i>Building</i>	<i>Valuation</i>	<i>Ins'd. For</i>	<i>Furniture</i>	<i>Ins'd. For</i>
High School.....	\$40,000.00	30,000.00	3,000.00	2,500.00
Central School.....	40,000.00	30,000.00	2,500.00	2,000.00
North Henderson.....	8,000.00	6,000.00	700.00	500.00
South Henderson.....	30,000.00	20,000.00	800.00	600.00
(Keepers Lodge).....	600.00	500.00		
West End.....	30,000.00	20,000.00	800.00	600.00
Clark Street.....	30,000.00	20,000.00	800.00	600.00
Wortham	900.00	800.00	200.00	200.00
Harris	600.00	400.00		
Teacherage	10,000.00	10,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Central Colored.....	30,000.00	20,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Nutbush and Greystone...	400.00	300.00		

The insurance business is distributed among the various Insurance Agencies of Henderson as follows:

Henderon Loan and Real Estate Company.....	\$44,100.00
Land Money and Insurance.....	27,000.00
Citizens Bank and Trust Company.....	20,550.00
G. W. Adams.....	20,000.00
J. C. Cooper.....	19,550.00
Southern Loan and Realty Company.....	18,300.00
Citizens Realty and Loan Company	18,600.00

Salaries Paid for Year 1922-1923

J. T. Alderman, Superintendent.....	\$2,700.00
G. C. Davidson, Principal High School.....	2,670.00
Claudia Hunter.....	1,200.00
Ruth Roth	1,200.00
Mary Dozier	1,200.00
May Hunter.....	1,200.00
Lucy Kittrell	1,200.00
Mrs. Wm. Couch.....	1,200.00
Melita Cook.....	1,080.00
E. S. Johnson.....	1,800.00
Mary Young.....	990.00
Susan Kelly.....	945.00
Mildred Cunningham, Principal Central School.....	1,350.00
Julia Thomas	855.00
Lucy Smithwick.....	945.00
Minnie L. Franklin	945.00
Mildred Upton.....	630.00
Alicene Wiggins.....	990.00
Alice Cheek.....	765.00
Mrs. J. T. Fesperman.....	810.00
Mrs. J. P. Griggs, (7 months).....	700.00
Mrs. C. M. Cooper, (2 months).....	200.00
Kathleen Moss.....	720.00
Lillian Jordan.....	765.00
Belle Graham.....	945.00
Elizabeth Graham.....	900.00
Susan Lamb	945.00
Annette Sturges.....	810.00
Gladys Umstead.....	855.00
Mary Belle Gary.....	855.00
Cary W. Gilkeson.....	720.00
Matilda Lamb.....	475.00
Agnes Pegram, Principal North Henderson School.....	1,035.00
Mrs. Irene Turner.....	945.00
Patty Perry.....	945.00
Ruth Carter.....	810.00
Sallie Mae Willis.....	765.00
Helen Mustian.....	810.00
Mrs. J. W. Rose.....	765.00
Martha Pond, (6 months).....	365.50
Beatrice Tucker, (7 months)	375.00
Mrs. J. R. Carroll	945.00

Maribel Gary, Principal South Henderson School.....	\$ 1,015.00
Mildred Ellis.....	720.00
Grey Sellers.....	585.00
Sally Lou Davis.....	810.00
Lottie Edwards.....	765.00
Ann Louis Jones.....	855.00
Mrs. Dovie Jordan, (6 months).....	360.00
Bessie Lou Collins.....	630.00
Mrs. Dorsey Hart.....	540.00
Lettie Crouch, (allowed for last year).....	85.00
Office help.....	122.00

Colored Teachers

J. Y. Eaton, Principal Colored School.....	990.00
Mary A. Eaton.....	675.00
Sally A. Eaton.....	675.00
Estelle G. Nichols.....	630.00
Mary E. Byrd.....	630.00
Mary Ida Hart.....	630.00
Sallie P. Eaton.....	630.00
Emma Wilson.....	585.00
Helen B. Holmes.....	585.00
Jane H. Howell.....	585.00
Lucy A. Eaton.....	630.00
Maggie L. Fuller.....	450.00
Lillian V. Wyche.....	585.00
Coresce Eaton.....	65.00
Catharine Morton.....	40.00

Janitors

Virgil Gales, (Central School).....	450.00
Lottie Davis, sweeper for Virgil.....	108.00
George Hawkins, High School.....	450.00
Mrs. F. B. Cooper, North Henderson.....	270.00
A. T. Vernon, South Henderson.....	260.00
Grand Marable, Primary.....	180.00
For Colored School.....	140.00
For service at other schools.....	54.00

Directory for 1922-1923

J. T. ALDERMAN, Superintendent

High School

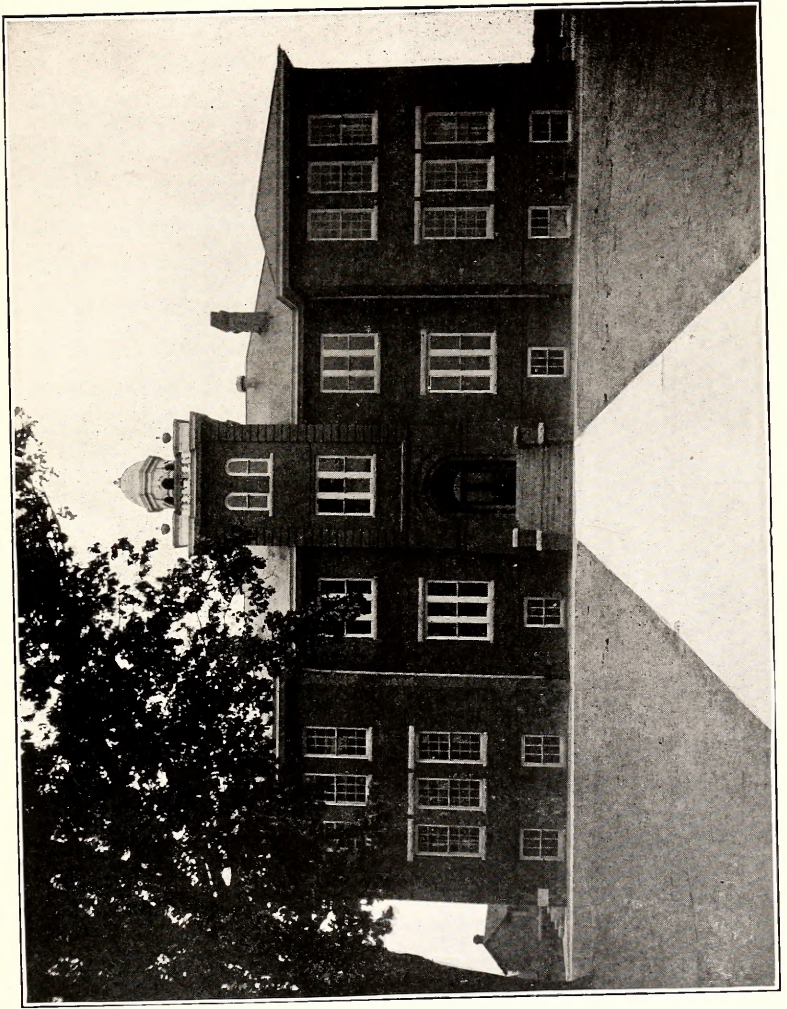
G. C. DAVIDSON, Principal

G. C. DAVIDSON.....	Latin
CLAUDIA HUNTER.....	Commercial Subjects and History
MELITA COOK.....	Mathematics
RUTH ROTH.....	Latin and French
MRS. WILLIAM A. COUCH.....	English
MARY DOZIER.....	Latin and Civics
MAY HUNTER.....	English and History
LUCY KITTRELL.....	Mathematics
E. S. JOHNSON.....	Science and Athletics
MARY YOUNG.....	7th Grade
SUSAN KELLY.....	7th Grade

Central School

MILDRED CUNNINGHAM, Principal

ANNETTE STURGES	First Grade
GLADYS UMSTEAD	First Grade
SUSAN LAMB.....	First Grade
MARY BELLE GARY.....	First Grade
MILDRED CUNNINGHAM.....	Second Grade
JULIA THOMAS.....	Second Grade
MATILDA LAMB.....	Second Grade
CARY GILKESON.....	Second Grade
LUCY SMITHWICK.....	Third Grade
MINNIE FRANKLIN.....	Third Grade
MILDRED UPTON.....	Third Grade
ALIEENE WIGGINS.....	Fourth Grade
ALICE CHEEK.....	Fourth Grade
MRS. J. T. FESPERMAN.....	Fourth Grade
MRS. C. M. COOPER.....	Fifth Grade
KATHLEEN MOSS.....	Fifth Grade
LILLIAN JORDAN.....	Fifth Grade
BELLE GRAHAM.....	Sixth Grade
ELIZABETH GRAHAM.....	Sixth Grade



CENTRAL SCHOOL BUILDING

North Henderson School

AGNES L. PEGRAM, Principal

AGNES PEGRAM.....	First Grade
MRS. IRENE TURNER.....	First Grade
BEATRICE TUCKER.....	First Grade
PATTY PERRY.....	Second Grade
MARTHA POND.....	Second Grade
RUTH CARTER.....	Third Grade
SALLIE MAE WILLIS.....	Fourth Grade
MRS. J. W. ROSE.....	Fifth Grade
HELEN MUSTIAN.....	Sixth and Seventh Grades
MRS. J. R. CARROLL.....	Wortham School

South Henderson School

MARIEL GARY, Principal

ANN LOUIS JONES.....	First Grade
MILDRED ELLIS.....	First Grade
GREY SELLERS.....	Second Grade
MRS. DOVIE C. JORDAN.....	Second Grade
LOTTIE EDWARDS.....	Third Grade
SALLIE LOU DAVIS.....	Fourth Grade
MARIEL GARY.....	Fifth Grade
BESSIE LOU COLLINS.....	West End School
MRS. DORSEY HART.....	Harris School

Colored Schools

J. Y. EATON, Principal

MARY E. BYRD.....	First Grade
JANE HOWELL.....	First Grade
ESTELLE NICHOLS.....	Second Grade
SALLY P. EATON.....	Second Grade
HELEN HOLMES.....	Third Grade
MARY HART.....	Third Grade
MAGGIE FULLER.....	Fourth Grade
SALLY A. EATON.....	Fourth Grade
EMMA WILSON.....	Fifth Grade
MARY A. EATON.....	Sixth Grade
LUCY A. EATON.....	Greystone School
LILLIAN WYCHE.....	Nutbush School
CATHARINE MORTON.....	Supply
J. Y. EATON.....	Higher Grades

Janitors

VIRGIL GALES.....	Central School
GEORGE HAWKINS.....	High School
MRS. F. B. COOPER.....	North Henderson
A. T. VERNON.....	South Henderson
.....	Colored School

Old Time Schools in the Vicinity of Henderson

I have made considerable effort to get information about the old time schools in the community. I have found no record or tradition of a school in this section prior to 1817. There had been good schools in Williamsboro many years before that time.

Dr. R. J. Gill gave me some facts as they came to him when a boy. Mrs. I. J. Young became interested in assisting me and has rendered valuable service in securing material for a sketch of the schools of long ago. Our esteemed townswoman, Mrs. Sallie E. Kerner, furnished much of the information about the old time schools. She is endowed with a wonderful memory and had the facts from her mother who lived here and was a student in the schools in the early part of last century. I wish to express my hearty thanks to these and others who aided me.

In 1817 Jesse J. Kelly, great grandfather of Miss Susan Kelly, taught in a grove where the station of the Southern Railway now stands. He was only sixteen years old at the time but "kept" a good school. Elizabeth Reavis, a six year old daughter of Lewis Reavis, attended this school. Elizabeth Reavis married Lewis Kittle and was the mother of Mrs. Kerner.

From 1818 to 1822 Miss Drucilla Macon boarded in the home of Lewis Reavis and taught a school for girls at Chalk Level; Elizabeth Reavis attended this school during those years. At the same time there was a school for boys at Chalk Level.

In 1823 Lewis Reavis taught a school in a small house near where Mr. A. J. Harris now lives. Lewis Reavis lived to the right, and a short distance beyond the colored cemetery. The old Reavis burying ground lies between the Reavis home and the colored cemetery. About 1825 Lewis Reavis built the house in front of the law building, and the Reavis family lived there many years. This was an old time tavern where many

prominent men stopped on their trips north and south. Later it was occupied by Mr. J. W. Beck.

In 1825 Miss Caroline Ruffin of Norfolk taught in a building where the colored college has since been located. There was once a Methodist church there known as Rock Springs.

Thomas Reavis, a brother of Lewis, was educated by his father for a teacher. He taught in this vicinity during the years between 1830-1840.

The year 1838 was an important period because the Raleigh and Gaston Rail Road reached Chalk Level and the event was duly celebrated by the community. For a time this was the stopping place for travel. Chalk Level seems to have been quite a community center long before the advent of the Rail Road. There were several stores, an old time Inn or Tavern, blacksmith shops, a number of residences, and other utilities common to a country village. There were two schools, one for boys, and one for girls. Sentiment appeared to be unfavorable to coeducation in those days. Chalk Level was the stopping place for stage coaches passing on the muddy highway from Halifax to Hillsboro as well as for those passing from Raleigh to the north. Remains of these old roads can now be traced for miles. The large A. A. C. fertilizer plant is on a part of the old Chalk Level site.

By the latter part of 1838 the railroad had been completed two miles farther south and the contractors reported to the authorities that they had established a station one and a half miles west of Chalk Level. It is quite certain that substantial inducements caused the Railroad Co., to select the present site for a station.

Mrs. Kerner relates the following interesting facts concerning the naming of the new station: Lewis Reavis and Judge Henderson were great friends. It was decided to have a barbecue and picnic at Rock Spring and on that occasion to secure the consensus of opinion for a name for the place. Owing to the fact that Reavis had deeded ten acres to the Railroad some one proposed to give the place the name "Reavisville." Lewis Reavis himself moved that it be named Henderson, in honor of his friend, Judge Henderson. The motion was unan-

imously adopted. The time when this barbecue was given is still uncertain. Henderson is mentioned before 1837.

The new town, Henderson, received its charter in 1841. Some years later there was an amendment to the charter, the bill called for a circle with a radius of 1500 yards; the clerk made a slight mistake and wrote it 1500 miles.

January 24, 1843, the legislature incorporated the "Henderson Male Academy." The Academy grounds were just west of Mr. I. J. Young's residence in a grove of oaks. The trustees named in the incorporation were: John D. Hawkins, F. Hawkins, Wesley Young, D. E. Young, Triplett T. Estes, Alexander Butler, Protheus E. A. Jones, Dr. J. B. Debnam, William J. Andrews, R. P. Hughes and Alexander Nuttall.

Rev. R. H. Chapman was principal in 1843.

A State record shows that Wm. H. Bass and R. Macon taught in Henderson about that time.

A State record says that in 1848 the Henderson Male Academy was in a flourishing condition.

In 1848 Archibald Turner lived where Mr. J. T. Marrow lives now; he ran a saw mill where the John Watkins lumber house stands. Turner employed a number of teachers and had a school taught in a boarding house on the lot now occupied by the Sarah Elizabeth Hospital. One of his teachers was Miss Lizzie Candie from the north.

About the same time Miss Frances Arundell of Louisburg taught a private school for little children in Henderson.

In 1849 or 1850 Col. Protheus E. A. Jones, a lawyer, built a house on the site now occupied by our present Mayor, S. R. Chavasse. Across Chavasse Avenue, in a beautiful grove, Col. Jones put up a large roomy school building. The grove has long since disappeared and the grounds are covered by residences. Col. Jones secured teachers from the north and while he did not teach himself, he conducted a most excellent school for girls. Some of his teachers were: Miss Martha Crandle, a Miss Harris from Connecticut, Misses Lizzie and Mary Grote from Vermont and a Miss Towsley. Perhaps Miss Frances Arundell taught in this school. She was a very popular teacher and her memory has been perpetuated in the names of children long after. The Jones family later moved to Raleigh.

About 1851 Prof. John J. Wyche took charge of the Henderson Male Academy. He was an unusually well prepared scholar and teacher. He taught eight languages as well as all branches of mathematics and the sciences of the day. He prepared a large number of young men for college.

It is understood that Dr. W. F. Tillett, Dean of Vanderbilt University, received his training under Wyche in Henderson. John Reavis and Prof. Turner M. Jones—afterward President of Warrenton and Louisburg Colleges for girls—were graduates of Randolph-Macon College. Another of Wyche's pupils was Lewis Butler of Arkansas who later became city attorney of St. Louis. Others were Col. A. B. Andrews, William Jones, Edmund Brodie and Henry G. Turner, a son of Archibald Turner named above. Turner went to Georgia and was a member of Congress from that state for twenty-four consecutive years.

The Bracy Military School was housed in the Henderson Male Academy one year about 1855. Bracy and his wife were popular and were fine musicians. They remained in Henderson only a short time.

"The Henderson Female Academy" was incorporated in 1855; the trustees were: James Stamper, Lewis Brodie, Ellis Young, Parry Wyche, Lewis Kittle and Thomas Blacknall. The academy building was located in a grove where Dr. W. W. Parker's dwelling is today; there was a central large room with two wings. The first teachers were Amanda Swain, Helen Swain, and Lizzie Timanus, all graduates of Patapsco college, Maryland. On the opening day of the school, Amanda Swain rang a new hand bell to call the girls in the first time; that bell is now in possession of Mrs. Kerner of our city. There were about seventy-five girls in the school.

Two young ladies named Phipps, from Virginia, had charge of the Female Academy in 1858 and 1859.

In 1859 Daniel H. Christie of Virginia took charge of both schools the "Male Academy" and the "Female School." The schools were entirely separate having different faculties for each. Christie employed Gavin Lindsey to assist in the boys school. Christie was a military expert and drilled the boys every day.

The teachers for the girls were: Lavinia Gorse, Geneviva O'Bryan, and Mrs. Christie. Miss O'Bryan of Oxford, was music teacher; Miss Gorse seems to have been a strong and valuable teacher, but having come from the north her sentiments in those strenuous times at the opening of the civil war were entirely with the north and against the south. Feeling became so bitter that she had to resign and go back to Schoharie, her home in New York. Both schools were very prosperous under the management of Col. Christie. He had a number of the advanced boys go to the girls academy to recite their language lessons to Miss Gorse. This created great rivalry between the boys and girls as each was determined, under the inspiration of Miss Gorse, to excel. One boy is still on record as having studied day and night determined that his sweet-heart should not beat him.

In the latter part of 1860 Christie left the schoolroom and assisted in organizing the Twenty-third N. C. Regiment. He was commissioned Major, but was later promoted to higher rank.

After Colonel Christie left the school, Miss Clara Scarboro, a young lady who had come from "up Hudson" in New York to teach at Pittsboro, N. C., came to Henderson and had charge of the girls' school. She stayed about two years in the work here; she boarded with Mrs. Kerner and they became intimate friends. Miss Polly Yancey assisted her with the music; Miss Martha Hicks also taught with her. As the war went on Miss Scarboro became very desirous to go back to her home in New York. At that time it was almost impossible to get through the lines as both armies were strictly guarding everywhere. There was a man, Elihu Burnett from New York, here very sick with consumption; he wanted to get back to his home before he should die; Miss Scarboro hoped to get through with him, but in this she failed. She then went back to Pittsboro and afterwards married a man in Pittsboro named Martin. She had seven daughters; one of them, Ella, married Mr. Frank Page, the excellent highway supervisor of North Carolina.

About the close of the war Frederick and Charles Fetter took charge of the Henderson Male Academy; later they were joined

by their father, Manuel Fetter. The Fetters were well known educators and drew patronage from other parts of the state. A number of prominent men received their academic training here with the Fetters. Such men as Judge Francis D. Winston were trained by the Fetters while in Henderson.

Capt. W. J. Robards taught awhile with the Fetters and then taught by himself.

In the fall of 1873 the Horners, Rev. Thomas, and his son, Prof. W. D. Horner, took charge of the Henderson Male Academy and for about twenty years made it one of the leading schools of North Carolina. The good that they accomplished in shaping the lives and character of the young men, as well as the unheralded services rendered freely for the needy and the less fortunate boys and girls in this community, will be revealed only when the final accounts shall be cast up. Samples of their work are found in the lives of such men as Rev. B. W. Spillman, D.D., Governor Locke Craig, Stephen B. Weeks, Judge H. A. Foushee, and many others. For some years the Horner school was a successful military institution.

About 1871 Mr. Len Henderson and daughter Fanny, had a school where Mr. A. J. Harris lives. Later C. G. Davenport opened a school for boys and girls in Henderson. In the early eighties G. D. Elsworth had a school about the crossing of Rowland and Rock Spring streets; he later moved to the western part of the town. In 1884 or 1885 he received an appointment to a position in Washington which he still holds.

Some years ago a number of the business men of the town desired to establish a school of high grade for girls here. They organized a company, secured subscriptions and built "The Henderson Female College." The board of managers elected Prof. J. M. Rhodes as first president of the college. He held the position less than two years when owing to some misunderstanding Rhodes resigned and went to Littleton.

Superintendent D. S. Allen taught for awhile about 1888. In 1889 W. V. Savage conducted the Male Academy but left in 1890 to enter the ministry. Mr. J. A. Gilmer had the school for some years; he left in 1899 and entered the ministry of the Presbyterian church.

This by no means gives a full account of the good men who taught in Henderson before the opening of the Graded Schools in 1899.

What shall we say of the women who for the last fifty years have endured the trials and hardships and have taught the children of the town when the odds were so strongly against them and their efforts. Beginning in the days of reconstruction when all seemed chaos they quietly trained the younger children for future citizenship and instilled into their young minds and hearts those principles of right living which have ripened into so many noble characters.

Not being familiar with the times in Henderson it will be impossible to mention these women as they deserve. We can mention only a few and hope this will be a stimulus to others to write a fuller testimony of our gratitude to them for their services.

Mrs. Mariah Parham and Mrs. W. D. Horner for long years conducted a school of excellent worth and many of our best women will always feel the stimulation they received under the tuition of these saintly women. Mrs. Parham has gone to her reward, Mrs. Horner is still with us going about doing good.

Mrs. Willis Rowland taught in the Louisburg College, some colleges in Virginia, then came to Henderson. Those who knew her speak in the highest terms of her and her work. Her school was in one end of the town while Mrs. Parham and Mrs. Horner were in another. Each school had about thirty-five girls, which was an excellent showing considering the conditions of the small town. These good women had a hard fight against the evil tendencies of the times, but with a strong determination they accomplished great things for many of the strong women who now shape the destinies of Henderson. Mrs. Rowland was an excellent teacher and had been called upon to train girls all the way through college. She has passed away, but her influence abides in the lives of many who cherish her memory. She and her sister, Mrs. Averett, conducted the school where W. B. Daniel now lives and on the opposite side of the street, now a vacant lot.

Miss Eugenia Thrower had a good school on Clark Street under the name "Maplehurst School;" she and Mrs. Pittman did

the town a great service in training the children under their charge. Miss Mariah Duty conducted a school on Charles Street for years before the opening of the city schools. Many of the men remember her as a strong and efficient teacher of boys of those times. Mrs. Joe Harris was a teacher a long time in Henderson. Mrs. N. W. Garden taught the little public school. Mrs. Garden was one of the few who held the highest state certificates, as the records in Raleigh show. A bare mention is all that can be given to others; Miss Emma Hood, Mrs. Norwood, Mrs. Junius Daniel. Mrs. Daniel was later a member of the Board of Trustees of the city graded schools. There was a Mrs. Phillips who had a school on Garnet and Spring streets in 1865. Miss Partridge in early times had a school where the W. E. Gary family now lives.

Miss Elizabeth Colton taught with Prof. Gilmer for a while. She was a very highly educated young lady. After leaving Henderson she was for some years in the faculty of Meredith College at Raleigh.

After the Fair went down years ago, Mrs. Collins Parham and Mrs. Billy Cheatham taught in the old Floral Hall which was near where the stand pipe is now.

Mrs. Phillips, Misses Jennie and Fannie Buford conducted school in the Henderson Female College for awhile in the early nineties. They employed teachers from colleges in the north but they could not secure sufficient patronage to continue.

These are only a few of the host of excellent women who trained the children of the town in the private schools; others whose names are not known to the writer deserve honorable mention and he delegates this important and pleasant duty to some one familiar with the times.

The people of Henderson were dependent upon the dozen or more private schools for the education of the children. No criticism can be made against these schools as to the quality of the work; but there was no coöperation, no correlation or system, no systematic gradation, nothing to develop a town pride or regard for a finely developed system of schools.

The little free school down by the cemetery was held virtually in contempt, the people were averse to patronizing "free

schools." Later a better public school building was put out on west Chestnut Street, but it did not fare much better.

The Graded Schools

The summer of 1899 found the citizens of Henderson deeply agitated on the school question. Every town of its size in the country had a system of graded schools; what was the trouble with Henderson? A mass meeting was called; the people were there; ways and means were discussed.

There was no money on hand available for this purpose. It was not within the jurisdiction of the county commissioners to levy an extra tax, besides it was too late as the meeting was held in August. Notwithstanding all obstacles a resolution was unanimously adopted to raise the money by private subscriptions and start the school. The meeting *en masse* elected a Board of Trustees to hold office until the legislature should make provision for the school. The trustees elected were: Rev. J. D. Hufham, D.D., D. Y. Cooper, C. A. Lewis, J. L. Curren, G. A. Rose, W. E. Gary, Dr. F. R. Harris, J. T. Elmore and J. B. Owen.

Later the trustees met and elected Dr. Hufham, chairman, G. A. Rose, secretary and J. B. Owen, treasurer. During the first two years the schools were in a large measure supported by money paid in by the citizens. J. T. Alderman was elected superintendent; six teachers were selected to take the grades. They were Lemme Jordan, Charlotte Young, Leona Curren, Birdie Watson, Fannie Alston, Mrs. N. W. Garden and Lila Tucker. The old Ford tobacco warehouse was purchased, remodeled and prepared for occupancy. Three hundred new single desks and other modern equipments were purchased. The schools opened October 30, 1899.

In order to preserve a history of the schools a great many items and incidents could be included in this sketch which would be interesting in after years. A cut of the first faculty including Amy Butler, who assisted that year, is presented.

The enrollment the first year was 365 with an average attendance of 225. The year 1900-1901 was about as the former, just a few more pupils enrolled and a higher average attend-

ance. This year branch schools were established near the northern and the southern borders of the town. Mrs. Horner, Lucy Davis, Jessie Page and Amy Butler were added to the list of regular teachers.

Charter

The Legislature of 1901 prepared a charter for the Henderson Graded Schools which was adopted by popular vote of Henderson Township. The vote on adopting the charter was, "For Schools," 456, "Against Schools," 10. Of those who voted against schools five were negroes.

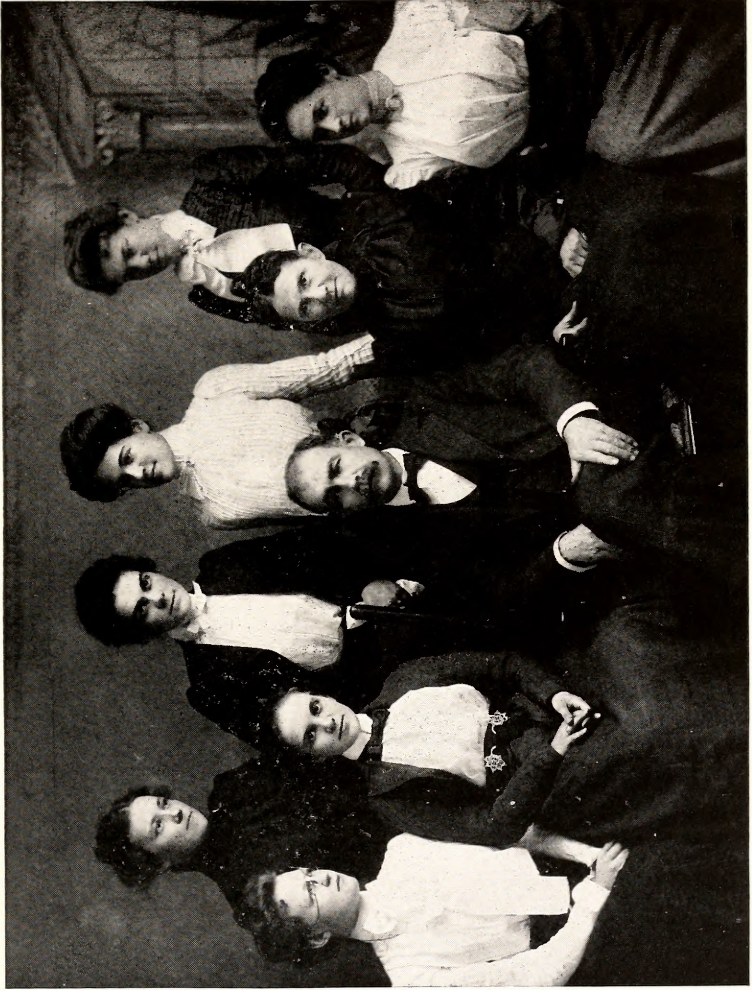
Unfortunately the maximum special tax for the schools allowed was twenty cents on the hundred dollars worth of taxable property. On account of this limitation we have never been able to secure money enough to run the schools as we would like to have done; the efficiency of the schools has been continually hampered.

The full text of the charter and all amendments will be found in the last few pages of this pamphlet.

Board of Trustees

The first trustees, nine in number, were elected at a mass meeting of the people in Burwell Hall. The charter continued the plan of having nine trustees; at first the trustees were elected by the board as a self perpetuating body, later this was changed and they were elected by popular vote at the regular elections. Thirty-three good men and women have served as trustees of the schools. Their services have been freely given without fee or the hope of reward. Seven of the number have been called to meet their final rewards.

Twenty-four years have made great changes in the personnel in school boards, in fact, of the whole community. Your superintendent remains alone as the sole representative of the first organization of the schools in 1899, as not one of the original board is now connected with the schools as trustee. As a matter of history the list of those who have served at some time as trustees, from the beginning of the schools in 1899 to July 1923, is here given.



THE FIRST FACULTY—1899-1900

List of Trustees and Time of Service

*Rev. J. D. Hufham, D.D.....	1899-1904
*D. Y. Cooper.....	1899-1919
J. B. Owen.....	1899-1913
Dr. F. R. Harris.....	1899-1914
*J. L. Currin.....	1899-1909
*W. E. Gary.....	1899-1904
J. T. Elmore.....	1899-1901
G. A. Rose.....	1899-1902
C. A. Lewis.....	1899-1917
*A. C. Zollicoffer.....	1901-1914
*J. D. Cooper.....	1903-1909
W. W. Parker.....	1905-1911
G. B. Harris.....	1905-1911
J. C. Kittrell.....	1912-1922
J. P. Taylor.....	1912-1913
Mrs. Junius Daniel.....	1912-1915
R. R. Pinkston.....	1913-1919
J. A. Moore.....	1914-1916
S. P. Cooper.....	1913-1922
J. I. Miller.....	1914-1919
S. T. Peace.....	1914-1922
B. F. Harris.....	1915-1918
C. B. Cheatham.....	1916-1920
J. D. Cooper, Jr.....	1916-
W. T. Watkins.....	1917-
W. C. Hight.....	1917-
J. H. Bridgers.....	1918-1923
J. R. Teague.....	1918-
Mrs. Henry Perry.....	1920-
Mrs. W. D. Burwell.....	1922-
C. W. Finch.....	1922-
R. S. McCain.....	1918-1919
R. S. McCain.....	1922-
*C. S. Brewer.....	1919-1919

THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Rev. J. D. Hufham.....	1899-1903
D. Y. Cooper.....	1903-1918
J. C. Kittrell.....	1918-1922
J. H. Bridgers.....	1922-1923
W. T. Watkins.....	1923-

*Deceased.

THOSE WHO HAVE SERVED AS SECRETARY OF THE BOARD

G. A. Rose.....	1899-1902
J. L. Currin.....	1902-1909
C. A. Lewis.....	1909-1914
J. C. Kittrell.....	1914-1916
S. T. Peace.....	1916-1921
J. R. Teague.....	1921-

Teachers

The schools have been fortunate in securing a large number of good and conscientious teachers. Unfortunately we have not been in financial condition to pay them such salaries as their services have been worth to the town. They served well in the positions they held; their names are inscribed in the permanent school records; the results of their toilsome labors will remain and follow them long after their pilgrimage shall have ceased. Hundreds of their pupils will bless and hallow their memory, glorious rewards shall be revealed for them hereafter. (A complete list of the teachers is included near the end of the report.)

BUSINESS DEPARTMENT

In the fall of 1901 Prof. W. R. Mills, a graduate of the Massey Business College of Richmond, Va., was elected to open a Business Department in the Henderson Graded Schools. This was, perhaps, the first attempt of the kind in connection with the public schools in North Carolina. The department has been a great help to our young people; we have never been able to supply the demand for those who had completed the work. Miss Claudia Hunter has had charge of this department for several years.

School Records

A complete record of attendance of every boy and girl enrolled in the schools since opening day, October 30, 1899, is on file in the office. Since 1906, the grade standing has been preserved in the original Registers. These registers have been bound for preservation.

About twelve years ago I decided to introduce a card filing arrangement so as to have easy of access the full standing, birth, parentage, health condition, and other facts about each pupil. This was my arrangement as I had seen none before. Officials, State and Federal have examined and highly approved our filing system.

Since that time the State has introduced something similar into the plan of keeping records in the various counties.

The Library

Soon after the Graded Schools opened some friends suggested that we name a day for citizens to come in and contribute a book to start a school library. On the day named about 150 books were laid on the superintendent's desk; this formed the nucleus of our library. Since that time frequent contributions have been made. The teachers and pupils gave concerts, various efforts were made to get books. The trustees were not in position to devote money to the library. During the years prior to 1916 we had on the shelves about one thousand good books for the children.

For several years the schools have been pressed for room to take care of the children, so the book cases were moved out into the corridors and a grade seated in the library. Several hundred of the books have disappeared. The question of librarian has been a very puzzling one. But few are willing to do the work for nothing and we had no funds to pay for the service.

About fifteen years ago I wrote to those who had the Carnegie Library distribution in hand. After some correspondence I got the promise of a \$20,000 Carnegie Library building. But there were conditions. One was that we must secure an eligible site, the other was that the city must donate annually an amount equal to ten per cent of the investment for maintenance. After consulting with several of the authorities I became discouraged and dropped the matter.

I am rejoiced to learn of the generous proposition of the Perrys to establish a memorial to Leslie Perry. He was an excellent young man and the memorial is well deserved. Perhaps this will open the way for other philanthropic movements.

Suggestions in Former Reports

In my report for 1903 I made the following statement:

The following are some of the questions which will soon claim your attention:

- Free Kindergartens
- Manual Training
- School ownership of text-books
- School room decorations
- Physical examination of pupils
- Pupils eyes examined by skilled oculist
- Night Schools

This was written twenty years ago; some of my recommendations have been put into operation, others will follow.

My report for that year also contained the following:

THE COUNTY SYSTEM

Education should be made universal. The present plan of local taxation for better schools in certain localities is in the right direction, but this leaves large areas of intervening sections. These in the main are the weaker districts, and need the greater attention.

Let us abolish the District System, do away with local taxation, and make the general public fund ample, place schools wherever they are needed, and established one or more public high schools in each county.

In my report for 1906 I had the following:

I appeal to the mothers and other earnest women of Henderson for organized assistance in bringing the children into the schools. I have the highest commendation for womans club organizations, great good is to be accomplished by them. Here is an opportunity for specific tangible work in philanthropy among the children. Indifferent and heartless parents should be appealed to as only good women can do. Should the children, sometimes helpless orphans, need clothing, books, or even food, this is a great opportunity for service that coincides with the spirit of true religion as presented in the Bible.

This appeal seventeen years ago was in a measure prophetic of the



CENTRAL SCHOOL FACULTY

“Parent-Teachers Association”

This Association has a great field for exerting its influence and power.

Parents have been prone too much to regard the teacher as a nurse and the school as a nursery. They may be that but the school should not be considered merely as a place to get rid of the children during the day. Our schools must be developed as institutions of learning and not as places to relieve parents of duties that belong to the home.

School Buildings

The Henderson Graded Schools were organized in the old Ford warehouse on Breckenbridge Street. We had bought that property at a very low price and had cut the building up into eight classrooms, upper and lower halls, an office for the superintendent, storerooms, and a well arranged toilet system in the basement as well as large playrooms. The heat was furnished by direct steam from a boiler outside the building. The remodeling was well planned and all was made convenient for the accommodation of the school. In fact it was too convenient; the people for several years would not take steps to have a better one. During the six years we occupied the old building, excellent work was done in giving tone to the work contemplated in a graded school system.

In 1903 the exhibit of work from the Henderson schools was awarded the gold medal at the State Fair in Raleigh as the best exhibit from any school in the State; besides we received several cash prizes and blue ribbons. The gold medal is in the school safe.

CENTRAL SCHOOL

On April 11, 1905, the people of the township voted a bond issues of \$20,000, five per cent bonds for the purpose of putting up a modern school building. The building was completed in the spring of 1906. These bonds were serial and at this date, 1923, we have paid all but \$6,000 of that issue. The Central building was at that time the best school building in this part of the state, very few better anywhere. The plan for

the building was worked out by your superintendent and given to a Charlotte architect to develop. I have been accustomed to say "This is my building." This building and grounds equipped cost around \$25,000. While it was going up people came to me and said, "What are you putting up such a building for? You will never fill it." It was my purpose to convert this building into a city High School as soon as other primary or ward schools could be provided. It is centrally located and will serve the purpose admirably till the city shall be able to spend several hundred thousand dollars for ornamentation and show. This building was first occupied May 13, 1906.

It was not long before the building was over-run with pupils. We sent out a colony to North Henderson and one to South Henderson, but still they came and we could not accommodate the children.

It was evident that we must have more room, so it was decided to put up a building exclusively for the high school.

PRESENT HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING

On April 8, 1913, the people voted for \$30,000 school bonds for the erection of a high school building. These bonds are not serial, but will become due as a whole in 1943. I was away at the time this building was planned. Some defects in the arrangement could be over-come at no great cost. The building is too near the street; there is but little basement space and the toilet arrangements are not in keeping with school architecture and convenience. The original lot and building cost about \$30,000. Recently nearly two acres have been added in rear of the building which makes a fine athletic field. This building was first occupied by the high school January 5, 1915.

The building could be remodeled and converted into a school for lower grades of First Ward.

NORTH HENDERSON

We opened a branch of the graded schools in a little school building owned by the mill authorities in the fall of 1901. The building was by no means large enough so rooms were

added. In the spring of 1914 we purchased a whole square some distance north of the mill and put up the present building; the lot and building cost about \$8,000.

Unfortunately this plant is away from water and sewer connection and it has been a serious problem to provide heat and satisfactory sanitary conditions. This building has eight rooms and should have four more; also the conditions mentioned above arranged. A janitor's house on or near the grounds should be provided for the protection of the property.

SOUTH HENDERSON

This branch of the schools was started in 1901 in the Horner school building. In the spring of 1906 a very good frame structure was erected at a cost of \$2,000 for lot and house. Since that time the size of the lot has been increased so that there are now about three acres. This school is also outside of water and sewer limits. After a short time one room was divided, then another added until there were five patched up rooms for the housing of the children who crowded into the school. The present modern building was erected in the fall of 1922 and was occupied first January, 1923. It is a modern, fire-proof building, with approved smoke towers and made convenient in all respects except the lack of play rooms. This building, equipment and grounds cost about \$32,000. A very good janitor's house has been built on the lot.

WEST END SCHOOL

This building was constructed in the winter of 1922 and will be occupied at the beginning of the next term. There are about three acres in the lot costing \$5,000. The building with its equipments will represent a cost of \$32,000. It is a fire-proof construction with modern smoke towers and well arranged in all respects except for the lack of basement accommodations for cold weather. At small cost basement arrangements can be made. The lot furnishes large grounds for athletics.

CLARK STREET SCHOOL

The lot for this school consists of near two acres and cost \$7,800. While not attractive this building is a modern structure in all respects except ornamentation. It forms a unit to which additions can be made without destroying the usefulness of any part or marring the symmetry of the architecture. If these new buildings had been faced with pressed brick they would have been much more attractive.

Excavation was not made for basements but the walls were footed low enough so that this can be done at any time. Also additional toilets can be placed in the basements. This school will be occupied at the opening of the fall term. The cost of the building is about \$32,000 with the equipments. This school building is on Clark Street near the place where "Maplehurst" school was located.

WORTHAM SCHOOL

In the fall of 1906 we opened a school in a pretty little building about three miles from town on the road to Frank Wortham's place. The acre of ground and the building cost \$850. Another room should be added to this school to accommodate the children.

HARRIS SCHOOL

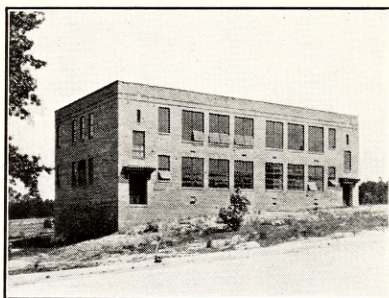
In the fall of 1903 a teacher was placed in an old store building at Harris Cross Roads to care for some children who lived from four to six miles from town. The new building was put in the wrong place as the road by the schoolhouse is the dividing line between Henderson and Dabney townships. There is one acre in the lot; the cost of lot and building was \$500. The present building was put there in 1906.

PRIMARY GRADES IN OLD BAPTIST CHURCH

On account of crowded conditions four first grades and two second grades have been housed in the old Baptist church for the last two years. While the children have been in the main comfortable, conditions have been by no means satis



SOUTH HENDERSON SCHOOL BUILDING



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factory. It cost the schools about \$1,700 to fit up the old church so it could be used; in addition we have paid a monthly rental of \$65.

CORBITT'S

Mr. R. J. Corbitt generously tendered a large upper room at the Corbitt Filling Station for use in running a school for smaller grades of those children who were around the plant. Very good work has been done out there. This will not be continued as these children are near enough to attend the West End school.

COLORED SCHOOL BUILDING

When the public schools of Henderson Township were taken over by the Graded Schools in 1901 the colored schools were included. At that time the school under the leadership of J. Y. Eaton was conducted on the slope of a hill some distance out on Orange Street in an old three-room building. Another room was added that year and still the school was crowded. In 1906 we bought the Burgwynn property, overhauled the building and prepared it for the school. This is a large, three story brick building and room for seating about eight hundred children. In the fall of 1922, contract was let for modernizing the building by putting in approved fire towers, steam heat, and the best of equipments in all respects. It is now an up-to-date school building and as good as anybody can desire.

The property originally cost the school board \$4,000 and there has been expended on it since about \$20,000.

There are two branch schools for colored children, Grey-stone and Nutbush. Both of them are situated on the edges of the township and give considerable trouble by being filled up with children outside the township. Committees have been appointed to look after locating these schools near some proper center.

TEACHERAGE

On December 8, 1919, the school board bought the old Manning boarding house for a teacherage. The cost of this property has been very heavy to the board; it was necessary to make

very expensive repairs so as to fit it for the occupancy of the teachers. This had to be done at a time when material and labor were high out of all reason. It is good property and is serving a good purpose in housing the teachers.

High School Graduates

Since the opening of our city high school three hundred girls and boys have been graduated and have received diplomas. A large per cent of the graduates went on to college, many of them received their college degrees and are now occupying places of trust and profit. Some day a sketch of them may be written and it will be interesting to know how many of them have attained more than an ordinary success. These young people are, without exception perhaps, a splendid moral force in their community and stand for civic righteousness and personal honor. They are destined to exert an influence that shall demonstrate the fact that they are above the ordinary.

A complete list of our graduates is inserted in the latter part of this report. Some of them have been called away while yet in the morning of life at a time when the allurements of a hopeful future beckon them on to ever expanding and brighter prospects.

They were good and loyal pupils, we have often paused amidst the rounds of the daily duties,

And sigh for the touch of a vanished hand,
And the sound of a voice that is still.

They were open-hearted and generous, they brought sunshine and good-cheer into the hearts of their teachers

And with the morn those angel faces smile,
Which we have loved long since, and lost awhile.

Superintendent R. G. Kittrell

The spring of 1917 found me unable to perform the duties incumbent upon the superintendent. I sent my resignation to the trustees. For the next year Mr. R. G. Kittrell, an experienced and highly successful school man was elected to fill

the place. He was a source of inspiration and it was easy for him to break up some of the ruts into which the school had drifted. The schools made progress under his management and many valuable changes were made. It was a good and successful year.

Golden Anniversary

The close of the year rounds out my golden year as teacher, my first register (which is still among my papers) was opened in August 1873. At our last teachers meeting in May all of the 49 white teachers were present. All seeming valedictory sentiment had been excluded from discussion. Just as I dismissed them Miss Cunningham, one of the teachers, stepped out as spokesman for the others and said as it was my golden anniversary as teacher, the faculty determined to give a golden token of their affection and esteem. She then handed me a little box which I found contained fifty dollars in gold.

Such kindness of heart from my teachers makes life worth living.

The Finals of 1923

A severe case of grip prevented my being present at the commencement, June 1, 1923. After the printed program had been concluded, two dear little girls drew to the front of the platform a tea-wagon on which was a beautiful silver service. The inscription engraved in the solid silver is:

PRESENTED TO

J. T. ALDERMAN

BY CHILDREN OF

THE HENDERSON SCHOOLS

as a token of appreciation for his labors among them
1899-1923

My heart responds to this token from the children, all of whom are dear to me, but words fail in the effort. I wish to express appreciation to Mrs. I. J. Young for the assistance she gave the little folks when they went to her for advice.

The presentation in each case was a complete surprise to me. May the Lord deal graciously and bountifully in all good things to the teachers and my dear children.

After a period of fifty years of confinement in the school room—twenty-four of them in Henderson—I feel it my duty to retire from the responsibilities resting upon a Superintendent. The people have been gracious to me and my family. Henderson is our home; our children have grown up here; our friends are here and we expect to remain among these good people.

The trustees of the schools and I have worked together in harmony endeavoring to make the schools of the greatest value to the people of the community. From the first we have been badly hampered from lack of money to run the schools as we desired. So many things have been left out because we could not pay for them. We did not hold the purse strings to the treasury and had to make out with what we could get. Henderson Township paid around seventy per cent of all school taxes of the county and got back for the Henderson schools about forty per cent of the school funds. This has been the condition we have had to face for many years.

No one can know what a cross it is and will be to give up the work in the school which has grown up a part of me and in which my whole being has been so deeply concerned. I have nourished it through its infancy and now as it reaches its majority when it expands and develops into an institution of the long hoped for usefulness, I must turn over the helm to another.

With hearty appreciation for the consideration of our friends and with unfeigned good will for all, this the twenty-fourth annual report comes to a close.

J. J. Alderman

Report of High School Principal 1922-1923

PROF. J. T. ALDERMAN, *Superintendent.*

DEAR SIR:—I herewith respectfully submit my annual report concerning the work of the Henderson High School for the school year beginning September 17, 1922, and ending June 1, 1923.

According to our records the enrollment by grade and sex has been as follows:

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Eighth grade	30	37	67
Ninth grade	18	30	48
Tenth grade	26	20	46
Eleventh grade	12	23	35
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	86	110	196

This is an increase of 29 over 1921-22.

The average attendance has been:

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Eighth grade	24	33	57
Ninth grade	16	20.2	36.2
Tenth grade	22	17	39
Eleventh grade	11	21.4	32.4
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	73	91.6	164.6
			or 165

This tabulation shows an increase of 12 in boys' attendance over year 1921-22, the average for girls being the same as that of last year.

The following table shows the number of pupils dropping out of each grade during the past school year:

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Eighth grade	9	5	14
Ninth grade	3	3	6
Tenth grade	3	2	5
Eleventh grade	1	0	1
	—	—	—
	16	10	26

196—26=170, number completing school year.

When the fact that several pupils drop out of school by the middle of the year is considered, the average attendance during the past year has been very creditable. There was no disease epidemic during the school year, but influenza interrupted school attendance to some extent.

Promotions on the year's work show up creditably, only 27 pupils failing of promotion—16 per cent.

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Eighth grade	15	22	37
Ninth grade	13	25	38
Tenth grade	19	15	34
Eleventh grade	11	23	34
	—	—	—
	58	85	143

Following is the record by grades and sex for all pupils who were in school at least two-thirds of the school year:

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
Eighth grade	21	32	53
Ninth grade	15	27	42
Tenth grade	23	18	41
Eleventh grade	11	23	34
	—	—	—
	70	100	170

Final examinations are given three times each year. Out of three thousand possible term failures there were only two hundred during the past year. This is a percentage of $6\frac{2}{3}$.

The record of our high school graduates now in college is the best proof of the work that the school has done. Our graduates are standing well in their classes at the university and at the various colleges elsewhere in this state and in other states. Twenty out of thirty-four graduates this year will go to college.

During the past five years the number of graduates has been as follows:

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
1919	5	9	14
1920	6	8	14
1921	8	22	30
1922	5	12	17
1923	11	23	34
	—	—	—
	35	74	109

To college:

	<i>Boys</i>	<i>Girls</i>	<i>Total</i>
1919	3	4	7
1920	6	6	12
1921	7	14	21
1922	5	5	10
1923	9	11	20
	—	—	—
	30	40	70

The work of the various departments in the high school has been done in highly creditable manner in nearly every instance, and high standards of achievement have been the constant aim of the instructors. The successful results of the year have been due to the loyalty and coöperation of the high school teachers in the faithful performance of their duties, and to the ready and cheerful response coming from our excellent body of high school pupils.

Another step in the expansion of the school was taken last summer when a male teacher was secured to take charge of the science department and to act as athletic director for the school. Mr. Elby S. Johnson, of Greensboro, N. C., an all-round athlete, a capable young teacher, and a most estimable young man, was secured for the work mentioned. He strengthened the science department considerably, not only by his courses of instruction but also by actual additions of laboratory equipment, for the purchase of which he earned the money. A suitable laboratory is greatly needed.

In athletics, the high school made a creditable record for the the first year under a regular coach. The school put into the field strong teams in football, basket-ball, and base-ball. All these teams were contenders in the state championship series. A start was also made in training track teams. The aim in all sports has been clean sportsmanship. All money expended for athletics has been raised by the Athletic Association without charity. Free of debt.

In this connection it is well to state that athletics in the high school has been the means of stimulating interest in studies on the part of a considerable number of pupils who otherwise would not have tried so hard to pass their work. Every boy and every girl (the *girls'* teams were coached by Miss

Roth) was required to pass the majority of his school subjects every month in order to be eligible to membership on an athletic team; and the State high school regulations require every student to have passed at least one term of work before he is permitted to play in any championship game. Scholarship comes first; athletics, second.

The business department in the high school has done good work under Miss Claudia Hunter's direction, but for some reason only a few students pursue the business subjects. Unless there is an increased utilization of the advantages of this department in the school, I recommend that it be discontinued, at least temporarily.

The additional work done in the English department during the past year is worthy of mention. A systematic program and record of parallel reading was instituted, by which every pupil in regular courses read nine accredited books during the school year and stood satisfactory tests on them. This was reading in addition to the regular class work in English, and means that every pupil who completes the four year high school course will have read at least thirty-six worth-while books.

The library room has been used as a class room for three years, and this fact has deprived the students of free access to and use of the library itself. The Parent-Teachers' Association came somewhat to our rescue and supplied us with about two hundred books for use in parallel reading. The senior class, chiefly under Miss Roth's direction, gave a play from which \$230 was realized and deposited in one of the banks. The seniors voted unanimously to donate this money for the purchase of books to be used as parallel reading by the future students of the Henderson high school. The class of 1921, under Mrs. J. Y. Paris, Miss Claudia Hunter, and Miss Ruth Roth, did a similar service to the school when the class gave the proceeds of the senior play, \$265, to the science department for buying needed equipment.

The school spirit of the student body has been excellent, discipline good, coöperation commendable. Certainly Henderson high school is in position and condition to make greater progress in the future, especially in the new high school building.



HIGH SCHOOL FACULTY

I wish to thank the teachers and the pupils for their loyalty and responsiveness to the ideals of the school; and I desire also to express to you, Mr. Alderman, my appreciation of your support and confidence, and to assure you that my service under you has been pleasant and beneficial to me.

Respectfully submitted,

G. C. DAVIDSON, *Principal.*

Report of J. D. Eaton

PRINCIPAL OF THE COLORED SCHOOLS

SUPERINTENDENT J. T. ALDERMAN.

DEAR SIR:—In submitting my report for the school year just closing, permit me to congratulate you upon your progressive policy in housing the school population of our community in better buildings and in providing better equipments for more efficient school work. The two years just passed will stand out conspicuously in the history of the system as the era of expansion and growth.

The Colored Central school has been handicapped this year. This was due to the fact that we had to pass the greater part of the year in crowded and uncomfortable quarters without the proper facilities for conducting the work. The discipline of the school was well maintained throughout the session and the school spirit with both teachers and pupils was fine.

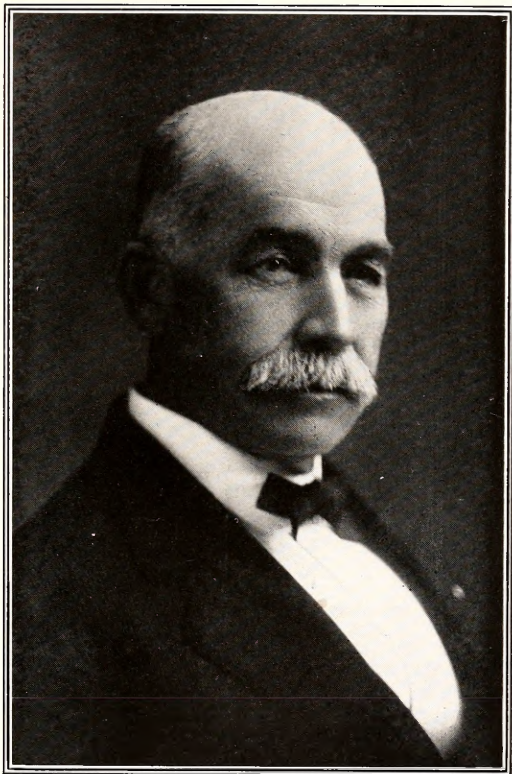
We are making special effort to maintain a high standard of thoroughness in the studies as the pupils pass up through the grades. On account of unavoidable conditions this year the number of pupils promoted is below the average of former years; but the school is in better condition for successful work next year than it has ever been.

The patrons and the colored people in general are earnestly hopeful that the building will be fully completed during the summer so that we may be able to accommodate the children of the district. The branch schools at Greystone and Nutbush should receive special attention. We are pleased also at the prospect of having in the near future a good building for the colored children just south of the city.

The teachers, pupils and colored people of Henderson desire to express their sincere regret at your decision to retire from the position you have held so long and so satisfactorily to all parties.

Respectfully,

J. Y. EATON, *Principal.*



J. T. ALDERMAN

Resolutions of Appreciation

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Henderson Graded Schools on August 23, 1923, the following resolution was adopted.

Whereas, This board learned with regret near the close of last school term that Superintendent J. T. Alderman, rounding out fifty years of school work, had decided to retire, and

Whereas, He has been identified with the Graded School System of Henderson Township continuously from its beginning, except one year, thereby largely shaping the policy of our schools and bringing them to their present state of high efficiency,

Now Therefore be it Resolved, That we express our regret at his giving up active service, and our deep appreciation personally for the untiring thought and effort put into our school work, and on behalf of the community for the high, manly principles of life he has ever held up before the youth of our community.

Resolved Also, As we learn with pleasure of his desire to give the people a historical sketch of the schools of this immediate vicinity, that we request him to do this, publishing it as a part of the annual report for his closing year.

Resolved Further, That we express to him the hope that he may be given many more years in our midst, a most beautiful and worthy example of one who has given much to his fellow man; that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this meeting and a copy forwarded to Professor Alderman.

Summary of Personal History

As this is the last report of the retiring superintendent, he will be indulged in inserting a little personal history.

Born at Salemburg, Sampson County, June 26, 1853.

Became a member of the Baptist Church August 7, 1870.

Began teaching in August 1873.

Was made a Mason in November, 1874.

Taught school during the summer and fall.

Went to college in winter and spring.

Graduated at Wake Forest first of June, 1880.

Taught at Newton Grove, 1881.

Conducted Fork Academy, Davie County, 1882-1891.

Superintendent of Davie County Schools, 1883-1891.

Superintendent Reidsville Schools 1892-1894.

Superintendent of schools, Talapoosa, Ga., 1894-1895.

Principal City High School, Columbus, Ga., 1895-1899.

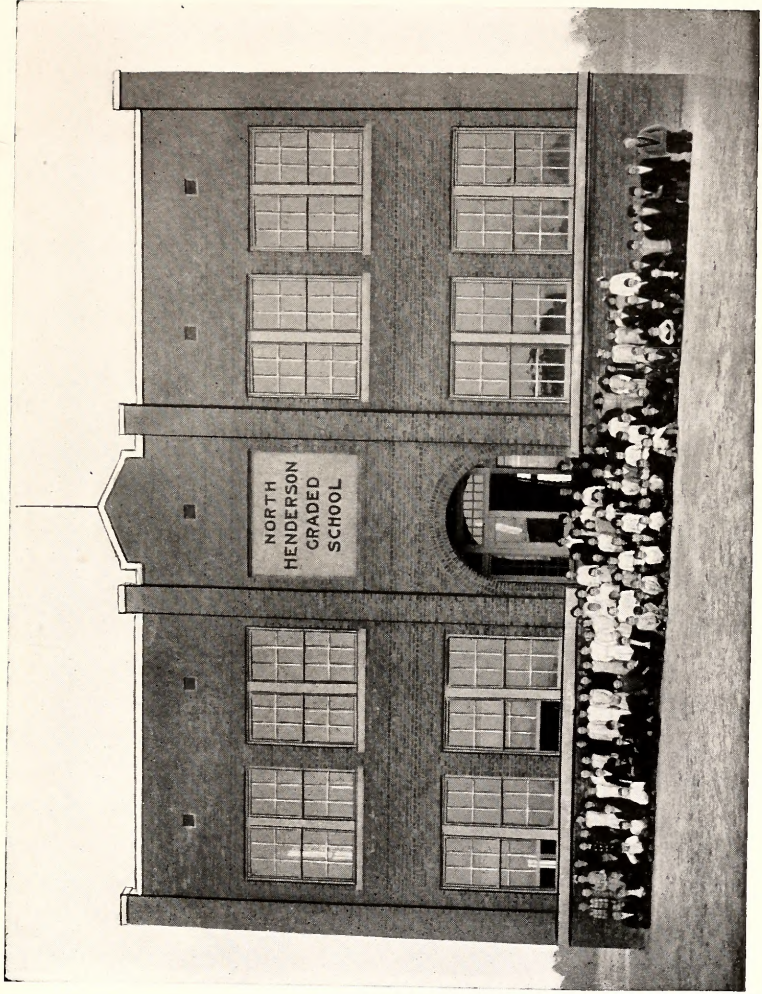
Superintendent Henderson Schools, 1899-1923.

(Except 1918 when I was sick.)

Resigned care of schools June, 1923.

Grand Master of Grand Lodge of Masons, 1914.

Married August 22, 1894.



NORTH HENDERSON SCHOOL BUILDING

Enrollment and Average Attendance

HIGH SCHOOL

	Enrollment			Average Attendance		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
Seventh Grade.....	36	0	36	30	0	30
Seventh Grade.....	0	29	29	0	23	23
Eighth Grade.....	20	12	32	14	10	24
Eighth Grade.....	10	28	38	9	23	32
Ninth Grade.....	0	22	22	0	20	20
Ninth Grade.....	18	8	26	16	7	23
Tenth Grade.....	0	21	21	0	17	17
Tenth Grade.....	26	0	26	24	0	24
Eleventh Grade.....	12	23	35	11	22	33
	122	143	265	104	122	226

CENTRAL SCHOOL

	Enrollment			Average Attendance		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
First Grade.....	19	18	37	14	13	27
First Grade.....	23	15	38	18	9	27
First Grade.....	25	19	44	17	11	28
First Grade.....	16	15	31	13	12	25
Second Grade.....	13	23	36	11	19	30
Second Grade.....	15	22	37	13	18	31
Second Grade.....	10	15	25	9	13	22
Second Grade.....	20	11	31	16	8	24
Third Grade.....	18	27	45	13	23	36
Third Grade.....	15	26	41	12	21	33
Third Grade.....	11	24	35	8	17	25
Fourth Grade.....	20	25	45	16	20	36
Fourth Grade.....	16	29	45	14	16	30
Fourth Grade.....	12	14	26	10	10	20
Fifth Grade.....	16	19	35	11	17	28
Fifth Grade.....	16	20	36	10	13	23
Sixth Grade.....	41	0	41	39	0	39
Sixth Grade.....	0	45	45	0	40	40
Sixth Grade.....	20	15	35	12	11	23
	326	382	708	256	291	547

NORTH HENDERSON SCHOOL

	Enrollment			Average Attendance		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
First Grade.....	21	15	36	12	7	19
First Grade.....	23	18	41	13	10	23
First Grade.....	23	22	45	15	17	32
Second Grade.....	21	20	41	15	10	25
Third Grade.....	24	10	34	18	6	24
Third Grade.....	17	11	28	10	8	18
Fourth Grade.....	25	10	35	17	7	24
Fifth Grade.....	14	15	29	9	11	20
Sixth Grade.....	4	10	14	3	6	9
Wortham.....	17	18	35	14	15	29
	189	149	338	126	97	223

SOUTH HENDERSON SCHOOL

	Enrollment			Average Attendance		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
First Grade.....	28	24	52	17	14	31
First Grade.....	29	18	47	15	11	26
Second Grade.....	23	18	41	16	13	29
Second Grade.....	19	15	34	14	11	25
Third Grade.....	18	23	41	10	15	25
Fourth Grade.....	17	15	32	12	10	22
Fifth Grade.....	3	15	18	3	12	15
West End School.....	23	16	39	13	8	21
Harris School.....	15	18	33	10	10	20
	175	162	337	110	104	214

COLORED SCHOOLS

	Enrollment			Average Attendance		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
First Grade.....	37	43	80	18	20	38
First Grade.....	55	28	83	25	10	35
Second Grade.....	34	28	62	22	16	38
Second Grade.....	33	45	78	22	26	48
Third Grade.....	19	35	54	11	22	33
Third Grade.....	27	29	56	17	19	36
Fourth Grade.....	18	17	35	12	11	23
Fourth Grade.....	14	33	47	10	20	30
Fifth Grade.....	15	26	41	10	17	27
Sixth Grade.....	6	14	20	5	11	16
Nutbush School.....	22	40	62	12	24	36
Greystone School.....	42	39	81	21	20	41
Higher Grades.....	2	8	10	0	5	5
	324	385	709	185	221	406

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT

	Enrollment			Average Attendance		
	M.	F.	Total	M.	F.	Total
High School.....	122	143	265	104	122	226
Central School.....	326	382	708	256	291	547
North Henderson.....	189	149	338	126	97	223
South Henderson.....	175	162	337	110	104	214
Total white.....	812	836	1,648	596	614	1,210
Colored schools.....	324	385	709	185	221	406
Total white and colored.....	1,136	1,221	2,357	781	835	1,616

Enrollment by Grades and Ages, 1922-1923

WHITE

Age	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	Total
FIRST GRADE	Boys..... 73	53	45	19	20	7	5	2								224
	Girls..... 63	61	32	14	8	3	0	2								183
SECOND GRADE	Boys.....	25	30	31	14	16	8	6	3							133
	Girls.....	50	30	18	11	15	3	8	1							136
THIRD GRADE	Boys.....	1	20	21	19	20	18	5	3	0	2					118
	Girls.....	2	37	44	20	8	18	4	1							134
FOURTH GRADE	Boys.....		3	13	17	20	22	13	4	1	1	1				95
	Girls.....		1	20	27	15	15	13	3	1	1					96
FIFTH GRADE	Boys.....				4	12	19	11	1	4	1					52
	Girls.....				2	23	22	14	6	4	1					72
SIXTH GRADE	Boys.....			1	2	9	17	9	12	12	1		1			64
	Girls.....				1	14	18	12	8	7	1	1				62
SEVENTH GRADE	Boys.....					1	8	10	4	9	5	2	0	1		40
	Girls.....						14	9	10	3	3					39
EIGHTH GRADE	Boys.....							1	6	3	5	7	5	4		31
	Girls.....								9	10	12	4	3	1		39
NINTH GRADE	Boys.....										1	9	5	0	1	18
	Girls.....									7	14	3	4	1	1	30
TENTH GRADE	Boys.....										1	5	9	6	2	26
	Girls.....										7	9	4	1		21
ELEVENTH GRADE	Boys.....											2	5	5		12
	Girls.....										1	6	8	1	1	23
Total White.....	136	102	207	181	145	103	188	133	78	94	61	39	22	5	4	1,048

Enrollment by Grades and Ages 1922-1923
COLORED

Age	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
FIRST GRADE														
Boys.....	27	21	18	15	10	5	7	4						107
Girls.....	39	20	13	4	5	1	4	3						89
SECOND GRADE														
Boys.....	2	15	14	20	13	7	6	6	1					84
Girls.....	1	20	20	19	12	7	7	5		2				95
THIRD GRADE														
Boys.....		2	4	10	10	12	10	6	2					56
Girls.....		4	8	14	18	12	7	6	5	1				75
FOURTH GRADE														
Boys.....				1	6	7	19	6	5	2	6		1	53
Girls.....			2	2	4	19	5	10	9	7	5	1		64
FIFTH GRADE														
Boys.....					2		4	8	5	3	2			20
Girls.....						1	4	12	9	4	3	2	1	38
SIXTH GRADE														
Boys.....							1		2	2			1	6
Girls.....								1	2	11	1			15
SEVENTH GRADE														
Boys.....									0					0
Girls.....								1	1	4	1			7
Total colored.....	69	82	79	85	82	71	70	68	41	36	20	3	3	709

Commencement 1923

The annual sermon to the class was preached on May 27, 1923, at the Baptist church, by Rev. H. A. Ellis, pastor of the church. The theme was the value of visions.

THE CAPTAIN OF PLYMOUTH

A COMIC OPERA

Presented by

SENIOR CLASS, HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL

Central School Auditorium

THURSDAY EVENING, MAY 31, 1923

8:00 O'CLOCK

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Miles Standish	Jack Watkins
John Alden	James Cheatham
Elder Brewster	Nathan Strause
Erasmus	John Nelson
Pecksnot	James Rose
Richard	Murphy Clopton
Stephen	Reed Harris
Gilbert.....	Willie Lee Reich
Theodore	George McDaniel
Priscilla	Eleanor Perry
Katonka	Lettie Finch
Mercy	Rebekah Young
Charity.....	Mary Young Hunt
Patience	Elizabeth Brodie
Mary	Laura Crudup
Martha	Elnora Honeycutt
Hester	Lucy Powell
Ruth	Ruth Sherman
Wattawamut	Gertrude Hoyle

Puritan Men—Arch Bass, Thomas Green.

Puritan Girls—Sarah Barker, Foy Evans, Naomi Greene, Ruby Day.

Indians—Lila Spruill, Rosa Long Thomas, Elizabeth Howland, Betsy Mustain, Gladys O'Brien, Leoncie Pittard, Lucile Harris, Gladys Palmer.

Act I. Colony of Plymouth.

Act II. Scene 1. Room at Priscilla's home. Scene 2. Indian encampment.

Act III. Colony of Plymouth.



EAST HENDERSON GROUP OF TEACHERS

GRADUATION EXERCISES

HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL
Central School Auditorium

11 O'CLOCK A. M. JUNE 1, 1923

PROGRAM

Prayer.....The Rev. I. W. Hughes
Chorus—Springtime (Wooler).....Students
Salutatory.....Miss Eleanor Perry
Introduction of Speaker.....Mr. R. S. McCain
Address to Graduating Class.....Hon. D. F. Giles
Marion, N. C.
Valedictory.....Miss Elizabeth Howland
Presentation of Diplomas.....Mr. J. H. Bridgers
Chairman Board Trustees
Presentation of Medals:
Message to Prof. Alderman from the Past and the Present of the
Henderson Schools.
Benediction.

CLASS DAY EXERCISES

SENIORS OF HENDERSON HIGH SCHOOL
Central School Auditorium

FRIDAY EVENING, 8:00 O'CLOCK, JUNE 1, 1923

PROGRAM

Prayer.....The Rev. Hugh A. Ellis
Chorus: Pond Lilies.....Students
Class History.....Miss Elnora Honeycutt
Oration.....Murphy Clopton
Who's Who and Why.....James Rose
Class Poet.....Miss Lucy Cole Powell
Statistics.....Willie Lee Reich
Prophecy.....Miss Mary Young Hunt
Class Donor.....Miss Rosa Long Thomas
Class Will.....Miss Gertrude Hoyle
Class Musician.....Miss Ruth Sherman
Flowers and Presents

MEDAL AND PRIZE WINNERS

- The Corbitt medal scholarship and attitude to duty.....
Presented to Elizabeth Howland
- The D. Y. Cooper Declamation Medal.....
Won by Henry T. Powell
- Mayor's MedalWon by Constance Ellis
- Seventh Grade Reciter's Medal.....Won by Mary Boyd White
- Seventh Grade Declamation Medal.....Won by William Joyner
- Roth Medal for Best All-round Student.....
Presented to Mary Young Hunt
- Equitable Life Company offered prize for best paper on "Value
of Service Rendered a Community by an Underwriter"....
Won by Annie Fuller Young
- Woman's Club Prize for Best Short Story.....
Won by Annie Fuller Young

Honor Roll

HIGH SCHOOL PUPILS NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY

Martha Gooch	Elma Mae Masee
Nannie Crowder	Daisy Lowry
Ethel Crowder	Clementine Brodie
Mary S. Tyler	Elizabeth Brodie
Randolph Teague	Ruby Day
William Bryan	Lila Spruill
Rosa Lee Day	Elizabeth Howland

NEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR THREE YEARS
Clattis StrangeNEITHER ABSENT NOR TARDY FOR FOUR YEARS
Elnora Honeycutt



SOUTH HENDERSON GROUP OF TEACHERS

List of Graduates from Henderson High School

1901

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| Florence Currin.
Mrs. H. E. Thrower. | Susan Henderson Hines.
Mrs. J. P. Scales. |
| Lillian Simpson Dean.
Mrs. R. E. Powell. | Claudia Watkins Hunter. |
| Isabelle Gary.* | Rosamond Christine Kerner.
Mrs. L. W. Brown. |
| Mary Belle Gary. | Olivia Hyman Lamb.
Mrs. Geo. Gilliam. |
| Elise Moore Gregory.
Mrs. Herman Wall. | Mabel May Pirie.
Mrs. H. M. Rowland. |
| Agnes Reese Harris. | Willie Julia Tucker. |
| Ethel Lewis Harris.
Mrs. Geo. Kirby. | Richard Collins Gary. |
| Olive Harris.
Mrs. R. M. Andrews. | |

1902

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| Ruth Harris.
Mrs. Charlton Lynch. | Angus D. McCall. |
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1903

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| Annie Mary Hunter. | Lillian Arrington Goodrich.
Mrs. O. D. Kirkland. |
| Johnnie Katherine Rowland.
Mrs. J. R. Teague. | |

1904

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| Irene Marion Betts.
Mrs. T. G. Horner. | Annie Harris.
Mrs. W. N. Hadley. |
| Julia Mitchell Cooper.*
Mrs. E. F. Shaw. | Rosell Harris.
Mrs. S. R. Watson. |
| Mary Eunice Dunn.
Mrs. I. W. Gilliam. | Margaret Virginia McCraw.
Mrs. F. E. Krugel. |
| Mary Mortimer Elmore.
Mrs. C. O. Fountain. | Nannie Royster Parham. |
| Eula Hite Gregory. | Mary Memucan Perry.
Mrs. R. G. Kittrell. |
| Katherine Talbott Gary. | Mary Elizabeth Whitfield.
Mrs. George Buchan. |
| Jessie Page Harris. | Julian Baxter Coghill. |

1905

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| Caroline Louise Elmore.
Mrs. E. H. Adkins. | Mary Elizabeth Young. |
| Cornelia Leonard Gary. | Charles Memucan Cooper. |
| Corine Speed Gregory.
Mrs. R. H. Hood. | William Leak Manning. |
| Marie Mildred Manning.
Mrs. B. F. Harris. | Charles Burt Stainback. |
| | James Tucker Stainback. |

*Deceased.

1906

Maud Elena Brady.	Fanny Howard.
Kennie Rebecca Dunkely.	Mrs. N. T. Mitchell.
Mrs. L. V. Grady.	Hattye Belle McIntyre.*
Pauline Gill Edwards.	Mrs. Walter Izzard.
Mary Shepard Ellis.	Loula Macon Shell.
Mrs. H. H. Bass.	Mrs. Edward Knight.
Sallie Royster Harris.	Lelia Wiggins White.
Mrs. O. A. Tucker.	Edward Marable Butler.
Belle Hicks.	Henry Burwell Marrow.
Mrs. S. V. Purvis.	

1907

Rosa Geneva Cheatham.	Carrie Marrow.
Mrs. H. E. Chavasse.	Fannie Mary McIntyre.*
Katie Lyon Cook.	Mrs. J. H. Williams.
Maribel Lang Gary.	Lizzie Anna Watkins.
Janie Esther Harris.	Mrs. M. C. Bowling.
Mrs. L. C. Kerner.	Redding Francis Perry.
	Fred Goode Tucker

1908

Mamie Clinton Edward.	Isabelle Hester Perry.
Mrs. C. E. Gill.	Lydia Cornelia Wood.
Jewel Irene Floyd.	Mrs. George Baucom.
Mrs. A. C. Burgess.	Kenneth Reynold Edwards.
Laura Blanche Gregory.	James Thomas Floyd.
Ellen Mabel Hight.	Andrew Jackson Harris.*
Emma Louise Jones.	Joseph Powell Watkins.*
Mrs. C. A. Wortham.	Robert Earl Watkins.

1909

Eleanor Ballard Caudell.*	Arthur Alexander Bunn.
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1910

Florence Margaret Butler.	Mary Lee Hight.
Mary Brown Butler.	Mrs. M. C. Capps.
Clara Sterling Finch.*	Lottie Lee Kellar.
Mrs. W. H. Way.	Mrs. R. S. Williams.
Margaret Walker Finch.	Elizabeth Christine Thomas.
Mrs. E. F. Smith.	Mrs. J. W. Jenkins.
Gertrude Fonshill Harris.	

1911

Fannie Spotswood Cooper.	Virgie Lynn Harris.
Mrs. A. A. Zollicoffer.	Mrs. J. A. Pyle.
Hattie Tull Cooper.	Lessie Clair Tyler.
Mrs. Ernest Glover.	Mrs. William Hunter.
Sallie Bailey Garlick.	Adelaide Lassiter Watkins.*
	Mrs. W. H. Furman.

*Deceased.

1912

Katie Marston Bunn.	Mamie McCormick McIntyre. Mrs. L. C. Brinkley.
Helen McIlwaine Daniel.	Agnes Leigh Pegram.
Annie Belle Edwards. Mrs. A. L. Hobgood.	Annie Evelyn Smaw.
Jeanie Alexander Gary. Mrs. E. R. Austin.	Mary Virginia Smitherman.
Mabel Dixie Jones. Mrs. L. T. Waddill.	William Shaw Corbitt.
	Julian Hunt Pegram.

1913

Virginia Gay Alderman. Mrs. J. M. Peace.	Esther Tazwell Parham.
Lena Harriet Aycock. Mrs. C. C. Shaw.	Ruth Roth.
Florence Bobbitt. Mrs. Crawford Crumpler.	Fanny Smolensky.
Christine Trotter Davis. Mrs. R. H. Taylor.	Julia Branch Thomas.
Mary Elizabeth Hershman. Mrs. W. O. Wycoff.	Maria Southerland Watkins. Mrs. M. F. Legg.
Susan Elizabeth Lamb.	Kenneth Llewellyn Nelson.
	Julian Earl Harris.
	Arthur Lynwood Tyler.

Alice Burwell Marrow.

1914

Frances Howe Cheatham. Mrs. J. A. Cooper.	Pauline Moscovitz. Mrs. M. L. Goldberg.
Sallie Charles Cheatham.	Lonie Bryan Nelson. Mrs. Horace Faulkner.
Elizabeth Mae Corbitt. Mrs. F. L. Toepelman.	Nellie Cooper Rose. Mrs. Joe Conger.
Louise Garlick. Mrs. Easterling.	Louise Augusta Smaw.
Eliza Tannahill Hayes. Mrs. J. M. Beatty.	Elizabeth Rose Southerland.
Elizabeth Corbitt Jones.	Durell Boyd Kimball.

Spotswood Randolph Parker.

1915

Essie Thomas Daniel. Mrs. H. A. Dennis.	Mary Robeson McElwee.
Elizabeth Warfield Dorsey.	Hattie Roth. Mrs. Cyril Stewart.
Sarah Jane Elmore. Mrs. H. P. Poythress.	Mary Royster Wortham. Mrs. Julius Wiggins.
Rowena Young Evans. Mrs. J. W. Collins.	Clyde Hight.
Adeline Edmonds Hughes.	George Thomas Pegram.

Owen Keith Tharrington.

1916

Emma Ruth Carter.	Bessie Atlee Trotter.
Elizabeth Pirie Fox.	Mrs. F. E. Andrews.
Margaret Russell Graves.	Sadie Elizabeth White.
Dorothy Lee Harris.	Mrs. B. W. Manier.
Elizabeth Moore Hite.	Lueco Richard Harris.
Hallie Maude Marston.	Thomas Skinner Kittrell.
Mrs. R. R. Rascoe.	Edward Branham Manning.
Rosa Frances Moscovitz.	Andrew Purefoy Newcomb, Jr.
Mrs. M. Zimmerman.	George Washington Nelson.
Mariam Praed Pirie.	Wilbur Stone Perry.
Mrs. Fred Carter.	Richard Holt Turner.
Dulcie Marie Tharrington.	Theo. Peele Thomas.
Mrs. Bryan.	

1917

Lillian Elise Aycok.	Lelia Annette Sturges.
Elizabeth Boswell Cheatham.	Frances Maria Swain.
Alice Muter Cheek.	Mary Elizabeth Tunstall.
Anna Belle Futrelle.	Mattie Louise Wiggins.
Mary Litchford Macon.	Mrs. Sam Puckett.
Mildred McLean Rankin.	Henry Burwell Cooper.
Mrs. T. U. Lassiter.	Julian Edwin Daniel.
Martha Clarisse Rose.	John Henry Gill.
Hattie LeMay Royster.	Willard Watts Harris.
Mrs. L. H. Burnett.	Jasper Benjamin Hicks.

James Edward Nelson.

1918

Tempie Ricks Bass.	Emma Mildred Marston.
Carrie Crystal Cheatham.	Catharine Margaret Miller.
Mrs. Scott Ferebee.	Mrs. Theo Peele Thomas.
Mildred Conrad Ellis.	Mary Frances Singleton.
Lennie Elizabeth Elmore.	Sidney Johnston Lane, Jr.
Mrs. M. L. Miles.	Edwin Fuller Parham.
Edna Elizabeth Garlick.	Charles Jeffreys Smith.
Conrad Boyd Sturges.	

1919

Rosamond Pearl Barker.	Josephine Mann Rose.
Lucy Crudup Cheatham.	Mrs. H. W. Jackson.
Blanche Richard Edwards.	Katherine Jane Wortham.
Mrs. W. H. Treadgold.	Thaddeus Woody Evans.
Alice Swann Hughes.	Thornton Patton Gholson.
Viola Bruton Joyner.	William Lysander Harris.
Matilda Lamb.	James Pretlow Massenburg.
Kate Llewellyn Mustian.	Thomas Hugh Upton.

1920

Mary Roberta Baskette.	Lucy Foster White.
Elizabeth Warwick Cheek.	David Jackson Cooper.
Ellie Virginia Davis.	William Henry Fox.
Alice Elizabeth Newcomb.	Eugene Marvin Rollins, Jr.
Henrietta Ferebee Strause.	William Baxter Waddill, Jr.
Alice Milam Thomas.	Straughan Henly Watkins.
John Hilliard Zollicoffer.	

1921

Claudia Dorothea Bailey.	Elizabeth Bryan Rose.
Virginia Cheatham Barnes.	Annie Elizabeth Sellars.
Iowna Pearl Daniel.	Jeannette Shaw Strause.
Lillian Shanks Evans.	Mildred Aileen Upton.
Helen Gertrude Fowler.	Mary Tarry Watkins.
Emma Lillian Gholson.	Myrtle Greene Whitmore.
Myra Kathleen Hight.	Mrs. R. W. Goodrich.
Mary Catherine Hight.	Charlotte Woodlief.
Margaret Ellen Hight.	Mrs. D. O. May.
Josie Thelma Hunt.	Vashti Emily Woodlief.
Mrs. E. R. Nelson, Jr.	Mrs. L. J. Freeman.
Lucy Henderson Kimball.	Harris Hartwell Bass, Jr.
Lucy George Kittrell.	Clifton Boswell Cheatham, Jr.
Rachel Collier Mustian.	Andrew Jackson Finch.
Mrs. O. W. Fleming.	Benjamin Horner Hicks.
Neleine Macon Perry.	Leslie Darrell Hines.
Annie Leigh Puckett.	Gilbert Maurice O'Neil.
	Vance Benton Rollins.
George Anderson Rose, Jr.	

1922

Dovie Carlyle Cheatham.	Mary Elizabeth Nelson.
Mrs. Bryan Jordan.	Lucile Tucker Renn.
Addie Whitney Evans.	Bessie Mae Scoggins.
Mrs. Oscar Hoyle.	Vivian Grey Sellers.
Theola May Evans.	Alexander Jones Cheek.
Virginia Lonnelle Faulkner.	William Preston Green.
Goldie Harris.	Charles Edward Hight.
Fannie Mae Johnson.	James Newsom O'Neal.
Josephine Grace Neathery.	Brandon Virgil Woodlief.
Elizabeth Minor Nelson.	

CLASS OF 1923

Mary Elizabeth Brodie.	Leoncie Ragland Pittard.
Sarah Elizabeth Barker.	Lucy Cole Powell.
Laura Lloyd Crudup.	Ruth Graham Sherman.
Ruby Estelle Day.	Lila May Spruill.
Foy Lee Evans.	Rosa Long Thomas.
Lettie Roxanna Finch.	Rebekah Jane Young.
Naomi Howell Green.	Arch Lewis Bass.
Mary Lucile Harris.	James Hamilton Cheatham.
Elnora Honeycutt.	Murphy Jackson Clopton.
Elizabeth Warren Howland.	John Thomas Green.
Gertrude Newman Hoyle.	Reed Hopkins Harris.
Mary Young Hunt.	George Lawson McDaniel.
Elizabeth Hamilton Mustian.	John Willis Nelson.
Laurine Gladys O'Bryan.	Willie Lee Reich.
Gladys Virginia Palmer.	James Louis Rose.
Mary Marshall Parker.	Nathaniel Philip Strause.
Sarah Eleanor Perry.	Andrew Jackson Watkins.

**Those Who Taught in the Henderson Graded
Schools from 1899 to 1923**

- Lemme Jordan (1899-1920).
Mrs. C. A. Wyche.
- Charlotte Young (1899-1901).
Mrs. Henry Thorp.
- Birdie Watson (1899-1912).
Mrs. W. V. Powell.
- Leona Currin (1899-1911).
Mrs. L. J. Rux.
- Mrs. N. W. Garden (1899-1903).*
- Fanny Alston (1899-1902). (1919-).
Mrs. J. R. Carroll.
- Lila Tucker (1899-1903).
Mrs. Wm. Chalmers.
- Amy Butler (1900-1911).
Mrs. R. H. Prindle.
- Jessie Page (1900-1906).
Mrs. L. R. Gooch.
- Nettie Elmore (1902-1904).
Mrs. C. G. Wearn.
- Lillian Dean (1909-1913).
Mrs. R. B. Powell.
- Maud Jones (1902-1904).*
Mrs. William Horner.
- Kate Lewis (1903-1905).
- Lula Page (1903-1912).
Mrs. B. I. Dunlap.
- Eva Morton (1904).
Mrs.
- Susan Gilliam (1905-1910).
Mrs. W. B. Burwell.
- Mabel Graeber (1905-1907).
- Ethel Plummer (1905-1912).*
Mrs. E. G. Davis.
- Claudia Hunter (1905-).
- Mary Thomas (1908).
- Hattye McIntyre (1907-1913).*
Mrs. Walter Izzard.
- Lattie Rhodes (1909)
- Eleanor Olive (1909).
- Mary Davis (1909).
- Edith Burwell (1910).
- Belle Graham (1910-1911). (1922-).
- Willie Love (1910).
- Susan Mountcastle (1911).
- Mamie Edwards (1911).
Mrs. C. E. Gill.
- Annie Jones (1911-1920). (1922-).
Mrs. C. M. Cooper.

*Deceased.

HENDERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Lottie Valentine (1911-1912).
Mrs. Dr. W. A. Moore.
- Helen Jones (1911-1912).
Mrs. R. J. Jones.
- Susan Hines (1902).
Mrs. J. P. Scales.
- Lucy Wray (1912-1913).
Mrs. Robt. L. Hart.
- Daisy Story (1912).
- Susan Shaw (1912-1913).
Mrs. R. T. Rosser.
- Mamie Royster (1912).
Mrs. Howerton.
- Mary Browne (1913).
- Kathleen Townsend (1913-1916).
Mrs. R. J. Firestone.
- Essie Hunter (1913).
- Lucy Davis (1901-1905).
- Mrs. W. D. Horner (1901-1912).
- Mary Belle Gary (1903 1906). (1920-)
- Lell Horner (1905-1907).
Mrs. Guy R. Horner.
- Carrie Fuller (1906).
- Bertie Clifton (1906-1908).
Mrs. Rawl.
- Marina Whitley (1907-1909).
- Annie Lee Harris (1907-1909).*
Mrs. Wallace White.
- Eula Gregory (1907).
- Sarah Hartsell (1908).
- Maria Tucker (1909-1910).
- Alieene Wiggins (1909-1910). (1918-) .
- Mary Shanks (1909).
- Bessie Hines (1910-1912).
- Ruby Woodey (1910-1911).
Mrs. J. L. Shanks.
- Mary Wortham (1910-1911).
- Rosa Cheatham (1911-1918).
Mrs. H. E. Chavasse.
- Sophonria Langston (1911).
- Christine Thomas (1912-1917).
Mrs. J. W. Jenkins.
- Val Alston (1911-1913).
Mrs. R. L. Bell.
- Mariel Gary (1912—).
- Mary Sheppard Ellis (1913-1916).
Mrs. H. H. Bass.
- Rosa Spain (1913).
- Mildred Cunningham (1912-1923).
- Susie Stafford (1912-1919).
- Bessie McCraw (1913-1914).
- Julia Tucker (1913).

* Deceased.

- Lessie Tyler (1913).
 Mrs. Wm. Hunter.
 Mary Butler (1913).
 Ruth Chapman (1913).
 Lelia White (1913-1917).
 Etta Sue Sellers (1913-1918).
 Fanny McIntyre (1913-1916).*
 Mrs. J. H. Williams.
 Grace Short (1913).
 Evelyn Stewart (1913).
 Flora McKinnon (1914-1918).
 Mrs. H. L. Perry.
 Kennie Dunkley (1914-1915).
 Mrs. L. V. Grady.
 Mary O. Rice (1914-1916).
 Isabell Perry (1914-1916).
 Mariah Watkins (1914-1917).
 Mrs. M. F. Legg.
 Pauline Edwards (1914-1918).
 Rosa Perry (1914-1916).
 Mrs. A. P. Kelly.
 Julia Thomas (1914-).
 Margaret Finch (1914-1920).
 Mrs. S. F. Smith.
 Elizabeth Bennett (1914-1915).
 Sally Garlick (1914-1917).
 Lucy Kittrell (1915—).
 Ola Mae Ferebee (1915-1918).
 Emma Hunter (1915-1918).
 Mrs. R. C. Craven.
 Lillian Crudup (1915-1920).
 Annie Gary (1915-1917).
 Mrs. Sam Harris.
 Blanch Gregory (1916-1917).
 Sarah Shuford (1916-1918).
 Jennie Ferebee (1916).
 Annie Belle Edwards (1916-1918).
 Mrs. A. L. Hobgood.
 Annie Southerland (1916).
 Marie Horton (1916).
 Josie Parker (1916-1917).
 Mrs. A. L. Lassiter.
 Lonnie Nelson (1916-1918).
 Mrs. Horace Falkner.
 Susan Lamb (1916-).
 Susan Kelly (1916—).
 Frances Abbitt (1917).*
 Mrs. John Rose.
 Frances Cheatham (1917-1919).
 Mrs. J. A. Cooper.

* Deceased.

HENDERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- Olive Abernathy (1917).
 Hallie Marston (1917-1920).
 Mrs. R. R. Rascoe.
 Mrs. Garland Rowland (1917).
 Essie Daniel (1917).
 Mrs. H. A. Dennis.
 Helen Church (1917).
 Mrs. R. E. Ranson (1918).
 Ruth Roth (1918-).
 Mrs. B. L. Paris 1918-1922).
 Victoria Mial (1918-1920).
 Aileen Hews (1918).
 Emma D. Hunter (1918).
 Annette Sturges (1918—).
 Leafy Spear (1918-1919).
 Annie Furman (1918).
 Mrs. Parham.
 Lucy Smithwick (1918-1923).
 Mrs. W. H. Fleming (1918-1921).
 Mary Young (1918—).
 Agnes Pegram (1918-1923).
 Helen Daniel (1918).
 Lottie Edwards (1918—).
 Mary Spain (1918-1921).
 Josephine Coble (1919-1921).
 May Hunter (1919—).
 Hattie Royster (1919-1920).
 Mrs. L. H. Burnett.
 Clarisse Rose (1919-1920).
 Florence Perry (1919-1921).
 Mrs. D. P. McDuffie.
 Mrs. J. P. Griggs (1919-1922).
 Lucy Purnell (1919).
 Mrs. J. A. Goodwin (1919).
 Annâ Stewart (1919).
 Mrs. Irene W. Turner (1919—)
 Mildred Ellis (1919-1923).
 Cary W. Gilkeson (1919—).
 Mrs. Emma DuPriest (1919-1920).
 Mildred Sherill (1920).
 Mrs. C. Thayer (1920).
 Alice Cheek (1920-).
 Mrs. W. E. Walker (1920).
 Norma Miller (1920).
 Gladys Umstead (1920—).
 Patty B. Perry (1920—).
 Sally Mae Willis (1920—).
 Lottie Johnson (1920).
 Mrs. Moore.

Annie J. Perry (1920).
 Mrs. M. R. Hearne (1920).
 Sallie Lou Davis (1920—).
 Melita Cook (1921—).
 Lettie Crouch (1921).
 Maude Miller (1921).
 Annie D. Carroll (1921).
 Margaret Broadfoot (1921).
 Lucy Royster (1921).
 Kathleen Moss (1921-1923).
 Mabel Ellis (1921).
 Alma Priest (1921).
 Ruth Carter (1921-).
 Helen Mustian (1921—).
 Mrs. C. E. Ellis (1921).
 Bessie Lou Collins (1921—).
 Mrs Dorsey Hart (1921—).
 Mrs. William Couch (1922).
 Mary Dozier (1922—).
 Matilda Lamb (1922).
 Minnie Franklin (1922—).
 Mildred Upton (1922—).
 Mrs. J. T. Fesperman (1922—)
 Lillian Jordan (1922—).
 Elizabeth Graham (1922—).
 Beatrice Tucker (1922—).
 Martha Pond (1922—).
 Mrs. J. W. Rose (1922—).
 Ann Louis Jones (1922-).
 Vivian Grey Sellers (1922).
 Mrs. Dovie C. Jordan (1922).
 Edna Reinhart, Supervisor (1920).

MALE TEACHERS AND PRINCIPALS

W. R. Mills (1901-1905).
 Supt. Louisburg Schools.
 A. E. Akers (1905-1908).
 Supt. Roanoke Rapids Schools.
 R. H. Hood (1904).
 H. B. Marrow (1906-1908).
 Supt. Smithfield Schools.
 C. C. Caldwell (1909).
 A. M. Jordan (1910).
 Supt. Williamston Schools.
 H. V. Bounds (1911).
 R. C. Gresham (1912).
 J. B. Courtney (1913).

HENDERSON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- E. P. T. Tyndall (1914).
 J. E. Allen (1915).
 Supt. Warren County Schools.
 W. H. Cale (1915-1918).
 Supt. Lumberton Schools.
 G. C. Davidson (1918—).
 E. S. Johnson (1922).

COLORED TEACHERS

- J. Y. Eaton (1901—).
 Mrs. Mary A. Eaton (1903—).
 Sally P. Eaton (1901—).
 Lucy A. Eaton (1901—).
 Laura J. Merrimon (1901-1909).
 Mary Sutton (1901-1903).
 Nancy Durham (1901-1909).
 Lucy C. Miles (1905-1910).
 Minerva Burwell (1906-1909).
 Mrs. Sallie A. Eaton (1909—).
 Willa Malone (1909-1913).
 Valeria Moses (1909-1910).
 Lizzie Cheatham (1910-1913).
 Bettie Broddie (1910-1911).
 Mary Ida Hart (1910—).
 Sallie Martin (1912-1913).
 Mary Garns (1913-1914).
 Sarah Green (1913).
 Capitola Wilson (1913).
 Effie Pointer (1913-1914).
 Lillian Lassiter (1913-1914).
 Julia Parham (1914).
 Addie Gregory (1915).
 Mariah Young (1915-1916).
 Eliza Young (1915).
 Emma Sawyer (1915-1918).
 Ellen J. Harris (1916).
 Harold McLane (1916).
 Jane H. Howell (1917—).
 Marguerite E. Bell (1917-1918).
 Mrs. Lois H. Tinsley (1917-1918).
 Beulah Malone (1918).
 Susie F. Bassett (1918).
 Geneva Malone (1918-1919).
 Cora E. Hill (1919-1920).
 Josephine Wyche (1919-1921).

Jane Carter (1919).
Mary E. Byrd (1919-1923).
Lillian Wyche (1919—).
Janie McMurren (1921—).
Estelle G. Nichols (1921—).
Jessie A. Davenport (1921).
Maggie Fuller (1921—).
Helen Holmes (1922—).
Emma Wilson (1922—).
Catharine Morton (1923).

The Graded School Law

AN ACT TO ESTABLISH GRADED SCHOOLS IN HENDERSON TOWNSHIP IN VANCE COUNTY

CHAPTER 91, PRIVATE LAWS 1901

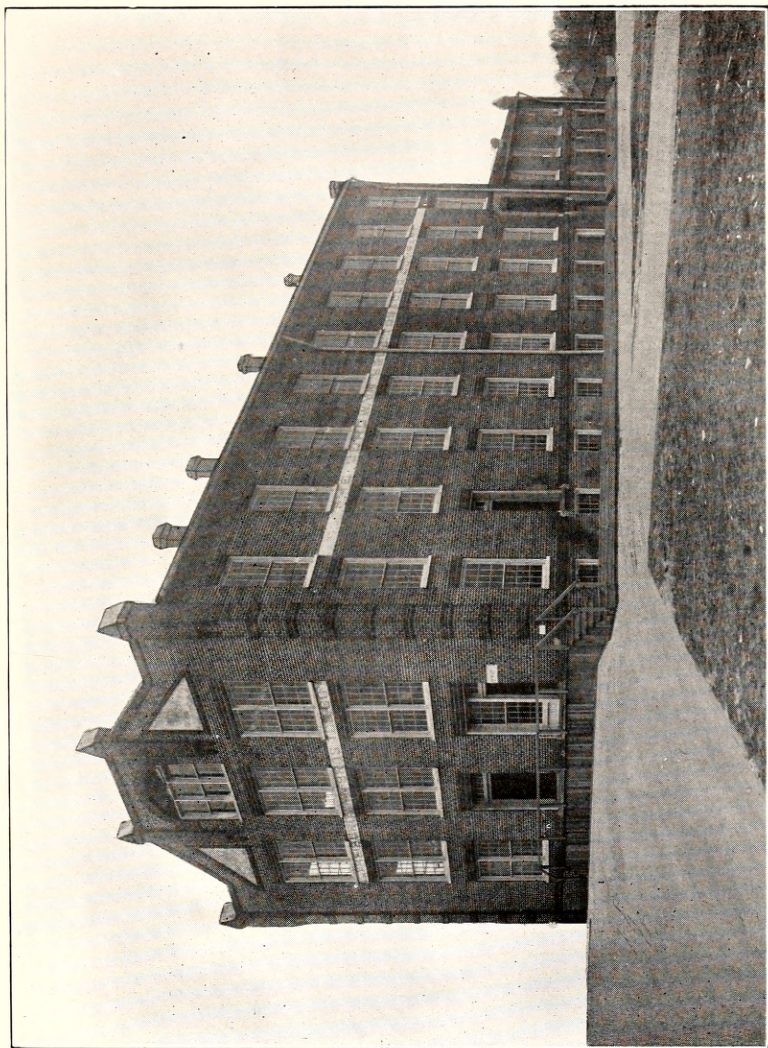
The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

SECTION 1. That all the territory embraced within the limits of Henderson Township, in Vance County, State of North Carolina, as now laid out and established, shall be and is hereby constituted a school district for the white and colored children, to be known and designated as "Henderson Graded School District."

SEC. 2. That the Board of Commissioners of Vance County are hereby required to submit to the qualified voters of said Henderson Township, within three months after the ratification of this act, at an election to be held for said Township, in the town of Henderson, Vance County, North Carolina, the question whether an annual tax shall be levied for the support of the graded schools in said township.

SEC. 3. That at the election held under the provisions of this act, those favoring the levying of such tax shall vote on a written or printed ballot, without device, with the words, "For Graded Schools" upon it, and those opposed to the levying of such tax shall vote a written or printed ballot, without device, with the words "Against Graded Schools," upon it. The penalty for illegal or fraudulent voting shall be the same as in the election for members of the General Assembly. The Board of Commissioners shall give thirty days' notice of the time of holding said election in a newspaper published in the said graded school district.

SEC. 4. That in case a majority of the qualified voters of said Henderson Township shall be in favor of such tax, the Board of Commissioners of Vance County, shall in addition to other taxes laid upon said school district, annually compute and levy, at the time of levying other taxes, a sufficient special tax upon the property and polls of the white and colored persons of said Henderson Township to raise such a sum of money as the trustees hereinafter named for the said school district shall deem necessary to support and maintain said Graded Schools, which sum shall not exceed twenty cents on the one hundred dollars valuation of property, and sixty cents on each poll. Said trustees, hereinafter named, shall immediately after the election herein provided for, report to the Board of Commissioners of Vance County what sum said trustees deem necessary to support and maintain said Graded Schools during the first year, and annually thereafter the said trustees, thirty days prior to the time for levying the county taxes, shall report to



COLORED SCHOOL BUILDING

the said Board of Commissioners of Vance County, what sum is necessary to support and maintain the said Graded Schools during the next year. The taxes levied for the support of said schools, as herein provided shall be annually collected as other taxes are collected, and paid over by the sheriff or other collecting officer to the Treasurer of Vance County for the safe keeping and proper distribution of the same, and the said taxes levied and collected for said Graded Schools shall be kept sacred and separate and distinct from other taxes, by the said officers, and shall be used only for the purposes for which they were levied and collected.

SEC. 5. That the Board of Trustees herein created, and their successors shall be a body corporate by the name and style of "The Board of Trustees of Henderson Graded Schools," and by that name shall be capable of receiving gifts, grants and apportionments, purchasing and holding real estate and personal property, selling, mortgaging, and transferring the same for school purposes, and of prosecuting and defending suits for or against the corporation hereby created. Conveyances to the said trustees shall be to them, and their successors in office, and all deeds, mortgages, and other agreements affecting real estate and personal property, shall be deemed sufficiently executed when signed by the chairman of the said Board of Trustees, and attested by the secretary of the said board.

SEC. 6. That it shall be the duty of the said Board of Trustees to establish graded public schools for the white and colored children of said Henderson Graded School District, and the said Board of Trustees shall use and appropriate the funds derived from the said special taxes herein provided for, in such manner as shall be just to both races, without prejudice, and giving to each equal school facilities, due regard being had, however, to the cost of establishing and maintaining the graded schools for each race.

SEC. 7. That the Board of Trustees provided for by this act shall have entire charge, and exclusive control of the public schools and property in the said district; shall prescribe rules and regulations for their own government, and the government of the schools, not inconsistent with the provisions of this act; shall employ and fix the compensation of officers and teachers of the public schools in said district; shall make an accurate census of the school population of the district as required by the general school law of the State; and do all other acts that may be just and lawful in the management of the public school interest in said district: *Provided*, that all children resident in the said district between the ages of six (6) and twenty-one (21) years old shall be admitted into said schools free of tuition charges, and the Board of Trustees may permit attendance upon the said schools of children residing without

the territory embraced in said graded school district upon such terms as the Board of Trustees may prescribe.

SEC. 8. That all public school funds derived from the State and county of Vance, and which may from time to time be collected and apportioned under the general school law, for school purposes for the children in said district, and all monies to which said district may be entitled by reason of any special tax, gift, grant, apportionment or otherwise, shall be paid to the Treasurer of Vance County, and shall be applied to the keeping up of said graded schools under the order and direction of the said Board of Trustees. The said Treasurer of Vance County and his sureties on his official bond, shall be responsible for the proper disbursement by said Treasurer of all monies collected under this act and received by him.

SEC. 9. That the following persons shall constitute the board of trustees for said graded school district, and shall hold office for the following terms, to wit: D. Y. Cooper, J. B. Owen and F. R. Harris for the term of six years from and after the ratification of this act; Dr. J. D. Hufham, W. E. Gary and A. C. Zollicoffer for the term of four years from and after the ratification of this act; J. L. Currin, C. A. Lewis and George A. Rose for the term of two years from and after the ratification of this act. All vacancies occurring in the said Board of Trustees from any cause shall be filled by the Board of Trustees for the term of six years, except in the case of death or resignation, and in the event of either of these cases for the unexpired term of the trustee so dying or resigning.

SEC. 10. That the said Board of Trustees shall have power to employ and fix the compensation of a superintendent for said graded schools, and such teachers as are necessary, and to do all such other acts as may be necessary to carry on the said schools; they shall have power at any time to remove the said superintendent or any teacher, and to employ others in his or her stead.

SEC. 11. That the beginning and ending of the school term shall be fixed by the said Board of Trustees. That the property both real and personal, of the public schools of the said school district shall become the property of the said graded schools, and shall be vested in the said Board of Trustees, and their successors in trust for the said graded schools: *Provided*, that in case of the discontinuance of the said graded schools all of the property thereto belonging shall revert to and become the property of the public schools of the said district.

SEC. 12. Under the direction of the said Board of Trustees the superintendent elected by them shall examine all applicants for the positions as teachers in said schools, and certify the result to the said board, before their election as such teachers by the board; no other certificates of qualification shall be necessary for such teachers before their election as teachers in said graded schools.

The superintendent shall also act as secretary to the said Board of Trustees, should the said board elect or require him to serve.

SEC. 13. That the monies received as herein provided for shall be held by the Treasurer of Vance County to be disposed of under the direction of the Board of Trustees, whose warrant, signed by the chairman of said Board of Trustees, and countersigned by the secretary of said board, shall be the only valid voucher in the hands of the said treasurer for the disbursement of the said money in any settlement required of him by law, or by the said Board of Trustees.

SEC. 14. That it shall be the duty of the said Board of Trustees to make annually after the close of each school year a full and complete report of the operations of said graded schools together with a financial report, which shall show receipts and disbursements, and shall also make such recommendations and estimates and plans for the future as may in their judgment be advisable to the Board of Education of Vance County. Said trustees shall also include in their report such data and other information as may be required under the general school law.

SEC. 15. That nothing in this act shall prevent persons acting as trustees from holding any other office of profit or trust while acting as trustee.

SEC. 16. That the election provided for under this act shall be held and conducted in the same manner, and subject to the same rules and regulations as are provided by the election of county officers by the general election laws of this State: *Provided*, that the said election shall be held at any time within three months after the ratification of this act, and the costs of holding said election shall be paid out of the funds raised by this act by the treasurer of the county.

SEC. 17. That all laws and clauses of laws in conflict with this act be and the same are hereby repealed.

SEC. 18. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified February 18, 1901.

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE HENDERSON
GRADED SCHOOLS SO AS TO ALLOW THE TRUSTEES TO
ISSUE \$20,000 BONDS.

CHAPTER 56, PRIVATE LAWS 1905

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

SECTION 1. That chapter 91, Private Laws of 1901, relative to graded schools in Henderson Township, Vance County, be and the same is hereby amended as follows: That the Board of Trustees of Henderson Graded Schools is hereby authorized and empowered to issue coupon bonds to an amount not to exceed \$20,000 in denominations of not to exceed \$1,000 each, in such form as the trus-

tees may determine, numbered consecutively, and bearing interest from date of issue at a rate not exceeding five per centum per annum payable semi-annually, at such time and place as the said trustees may designate.

SEC. 2. The said bonds shall be made payable or redeemable at such time and place as may be fixed by said trustees, and named therein, not exceeding 30 years. That in lieu of a sinking fund the trustees shall have the right to pay or redeem \$1,000 of the amount of said bonds five years after the date of the issue thereof, and \$1,000 of said bonds annually thereafter, until the whole amount thereof shall have been paid or redeemed: *Provided, however,* the said bonds shall be paid or redeemed, according to their numbers, beginning with number one, and following the numbers consecutively. The bonds shall be signed by the chairmen of the said Board of Trustees and countersigned by the secretary, and have the corporate seal of said board affixed thereto, and the coupons thereto attached shall bear the printed or lithographed signature of the chairman and secretary of the said board.

SEC. 3. That the bonds hereby authorized to be issued shall not be disposed of, exchanged, or hypothecated for less than their face value. That the Board of Trustees shall keep separate the money arising from the sale of said bonds, and the same shall be expended and disbursed by the said board in the purchase of lands for necessary school sites, in the erection of suitable new buildings and to furnish the same with necessary equipments, in repairing, furnishing, equipping, and maintaining buildings for the accommodation of the public schools of Henderson Township, in Vance County, N. C., and for no other purpose.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of the said Board of Trustees in order to provide for the payment of the interest and principal of said bonds at maturity, as herein provided, to certify annually to the Board of Commissioners of Vance County the rate of taxation necessary to be levied for the payment of said bonds and the interest thereon, which at no time shall exceed fifteen cents on the hundred dollars worth of real and personal property, and not exceeding 45 cents on each taxable poll in Henderson Township. It shall be the duty of the Board of Commissioners of Vance County to levy and compute, in addition to other taxes laid upon said school district, the amount requested by the said Board of Trustees for said purpose; and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of the said county to collect the same, as other taxes are collected, and turn the money over to the Treasurer of Vance County, who shall keep the same separate from all other money, and disburse the same as directed by the Board of Trustees.

(Other sections relate to the machinery for holding said election.)

Ratified, February 7, 1905.

AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE HENDERSON GRADED SCHOOLS SO AS TO ALLOW THE TRUSTEES TO ISSUE \$30,000 ADDITIONAL SCHOOL BONDS.

CHAPTER 40, PRIVATE LAWS 1913

The General Assembly of North Carolina to Enact:

SECTION 1. That chapter 91, Private Laws of 1901, relative to graded schools in Henderson Township, Vance County, N. C., be and the same is hereby further amended as follows: That the Board of Trustees of Henderson Graded Schools is hereby authorized and empowered to issue, in addition to the bonds provided for by chapter 56, Private Laws of 1905, coupon bonds to an amount not to exceed \$30,000, in denominations of not to exceed \$1,000 each, in such form as said trustees may determine, numbered consecutively, and bearing interest from date of issue at a rate not to exceed five per cent, payable semi-annually, at such time, and place as said trustees may designate.

SEC. 2. The said bonds shall be made payable, or redeemable, at such time and place as may be fixed by said trustees, and named therein, not to exceed thirty years, and as heretofore provided. The bonds shall be signed by the chairman of said Board of Trustees and attested by the secretary, and have the corporate seal of said board affixed thereto, and the coupons attached shall bear the printed or lithographed signature of the chairman and secretary of said board.

SEC. 3. That the additional bonds hereby authorized to be issued shall not be disposed of, exchanged or hypothecated for less than their face value. The Board of Trustees shall keep separate the money arising from the sale of said additional bonds, and the same shall be expended and disbursed by said board in purchase of lands for necessary school site or sites; in the erection of additional and suitable new buildings, to furnish same with necessary furniture and equipments, and in repairing, furnishing, and equipping, and maintaining buildings for the accommodation of the public schools of Henderson Township, Vance County, N. C., and for no other purpose.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of said Board of Trustees, in order to provide for payment of the interest and principal of said additional coupon bonds at maturity, as herein provided, to certify annually to the Board of Commissioners of Vance County the rate of taxation necessary to be levied for the payment of said additional bonds and the interest thereon, which at no time shall exceed, in addition to the amount which shall be levied for the maintenance of said schools and the payment of interest and principal therein, six cents on the one hundred dollars worth of real and of the bonds heretofore issued and now outstanding, and as provided personal property and not exceeding eighteen cents on each

taxable poll in Henderson Township: *Provided, however*, that in lieu of a sinking fund the trustees shall have the right, in their discretion, to pay or redeem one thousand dollars of the amount of the said additional coupon bonds, herein provided for, five years after the date of issue thereof, and one thousand dollars of said bonds annually thereafter, until the whole amount thereof shall have been paid or redeemed: *Provided, further*, the said additional bonds shall be paid or redeemed according to their numbers, beginning with number one and following the numbers consecutively. It shall be the duty of the Board of Commissioners of Vance County to levy and compute, in addition to other taxes laid upon said school district, the amount requested by said Board of Trustees for the payment of the interest and the principal of said additional bonds as herein above provided; and it shall be the duty of the Sheriff of Vance County to collect the same as other taxes are collected, and pay them over to the Treasurer of Vance County, who shall keep the same separate from all other money, and disburse the same as directed by the Board of Trustees.

Sections 5, 6, and 7, relate to the machinery for holding the election. Ratified February 11, 1913.

AMENDMENT

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

SECTION 1. That section nine of chapter ninety-one, Private Laws of one thousand nine hundred and one, be and the same is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor:

"SEC. 9. That the board of trustees of said school district shall consist of nine persons, who shall serve without compensation. They shall be elected for a term of six years by the qualified voters of Henderson Township at the regular biennial election for county officers and members of the General Assembly. Three shall be elected at such election in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen, and three every two years thereafter. The terms of all such trustees shall begin on the first Monday in December following their election.

"SEC. 9a. That the present board of trustees shall continue in office until the election of their successors as herein provided. They shall fill all vacancies which may occur in their number until the next general election and shall designate those whose term shall expire in one thousand nine hundred and sixteen and one thousand nine hundred and eighteen. Any vacancies thereafter occurring shall be filled by the board of trustees until the next general election, when a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term. If any trustee shall fail to attend three consecutive meetings of the board of trustees, his office shall thereby be vacated and

another appointed thereto until the next general election, when a successor shall be elected for the unexpired term.”

SEC. 2. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

Ratified March 9, 1915.

AN ACT TO FURTHER AMEND CHAPTER 91, PRIVATE LAWS OF 1901.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do Enact:

SECTION 1. That chapter 91, Private Laws of 1901, relative to graded schools in Henderson Township, Vance County, be and the same is hereby further amended as follows: That the board of trustees of Henderson Graded Schools is hereby authorized and empowered to issue, in addition to the bonds provided for by chapter 56, Private Laws, 1905, and chapter 40, Private Laws, 1913, coupon bonds to an amount not to exceed a total of \$100,000, in denominations not to exceed \$1,000 each. Said bonds shall be exempt from taxation for all purposes now levied or hereafter levied for any purpose by the state of North Carolina, county of Vance, Henderson Township, or city of Henderson.

The said board of trustees of Henderson Graded Schools, after two years, retains the right to anticipate the payment of said bonds by giving ninety days notice in a newspaper published in the city of Henderson, of its intention so to do prior to the due date of any semi-annual interest payment, and upon giving such notice of its intention to pay off said bonds, all interest from and after the due date of such semi-annual interest payment shall cease and said bonds shall not thereafter bear interest.

SEC. 2. (Provides that the bonds shall not exceed in time limit thirty years.)

SEC. 3. That the additional bonds hereby authorized shall not be disposed of, exchanged or hypothecated for less than their face value. The board of trustees shall keep separate the money arising from the sale of said additional bonds, and the same shall be expended and disbursed by said board in the purchase of lands for necessary school site or sites; in the erection or purchase of additional suitable buildings; to furnish same with necessary furniture and equipments; and in repairing, furnishing, equipping and maintaining buildings for the accommodation of the public schools of Henderson Township in Vance County, North Carolina, and for no other purpose.

SEC. 4. That it shall be the duty of said board of trustees in order to provide for the payment of interest and principal of said additional coupon bonds at maturity, as herein provided, to certify annually to the board of commissioners of Vance County the rate of

taxation necessary to be levied for the payment of said additional bonds and the interest thereon, which at no time shall exceed in addition to the amount which shall be levied for the maintenance of said schools and the payment of interest and principal of the bonds heretofore issued, and now outstanding, and as provided therein, twenty cents on the hundred dollars worth of real and personal property and not exceeding sixty cents on each taxable poll in Henderson Township: *Provided, however*, that in lieu of a sinking fund the trustees shall have the right, in their discretion, to pay or redeem after two years two thousand dollars of the said additional coupon bonds herein provided for annually thereafter, until the whole amount thereof shall have been paid or redeemed. It shall be the duty of the commissioners of Vance County to levy and compute, in addition to other taxes laid down upon said school district the amount requested by said board of trustees for the payment of the interest and principal of said additional bonds as herein above provided, and it shall be the duty of the sheriff of Vance County to collect the same as other taxes are collected, and pay the same over to the treasurer of Vance County, who shall keep the same separate from all other money, and disburse the same as directed by the board of trustees.

SEC. 5. (This section simply states how the election for the bonds shall be held, which is just according to all other regular elections. A new registration was required.)

SEC. 6. (This section empowers the trustees to sell the bonds provided the election is favorable to the issuing of the same.)

SEC. 7. That nothing herein shall be in any way construed to otherwise alter, amend, repeal, modify or change any of the sections clauses or provisions of chapter 91 of the Private Laws of 1901, or of chapter 56 of Private Laws of 1905 or of chapter 40 Private Laws of 1913, or any amendment or additions thereto, except as herein contained, but all the provisions of said chapters shall still be and remain in force.

SEC. 8. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified August 25, 1920.

CHAPTER 197

AN ACT TO VALIDATE A BOND ISSUE OF HENDERSON GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT IN VANCE COUNTY.

Whereas at a special election held in Henderson Graded School District in Vance County on January thirty, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, on the question of issuing not exceeding fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) serial bonds of said district and levying a sufficient annual tax to pay the same in accordance with the provisions of chapter eighty-seven of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty, Extra Session, of North Caro-

lina (the said bonds to be issued for the purpose of erecting and equipping school buildings in said district), and on the question of issuing not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) of refunding bonds of said district and levying a sufficient annual tax to pay the same (the said bonds to be issued for the purpose of refunding or paying in whole or in part certain outstanding bonds of said district), a majority of the qualified voters of said school district voted in favor of issuing each of said issue of bonds and levying said taxes thereof, as required by section seven of article seven of the Constitution of North Carolina; and

Whereas the said election and the proceedings leading up to said election may not have been held and taken in all respects in conformity with the requirements of law, or may have been held or taken without authority of law: Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact:

SECTION 1. The said election held in the said Henderson Graded School District in Vance County, on January thirty, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-three, and all acts and proceedings done or taken in or about the calling, holding or determining of the result of said election or in or about the registration of voters for said election, are hereby legalized and validated, notwithstanding any defect in said acts or proceedings. The board of trustees of Henderson Graded School District in Vance County is hereby authorized to issue said bonds of said district, and the board of county commissioners of Vance County is hereby authorized and directed to levy annually a sufficient special tax ad valorem on all taxable property in said school district for the purpose of paying the principal and interest of said bonds, in accordance with the provisions of said chapter eighty-seven of the Public Laws of one thousand nine hundred and twenty, Extra Session, and in accordance with the propositions adopted by the voters of said district at said election; and no further election shall be necessary in order to authorize the issuance of said bonds or the levying of taxes to pay the same: (1) *Provided*, that nothing in this section shall affect pending litigation.

SEC. 2. All acts and proceedings heretofore done or taken in and about the issuing and sale of said bonds by the board of trustees of said district are hereby legalized and validated, and all acts and proceedings hereafter taken in and about the issuing and sale of said bonds shall be done and taken in the manner provided by the Municipal Finance Act, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-one, of North Carolina: *Provided*, that nothing in this section shall affect pending litigation.

SEC. 3. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 4. This act shall be in force from and after its ratification. Ratified this the 3rd day of March, A. D. 1923.

Prospectus

For 1923-1924

Twenty years ago I wrote in my Report suggesting that the District system and local taxes should so far as possible be abolished; that the public school fund should be made ample; that schools should be placed wherever they are needed. The last session of the Legislature made provision for consolidating schools operating under special charter with the other schools of the counties.

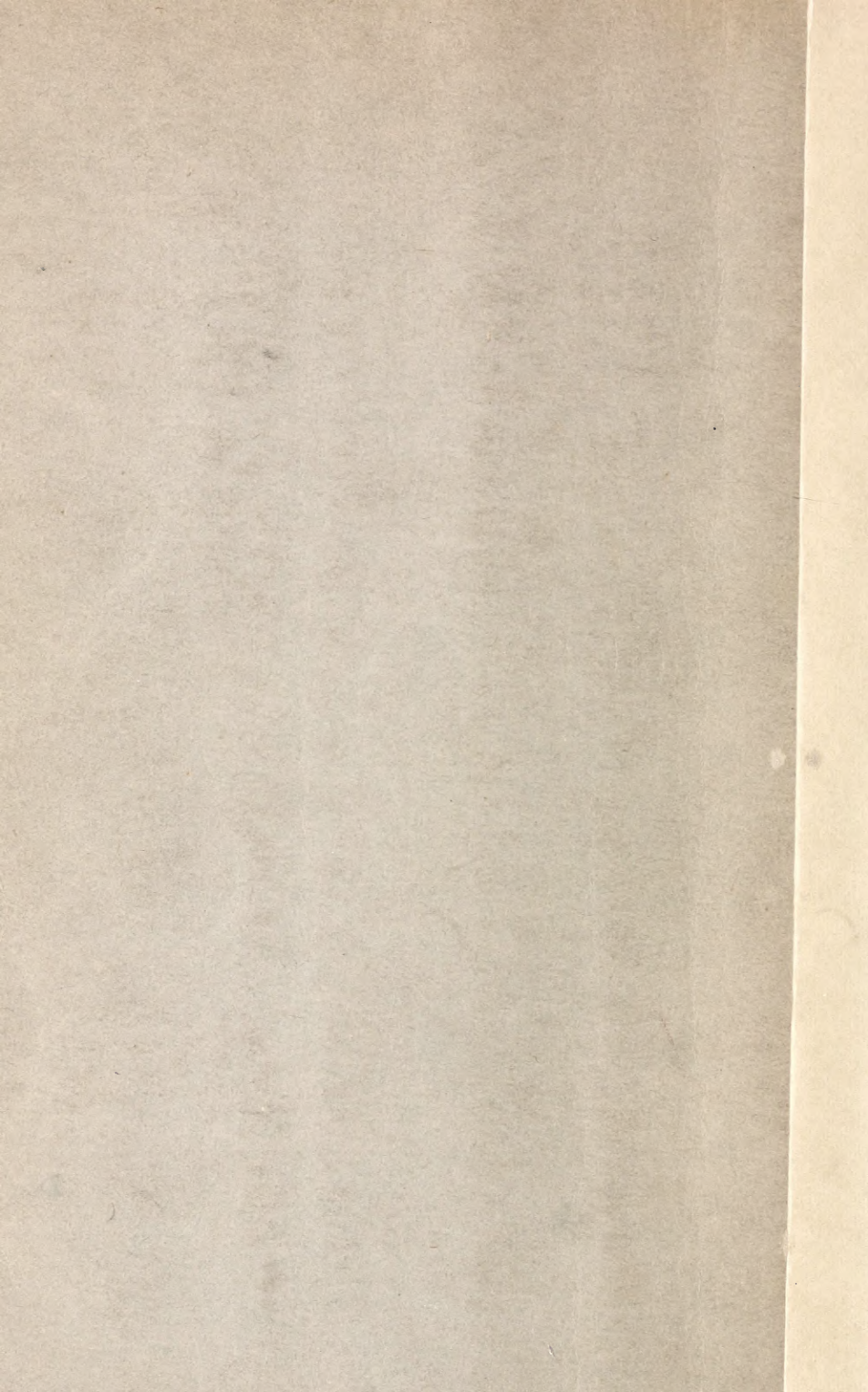
The trustees of the Henderson Graded Schools in June last passed a resolution asking the county board of education to take over the city schools and operate them one year just as the other schools are run. The county board of education by resolution agreed to the proposition.

E. M. Rollins, the county superintendent of schools, was elected and becomes the superintendent of the city schools.

The county board of education elected G. C. Davidson to a newly created position; that is, supervisor of course of study. It is his duty to prepare a course of study for the schools of the county, city and rural, and to look after the teachers in following it out. He will not be encumbered with any executive affairs of the schools except such as pertain to the course of study and the teaching proper.

A double team like this ought to mean well for the development of a good county system of schools. Others will look on with considerable interest for results.





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