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*The cover photograph is of North Carolina's beautiful Capitol. Another view of the building at night is shown above.*

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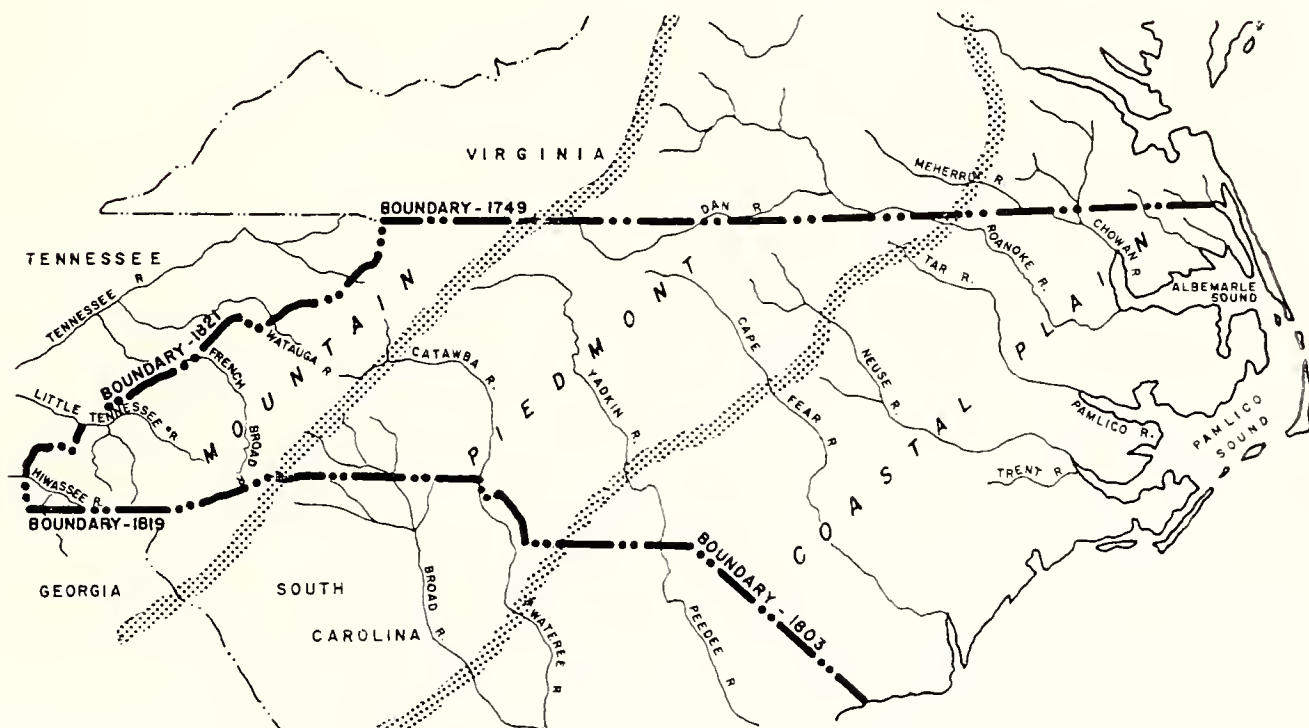
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# North Carolina:

## The Land, the People, the State, and the Counties

by *Albert Coates*

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### The Land of North Carolina

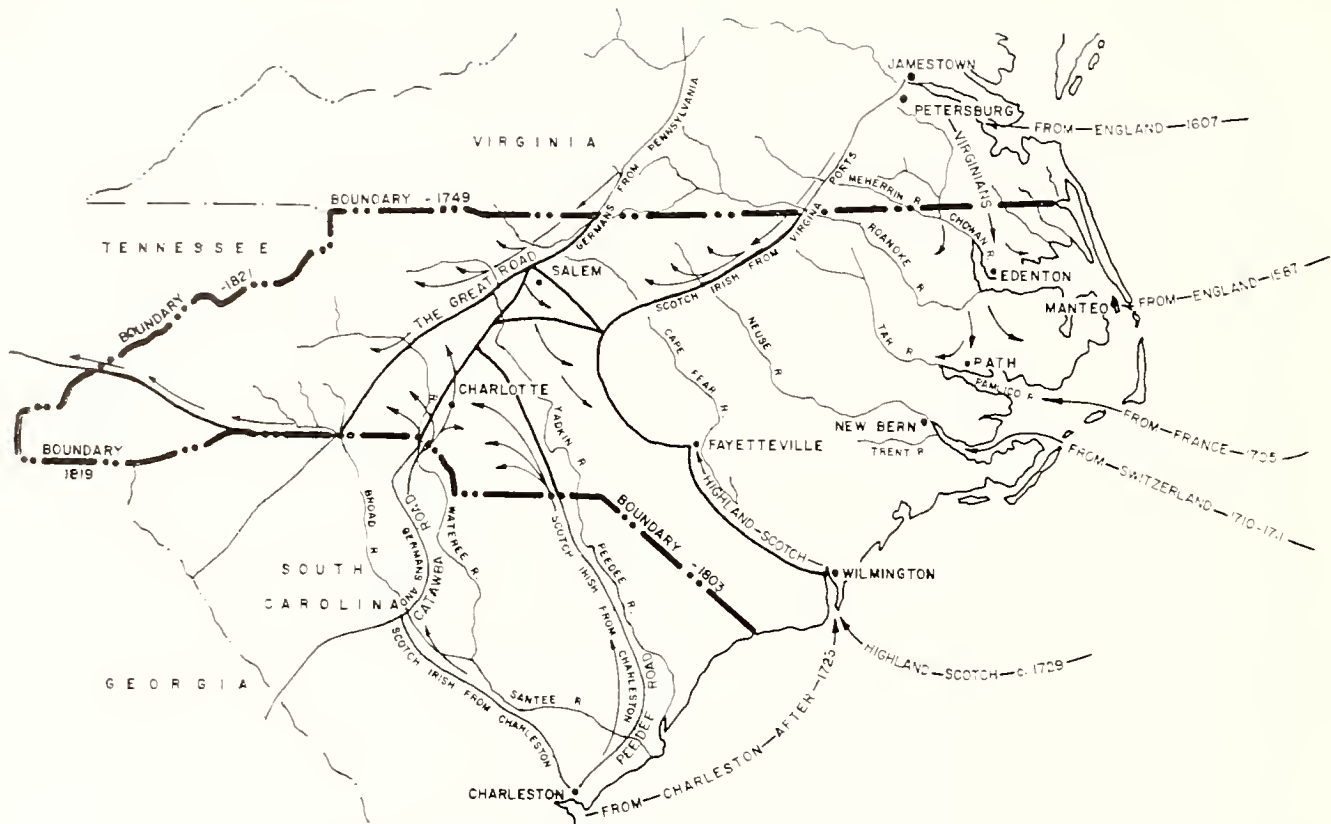
In 1663 Charles II, King of England, gave the land within the limits of North Carolina to eight of his friends, known to history as The Lords Proprietors. The boundary line with Virginia was fixed by 1749; with South Carolina by 1803; with Georgia by 1819; and with Tennessee by 1821.

This land covers 49,097 square miles and 31,422,080 acres of Coastal Plain, Piedmont Plateau, and Mountain regions. It stretches 503 miles from the eastern tip of Currituck to the western tip of Cherokee. It is 188 miles in width at its widest point between northern and southern boundaries.

This land is watered by an average of 45 inches of rain a year, falling into thirteen river basins. Five of these river basins flow westward into the

Tennessee Valley: the New, the Watauga, the French Broad, the Little Tennessee, and the Hiwassee. Three of them flow into South Carolina: the Broad, the Catawba, and the Yadkin. Four of them flow into the Albemarle, Currituck and Pamlico Sounds along the coast: the Chowan, the Roanoke, the Tar and the Neuse. One flows directly into the Atlantic Ocean: the Cape Fear.

This land rises like a stairway from the sea to the mountains; from the tidewater region, near sea level; to the Coastal Plain, rising 150 feet to the fall line of the rivers; to the Piedmont Plateau, rising a thousand feet to the foot of the mountains; to the Mountain region, rising 6,684 feet.



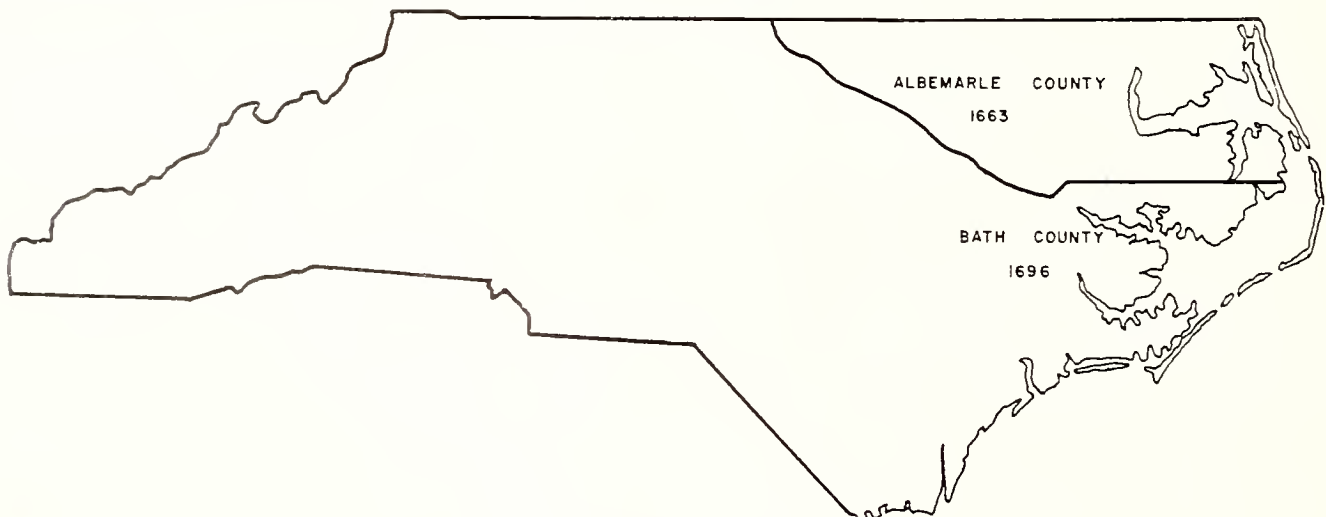
**The People of North Carolina**

Three hundred and seventy-two years ago, on April 26 in the year 1587, 91 men, 17 women, and 9 children sailed from England in three ships; crossed 3,000 miles of Atlantic Ocean; and landed on Roanoke Island. In a few years this settlement faded into the legend of the Lost Colony.

In 1607, English settlers landed at Jamestown in Virginia. Within a generation people from this settlement started moving down the Chowan River toward Albemarle Sound. They crossed the Pamlico River by the 1690's. French Huguenots joined them on Pamlico Sound in the early 1700's. And Swiss and Germans came to the mouth of the Neuse a few years later. This Coastal tide of settlers gradu-

ally spread up the Neuse, Trent and Roanoke rivers for thirty miles inland. Scotch Highlanders were coming up the Cape Fear River by the 1730's; and Moravians, Lutherans, and Scotch Irish landing at Philadelphia and Charleston were finding their way into the Piedmont Plateau at the same time.

By 1730, 30,000 people lived along the Coastal Plain. By 1775, 265,000 people had spread across the Piedmont to the Blue Ridge and to the western limits of the State. Nearly half a million people lived in North Carolina by 1800; nearly a million by 1850; nearly two millions by 1900; and four millions by 1950.



**The State of North Carolina**

### The State

A thousand people were living along the Chowan River in 1663 when the King of England gave this land to the Lords Proprietors and authorized them to organize a government.

Pursuant to this authority the Lords Proprietors appointed a Governor with power to choose "six councillors at least and twelve at most," and called on the "free men" of the province to choose twelve representatives to join with the "Governor and Council" in making laws for the "good and welfare" of the Province.

The "County of Albemarle." In 1663, in the northeastern corner of the Province, they organized the "County of Albemarle." For several years this was the sole and single governmental unit operating in this territory. It performed all the functions of government—with its Governor, its Governor's Council, its Chief Justice, its Provost Marshal, and its General Assembly. In name it was a county—in substance it was the State.

This "County of Albemarle" was divided into precincts, with precinct officials, in 1670. These precincts were turned into counties in 1729, and the precinct officials into county officials.

The "County of Bath" was organized in 1696 as people moved into the territory south of Albemarle Sound. Later it, too, was divided into precincts with precinct officials. These precincts were also turned into counties in 1729 and the precinct officials into county officials.

In this differentiating process the original "Counties" of Albemarle and Bath became the forerunners of the *State* of North Carolina. The precinct subdivisions of Albemarle and Bath became forerunners of the *Counties* of North Carolina.

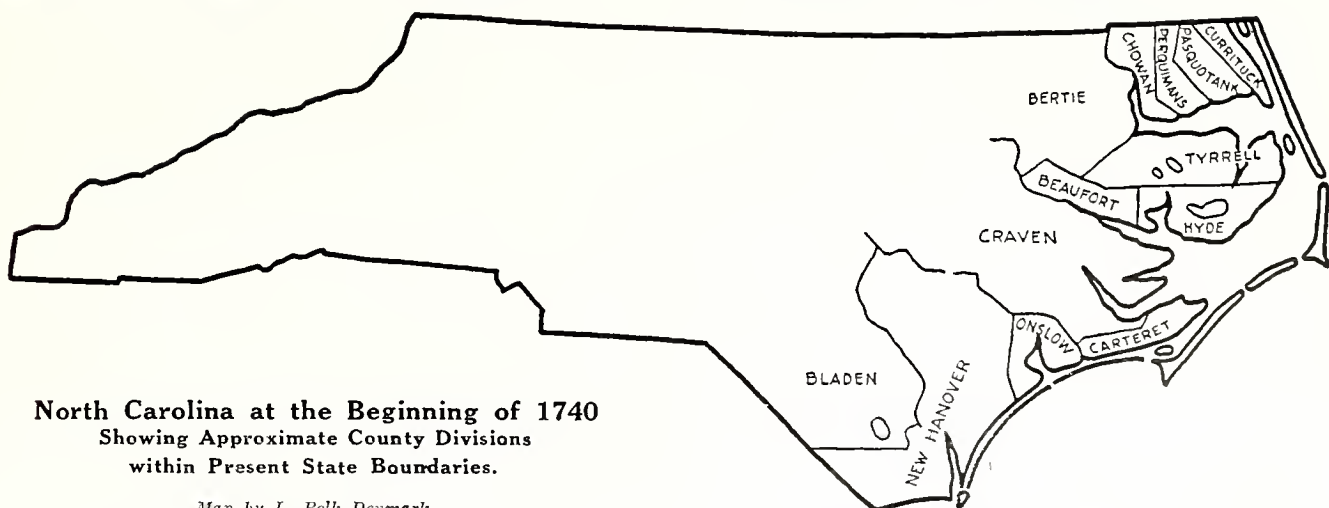
### The County

In the beginning, the Governor, Council and General Assembly faced the practical problems of bringing the "Province of Carolina" into being. It was their job: (1) to bring in settlers, put them on lands, survey their boundaries, register their deeds, and record their mortgages; (2) to issue their marriage licenses, appoint guardians for their orphans, probate their wills, care for their poor and administer their estates; (3) to promote their agriculture, trade and industry; (4) to connect their isolated settlements with roads, bridges and ferries; (5) to provide courts to settle their disputes and keep the peace within, and organize militia to defend them from enemies without.

As long as the people were settled on a piece of land "fortie mile square," elementary governmental services such as those listed above could be furnished from a single seat of government. As they spread nearly 200 miles down the Coastal Plain, and 500 miles across the Piedmont Plateau to the mountains of the west and beyond, the General Assembly began the process of dividing the State into counties.

"For the better government and management of the whole," said the Supreme Court of North Carolina, "the Sovereign chooses [to divide the State into counties] in the same way that a farmer divides his plantation off into fields and makes cross fences where he chooses. The Sovereign has the same right to change the limitations of counties and make them smaller or larger by putting two into one, or one into two, as the farmer has to change his fields."

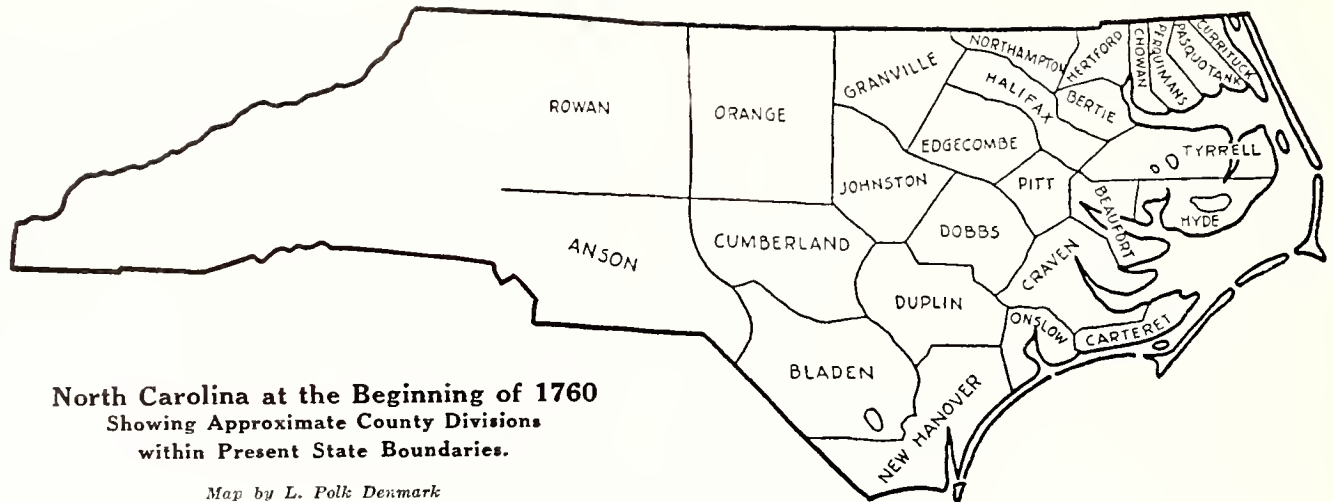
The maps on pages 3-6 show how this division of the State into counties took place.



**North Carolina at the Beginning of 1740**  
Showing Approximate County Divisions  
within Present State Boundaries.

Map by L. Polk Denmark

Thirteen counties were organized in North Carolina by 1740—Chowan, Currituck, Pasquotank and Perquimans out of Albemarle in 1670; Beaufort (called Pamptecough before 1712), Craven (called Archdale before 1712), and Hyde (called Wickham before 1712) out of Bath in 1705; Bertie out of Chowan, and Carteret out of Craven in 1722; New Hanover out of Craven, and Tyrrell out of Chowan, Currituck, Bertie and Pasquotank in 1729; and Bladen and Onslow out of New Hanover in 1734. Bertie in the north, Craven in the center, and Bladen in the south were frontier counties with boundaries open to the west.



**North Carolina at the Beginning of 1760**  
Showing Approximate County Divisions  
within Present State Boundaries.

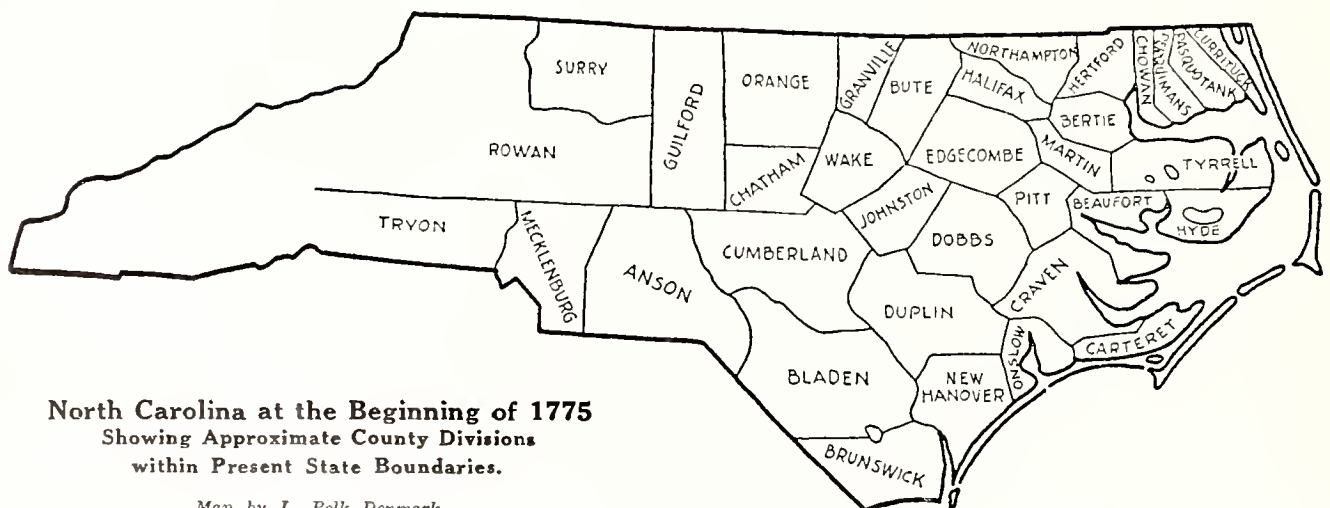
Map by L. Polk Denmark

Thirteen new counties were added in the twenty years from 1740 to 1760. Six of these counties were carved out of existing counties: *Northampton* out of *Bertie* in 1741; *Duplin* out of *New Hanover* in 1750; *Halifax* out of *Edgemcombe*, and *Dobbs* out of *Johnston* in 1758; *Hertford* out of *Chowan*, *Bertie* and *Northampton* in 1759; *Pitt* out of *Beaufort* in 1760. Seven were carved in part out of new territory to the west and in part out of existing counties: *Edgemcombe* out of *Bertie* in 1741; *Granville* out of *Edgemcombe*, and *Johnston* out of *Craven* in 1746; *Anson* out of *Bladen* in 1750; *Orange* out of *Johnston*, *Bladen* and *Granville* in 1752; *Rowan* out of *Anson* in 1753; and *Cumberland* out of *Bladen* in 1754. *Rowan* in the north and *Anson* in the south were frontier counties with boundaries open to the west.

#### County Labels Which Have Come and Gone

*Albemarle*, formed in 1663 and divided between 1670 and 1696 to make *Chowan*, *Perquimans*, *Pasquotank*, and *Currituck*. *Archdale*, formed in 1705 from *Bath*, became *Craven* in 1712. *Bath*, formed in 1696 from the territory south of *Albemarle Sound*, divided in 1705 to make *Archdale*, *Pamptecough* and *Wickham* precincts. *Bute*, formed in 1764 from *Granville*, divided in 1779 to make *Warren* and *Franklin*. *Davidson* (now in Tennessee), formed in 1783 from *Washington* (now in Tennessee), ceded to the Federal Government and accepted April 2, 1790. *Dobbs*, formed in 1758 from *Johnston*, divided

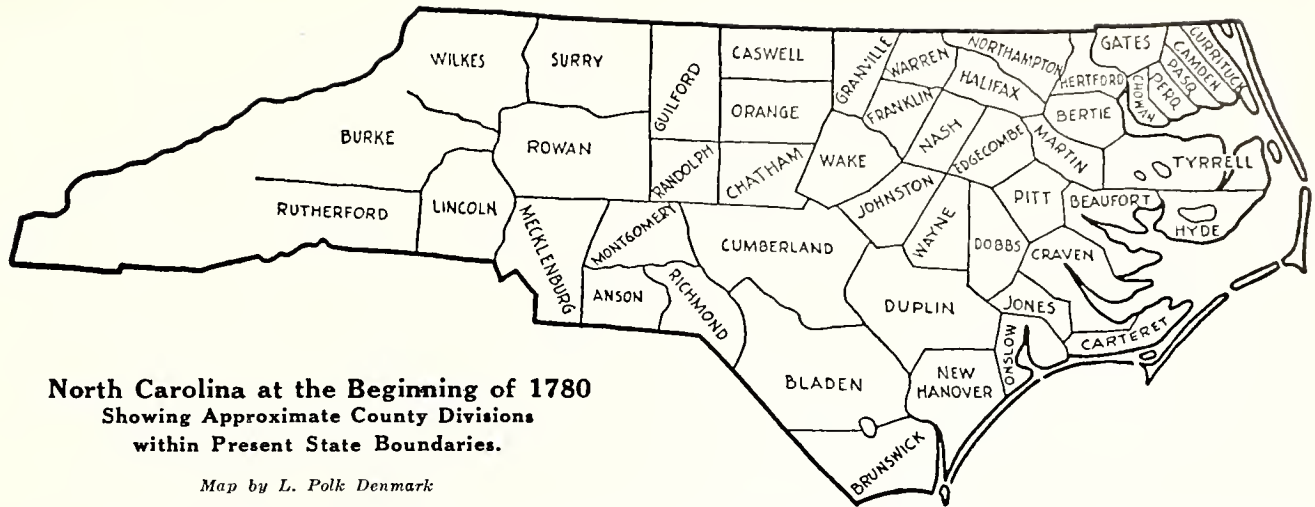
in 1791 to make *Glasgow* and parts of *Wayne*, *Jones* and *Lenoir*. *Fayette*, formed in 1784 from *Cumberland*, became *Cumberland* again several months later. *Glasgow*, formed in 1791, became *Greene* in 1799. *Greene* (now in Tennessee), formed in 1783 from *Washington* (now in Tennessee), ceded to the Federal Government and accepted April 2, 1790. *Hawkins* (now in Tennessee), formed in 1787 from *Sullivan* (now in Tennessee), ceded to the Federal Government and accepted April 2, 1790. *Sumner* (now in Tennessee), formed in 1787 from *Davidson* (now in Tennessee), ceded to the Federal Government and accepted April 2, 1790. *Pampte-*



**North Carolina at the Beginning of 1775**  
Showing Approximate County Divisions  
within Present State Boundaries.

Map by L. Polk Denmark

Nine new counties were added in the fifteen-year period from 1760 to 1775. Eight of these counties were carved out of existing counties: *Mecklenburg* out of *Anson* in 1762; *Bute* out of *Granville*, and *Brunswick* out of *New Hanover* and *Bladen* in 1764; *Chatham* out of *Orange*, *Guilford* out of *Rowan* and *Orange*, *Surry* out of *Rowan*, and *Wake* out of *Johnston*, *Cumberland* and *Orange* in 1770; and *Martin* out of *Halifax* and *Tyrrell* in 1774. *Tryon* was carved in part out of new territory to the west and in part out of an existing county, *Mecklenburg*, in 1768. *Rowan* in the north and *Tryon* in the south were frontier counties with boundaries open to the west.



**North Carolina at the Beginning of 1780**  
 Showing Approximate County Divisions  
 within Present State Boundaries.

Map by L. Polk Denmark

Fifteen new counties were added in the five-year period from 1775 to 1780. Thirteen of these counties were carved out of existing counties: *Camden* out of Pasquotank, *Caswell* out of Orange, and *Nash* out of Edgecombe in 1777; *Franklin* and *Warren* out of Bute, *Gates* out of Chowan, *Hertford* and *Perquimans*, *Jones* out of Craven, *Lincoln* out of Tryon, *Montgomery* and *Richmond* out of Anson, *Randolph* out of Guilford, and *Wayne* out of Dobbs in 1779. Three were carved in part out of new territory to the west and in part out of existing counties: *Burke* out of Rowan, and *Wilkes* out of Surry in 1777, and *Rutherford* out of Tryon in 1779. (Both Tryon and Bute were abolished in 1779.) *Wilkes* in the north, *Burke* in the center and *Rutherford* in the south were frontier counties with boundaries open to the west.

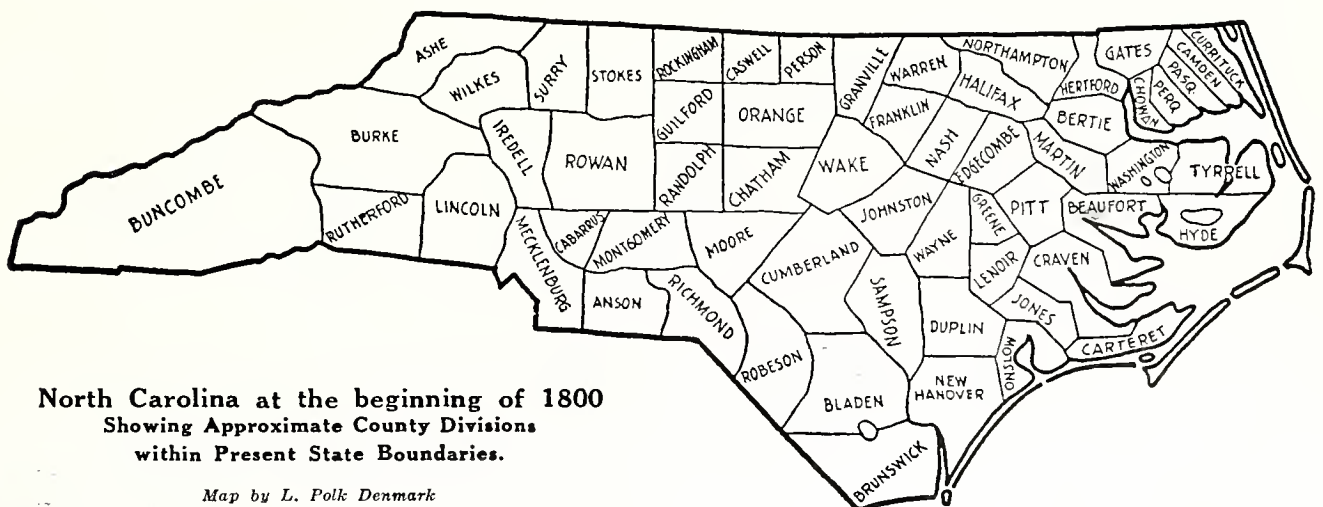
*cough*, formed in 1705 from Bath, became Beaufort in 1712. *Sullivan* (now in Tennessee), formed in 1779 from Washington (now in Tennessee), ceded to the Federal Government and accepted April 2, 1790. *Tennessee* (now in Tennessee), formed in 1788 from Davidson (now in Tennessee), ceded to the Federal Government and accepted April 2, 1790. *Tryon*, formed in 1768 from Mecklenburg, divided in 1779 to make Lincoln and Rutherford. *Washington* (now in Tennessee), formed in 1777 from the District of Washington, ceded to the Federal Government and accepted April 2, 1790. *Wickham*, formed in 1705 from Bath, became Hyde about 1712.

**County Comparisons**

*These 100 counties of North Carolina vary in size from Chowan with 180 square miles and 115,200 acres, to Sampson, more than five times larger, with 963 square miles and 616,320 acres.*

*They vary in population from Tyrrell with 5,084 people in 1950, to Mecklenburg with 197,052 in 1950—nearly forty times the number in Tyrrell.*

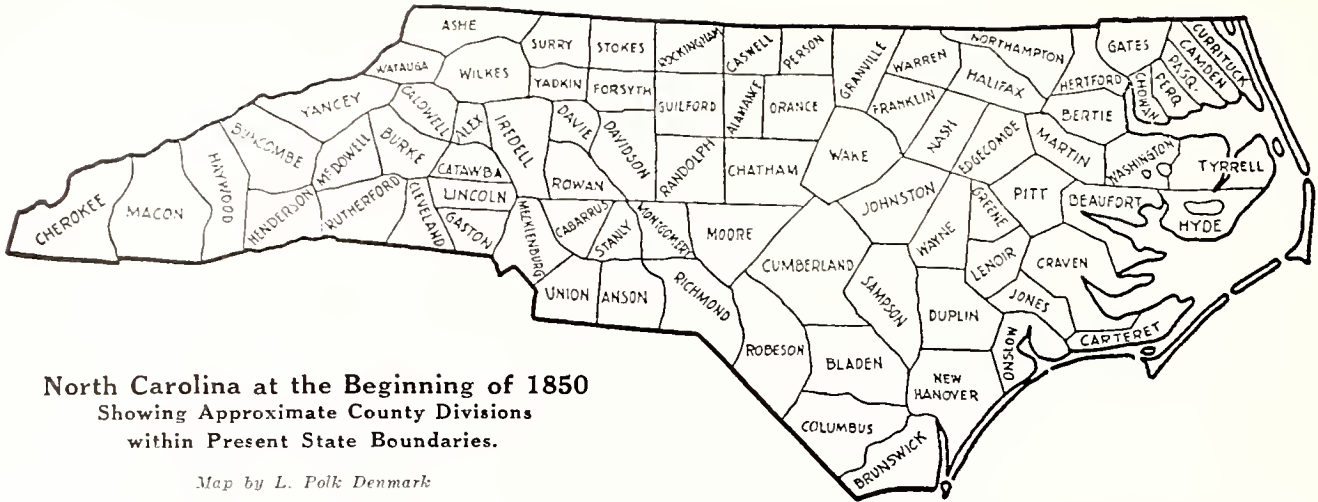
*They vary in assessed valuation of real and personal property from Clay with \$4,242,977 in 1957 to Guilford with \$664,074,475 in 1957—nearly one hundred and fifty-seven times the valuation of Clay.*



**North Carolina at the beginning of 1800**  
 Showing Approximate County Divisions  
 within Present State Boundaries.

Map by L. Polk Denmark

Thirteen counties were added in the twenty years from 1780 to 1800. Eleven of these counties were carved out of existing counties: *Moore* out of Cumberland and *Sampson* out of Duplin in 1784; *Rockingham* out of Guilford in 1785; *Robeson* out of Bladen in 1787; *Iredell* out of Rowan in 1788; *Stokes* out of Surry in 1789; *Glasgow* (called Greene after 1799) and *Lenoir* out of Dobbs, and *Person* out of Caswell in 1791; *Cabarrus* out of Mecklenburg and *Washington* out of Tyrrell in 1799. (Dobbs was abolished in 1791). Two were carved in part out of new territory to the west: *Buncombe* out of Burke and Rutherford in 1791, which completed the western expansion, and *Ashe* out of Wilkes in 1799



**North Carolina at the Beginning of 1850**  
 Showing Approximate County Divisions  
 within Present State Boundaries.

Map by L. Polk Denmark

Twenty counties were added in the fifty years from 1800 to 1850. All of them were carved out of existing counties: *Columbus* out of Brunswick and Bladen, and *Haywood* out of Buncombe in 1808; *Davidson* out of Rowan in 1822; *Macon* out of Haywood in 1828; *Yancey* out of Burke and Buncombe in 1833; *Davie* out of Rowan in 1836; *Henderson* out of Buncombe in 1838; *Cherokee* out of Macon in 1839; *Caldwell* out of Burke and Wilkes, *Cleveland* out of Rutherford and Lincoln, and *Stanly* out of Montgomery in 1841; *Catawba* out of Lincoln, *McDowell* out of Rutherford and Burke, and *Union* out of Anson and Mecklenburg in 1842; *Gaston* out of Lincoln in 1846; *Alexander* out of Iredell, Wilkes and Caldwell in 1847; *Alamance* out of Orange, *Forsyth* out of Stokes, and *Watauga* out of Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell and Yancey in 1849; *Yadkin* out of Surry in 1850.

They vary in per capita income from Avery with \$445 in 1954 to Mecklenburg with \$2,208 in 1954—nearly five times the per capita income of Avery.

They vary in retail sales from Camden with \$1,018,054 in 1955-1956 to Mecklenburg with \$397,907,903 in 1955-1956—nearly four hundred times the volume in Camden.

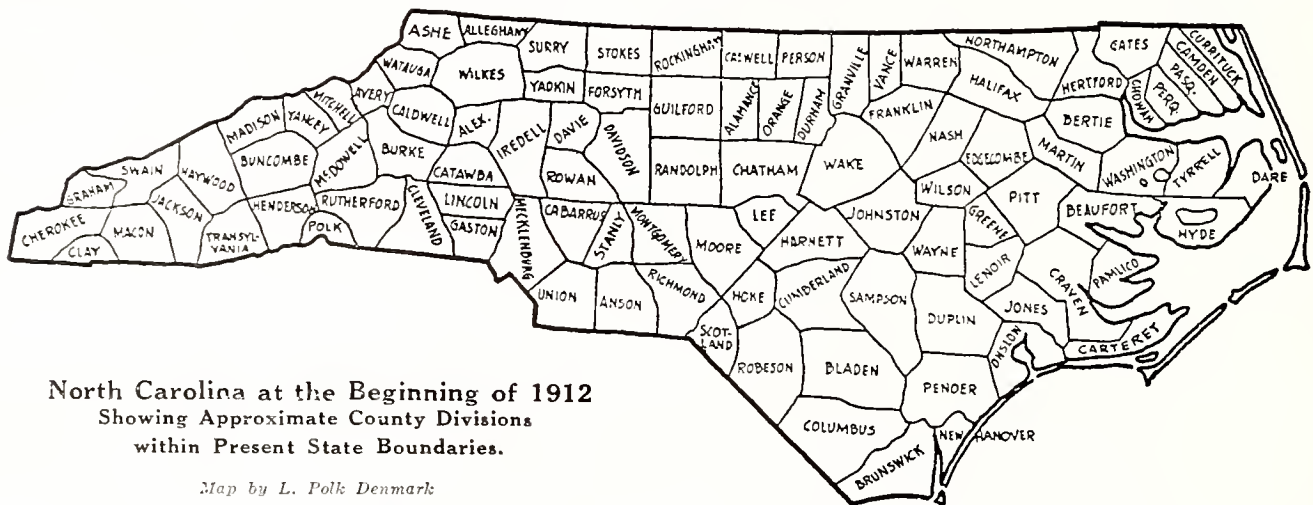
Ten counties have 47% of the total assessed valuation of real and personal property in the 100

counties of the State. Fifteen counties have 56%. Twenty-five counties have 68%, with the remaining 32% divided among the other 75 counties.

The ten largest counties have 35% of the people of the State. The fifteen largest have 44%. The twenty-five largest have 61%, with the remaining 39% divided among the other 75 counties.

**The County Seat**

In the beginning county governing bodies met in private homes. The General Assembly noted that



**North Carolina at the Beginning of 1912**  
 Showing Approximate County Divisions  
 within Present State Boundaries.

Map by L. Polk Denmark

Twenty new counties were added in the sixty-two years from 1850 to 1912. All of them were carved out of existing counties: *Jackson* out of Haywood and Macon, and *Madison* out of Buncombe and Yancey in 1851; *Harnett* out of Cumberland, *Wilson* out of Edgecombe, Nash, Johnston and Wayne, and *Polk* out of Rutherford and Henderson in 1855; *Alleghany* out of Ashe in 1859; *Clay* out of Cherokee, *Mitchell* out of Yancey, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga and McDowell, and *Transylvania* out of Henderson and Jackson in 1861; *Dare* out of Currituck, Tyrrell and Hyde in 1870; *Swain* out of Jackson and Macon in 1871; *Pamlico* out of Beaufort and Craven, and *Graham* out of Cherokee in 1872; *Pender* out of New Hanover in 1875; *Durham* out of Orange and Wake, and *Vance* out of Granville, Warren and Franklin in 1881; *Scotland* out of Richmond in 1899; *Lee* out of Chatham and Moore in 1907; *Avery* out of Mitchell, Watauga and Caldwell, and *Hoke* out of Cumberland and Robeson in 1911.



the meetings of local governing bodies "have always hitherto been kept and held at private houses, where they have been and are liable to be removed, at the pleasure of the persons owning such houses, to the great annoyance of the magistrates and the people"; and in 1722 it required local governing bodies "to purchase the quantity of one acre of land . . . for erecting . . . Courthouses."

A surveyor reported to the General Assembly in 1823: "The centre of the County it seems must first be precisely ascertained, and upon that spot precisely the Courthouse must be built; as though one or two or even five miles were really of so much consequence as necessarily to decide a question of this kind, against all other advantages and considerations."

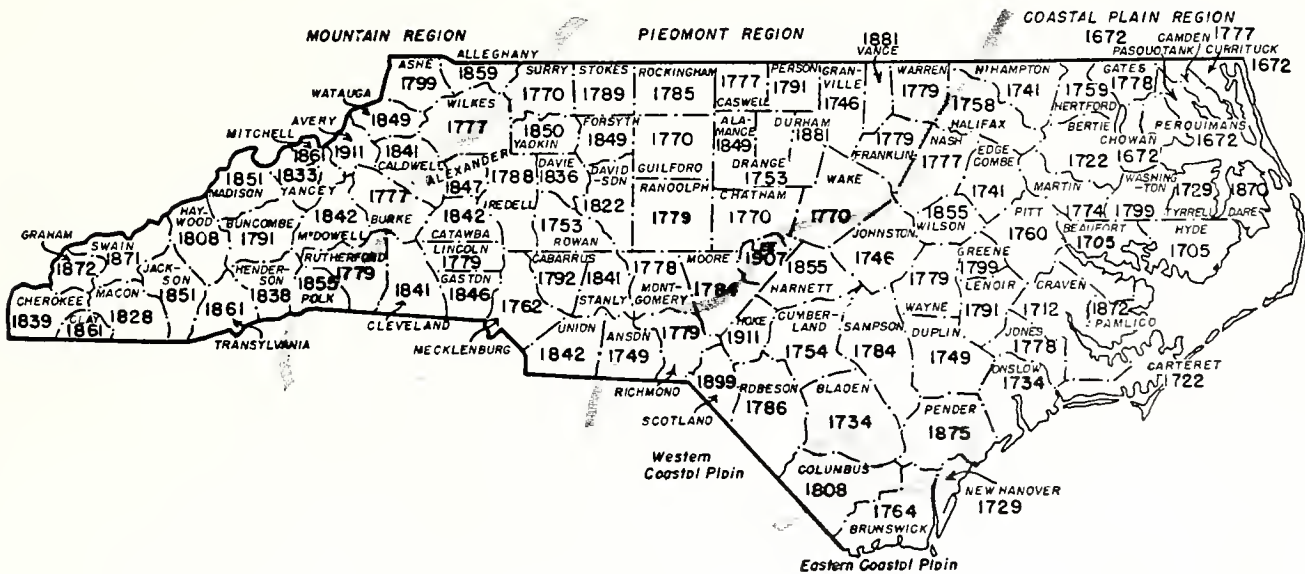
To illustrate: Surry County located its first courthouse in 1771 on land owned by Gideon Wright, a justice of the peace. Buildings were erected and a town grew up around them, but three years later persons in power at the time were persuaded that the center of the county really lay several miles away. Consequently the buildings were moved and the town of Richmond was established on the new site. Fifteen years later a cyclone destroyed this town, and in 1789 the county seat was moved a third time, to Rockford. In 1851 when Yadkin was formed out of Surry County, a new center of the county was established and the county seat was fixed at Dobson.

When Mecklenburg lost part of its territory by the creation of a new county, Charlotte was no longer in the center and only by great effort was the town able to retain the county buildings. An act of the Assembly in 1784 authorized a survey of the county and removal of the buildings, provided the center was found to be more than seven miles from Charlotte. Three years later Charlotte citizens reached a compromise with those who wanted to move the county seat and succeeded in having the act repealed on the grounds that removal would be at "a very considerable expense and contrary to the wish of a very great majority of the people."

Conclusion

Today, North Carolina's one hundred counties are vital administrative subdivisions of the State. With the growth of the State's population, it is certain that North Carolina counties will become increasingly more important, not only as administrative subdivisions of the State, but also as vigorous units of local self-government.

This article is condensed from a talk on the origin and development of North Carolina governmental units delivered before the 1959 School for Newly Elected County Commissioners held by the Institute of Government on April 26-28, 1959. Maps on pages 1 and 2 are by Charles Nakamura.



Founding Dates of North Carolina Counties

# Directory of County, State and Federal Officials in North Carolina

## Foreword

by *Albert Coates*

Director of the Institute of Government

This section of POPULAR GOVERNMENT contains a selected directory of county, State and Federal officials in North Carolina. And in addition, there is presented for each county information showing:

- (1) how it was formed and when,
- (2) the origin of the county name,
- (3) a picture of the county courthouse,
- (4) the county seat,
- (5) its area in acres and in square miles and its rank in size,
- (6) the assessed value of its real and personal property in 1957 and its rank among the counties of the State,
- (7) its tax rate for 1957-58,
- (8) its retail sales for 1955-56 and its ranking in sales volume,
- (9) a record of its population growth,
- (10) the value of its farm products in 1954 and its ranking in this respect.

The Institute of Government began collecting these materials and information in the early 1930's when our first directory of officials was published in POPULAR GOVERNMENT. With this issue of POPULAR GOVERNMENT we are bringing to-

gether all of these materials for the convenient use of all officials.

The pictures of the county courthouses were made by Mrs. Leak B. Mason of Wilmington. Commenting on her photographs of the courthouses, Mrs. Mason has written:

"My hobby is North Carolina, its history and geography. In order to learn everything possible about my native State, I have traveled its length and breadth from Manteo to Murphy, and from Southport to Sparta. To give me a visual record of where I have been and to help me remember the things I have seen, I have photographed the one thing found in every county seat in every county.

"These pictures of the one hundred courthouses are the result of my travels and are silent proof that I have visited each of the one hundred counties in the Tar Heel State."

Information on the formation of the counties and the origin of their names was taken from *The Formation of North Carolina Counties, 1663-1943*, by David Leroy Corbitt, published by the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History.

Data on the assessed valuation of property, tax rates, and retail sales are from *Statistics of Taxation, 1958*, published by the Department of Tax Research, Raleigh.

Data on population, land area, and the value of farm products are from the 1950 Census of Population and the 1954 Census of Agriculture.

# The Counties of North Carolina

## Alamance County



Alamance County was organized in 1849, out of Orange County, and took its name from Alamance Creek on the banks of which was fought on May 17, 1771, the battle between colonial troops under Governor Tryon and the Regulators. Its county seat is Graham.

It has 434 square miles of land and 277,760 acres, ranking 57th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$144,521,478, ranking 10th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.40. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,458, ranking 9th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$74,719,097, ranking 10th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$5,662,305, ranking 43rd. According to the U.S. Census, 11,444 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 25,665 in 1900, and to 71,220 in 1950, ranking 11th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. L. Beamon
Commissioner	G. M. Newlin
Commissioner	C. C. Bayliff
Commissioner	Buel Moser
Commissioner	J. B. Long
Accountant	Geo. E. Holt, Jr.
Attorney	Eugene A. Gordon
Clerk, Superior Court	D. Marsh McLelland
Coroner	Lewis W. Strickland
Judge, County Court	W. L. Shoffner
Solicitor, County Court	L. C. Allen, Jr.
Register of Deeds	Duke B. Paris
Sheriff	Joe W. Cole
Supt. County Schools	Calvin C. Linnemann
Health Officer	Dr. W. L. Norville
Supt. Public Welfare	G. J. Anderson
Surveyor	R. M. Buhlar
Tax Attorney	E. A. Gordon
Tax Collector	Sam Webster, Jr.
Tax Supervisor	D. K. Muse
Treasurer	Corrie Holt
Chm., Bd. of Elections	H. Clay Hemric
Chm., Bd. of Education	Henry B. Dixon
Librarian	Evelyn L. Parka

## Alexander County



Alexander County was organized in 1847, out of Iredell, Wilkes and Cald-

well Counties, and took its name from William J. Alexander of Mecklenburg County, several times a member of the Legislature and Speaker of the House of Commons. Its county seat is Taylorsville.

It has 255 square miles of land and 163,200 acres, ranking 90th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$19,487,904, ranking 71st. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.20. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$681, ranking 76th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$7,799,064, ranking 75th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$2,855,874, ranking 75th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,220 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 10,960 in 1900, and to 14,554 in 1950, ranking 83rd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	J. C. Fortner
Commissioner	Gill Dellinger
Commissioner	T. Wayne Payne
Accountant	J. R. Stewart
Attorney	Sam Poole
Clerk, Superior Court	Charlie R. Watts
Coroner	L. M. Warren, Sr.
Judge, County Court	Sam Poole
Solicitor, County Court	J. H. Burke
Clerk, County Court	Charlie R. Watts
Register of Deeds	Herman E. Lackey
Sheriff	T. E. Bebbler, Jr.
Supt. County Schools	Sloane W. Payne
Health Officer	Dr. W. H. Bandy
Supt. Public Welfare	Luther Dyson
Surveyor	Noel D. Benfield
Tax Collector	J. R. Stewart
Tax Supervisor	J. R. Stewart
Treasurer	J. R. Stewart
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. S. Fatterson
Chm., Bd. of Education	E. C. Goble

## Alleghany County



Alleghany County was organized in 1859, out of Ashe County, and took its name from an Indian tribe. Its county seat is Sparta.

It has 230 square miles of land and 147,200 acres, ranking 95th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$6,145,316, ranking 98th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.85. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$656, ranking 78th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$5,394,858, ranking 84th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,443,519, ranking 86th. According to the U.S. Census, 3,590 people lived within its limits in 1860; and this number increased to 7,759 in 1900, and

to 8,155 in 1950, ranking 93rd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Dillon M. Edwards
Commissioner	Greek J. Hill
Commissioner	Clay Cox
Accountant	Mrs. George B. Edwards
Attorney	R. F. Crouse
Clerk, Superior Court	Glenn Busic
Coroner	Dr. Jack Ashley
Register of Deeds	Ernest E. Edwards
Sheriff	Floyd O. Roupe
Supt. County Schools	J. E. Ruddy
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Doris W. Busic
Surveyor	C. G. Fender
Tax Attorney	R. F. Crouse
Tax Collector	Floyd Roupe
Tax Supervisor	J. C. Gambill
Treasurer	Floyd Roupe
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Floyd Miller
Chm., Bd. of Education	Arthur Gambill
Librarian	Kathleen Gilleland

## Anson County



Anson County was organized in 1750, out of Bladen County, and took its name from George, Lord Anson, a celebrated English admiral who circumnavigated the globe. Its county seat is Wadesboro.

It has 533 square miles of land and 341,120 acres, ranking 37th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$23,888,766, ranking 63rd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.80. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$706, ranking 73rd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$14,424,001, ranking 60th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,826,768, ranking 62nd. According to the U.S. Census, 5,133 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,489 in 1850, to 21,870 in 1900, and to 26,781 in 1950, ranking 54th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	James A. Leak
Commissioner	Hoyle W. Lee
Commissioner	Risden A. Lyon
Commissioner	Paul B. Little
Commissioner	Lance C. Springer
Accountant	Francis E. Liles
Attorney	Taylor, Kitchin & Taylor
Clerk, Superior Court	H. C. Tucker
Coroner	H. H. Leavitt, Jr.
Judge, County Court	Barrington T. Hill
Solicitor, County Court	George C. Childs
Clerk, County Court	H. C. Tucker
Register of Deeds	Francis E. Liles
Sheriff	Lamar S. Ratliff
Supt. County Schools	R. O. McCollum
Health Officer	Warren D. Carter
Supt. Public Welfare	Robert H. Ward
Surveyor	Frank S. Clarke
Tax Attorney	Taylor, Kitchin & Taylor
Tax Collector	W. C. Hardison
Tax Supervisor	Francis E. Liles
Treasurer	Francis E. Liles
Chm., Bd. of Elections	H. C. Gray
Chm., Bd. of Education	Baxter T. McRae
Librarian	Mrs. Shepherd Pritchett

**Ashe County**



Ashe County was organized in 1799, out of Wilkes County, and took its name from Samuel Ashe of New Hanover, one of our first three judges and three times Governor of North Carolina, 1795-1799. Its county seat is Jefferson.

It has 427 square miles of land and 273,280 acres, ranking 63rd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$19,133,963, ranking 72nd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.45. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$535, ranking 96th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$7,970,819, ranking 74th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,167,253, ranking 70th. According to the U.S. Census, 2,785 people lived within its limits in 1800; and this number increased to 8,777 in 1850, to 19,581 in 1900, and to 21,878 in 1950, ranking 65th among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	Ed Davis
Commissioner	Bryan Kirby
Commissioner	Bruce Bowlin
Accountant	Everett Stansbury
Attorney	Thomas S. Johnston & W. E. Vannoy
Clerk, Superior Court	P. T. McNeill
Coroner	Dr. C. E. Miller
Register of Deeds	John Gentry
Sheriff	W. R. Brown
Supt. County Schools	A. B. Hurt
Supt. Public Welfare	Frances Tucker
Tax Collector	Kyle Baldwin
Tax Supervisor	Everett Stansbury
Treasurer	John Gentry
Chm., Bd. of Elections	H. H. Lemly
Chm., Bd. of Education	B. E. Sturgill

**Avery County**



Avery County was organized in 1911, out of Mitchell, Watauga and Caldwell Counties, and took its name from Colonel Waightville Avery, a soldier of the Revolution and the first Attorney General of North Carolina, 1777-79. Its county seat is Newland.

It has 247 square miles of land and 158,080 acres, ranking 92nd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$7,038,612, ranking 97th. Its tax rate for the fiscal

year 1957-58 was \$1.80. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$445, ranking 100th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$3,818,862, ranking 91st. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,052,728, ranking 92nd. According to the U.S. Census, 10,335 people lived within its limits in 1920; and this number increased to 13,352 in 1950, ranking 84th among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	Grover Wiseman
Commissioner	J. P. Cuthbertson
Commissioner	R. P. Guy
Accountant	B. E. Bursleson
Attorney	Charles Hughes
Clerk, Superior Court	Dean B. Eller
Coroner	Chester VonCanon
Register of Deeds	Grant Webb
Sheriff	Fred B. Banner
Supt. County Schools	W. K. Anderson
Health Officer	Dr. B. B. McGuire
Supt. Public Welfare	Sherley Blackburn (Act.)
Surveyor	Paul Banner
Tax Collector	R. F. Horney
Tax Supervisor	B. E. Bursleson
Treasurer	Avery County Bank
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Robert W. Riddle
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. F. Hampton
Librarian	Dorothy B. Thomas

**Beaufort County**



Beaufort (Pantecough) County was organized in 1705, out of the County of Bath, and took its name from Henry Somerset, Duke of Beaufort, who in 1709 became one of the Lords Proprietors. Its county seat is Washington.

It has 831 square miles of land and 531,840 acres, ranking 8th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$40,172,211, ranking 44th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.60. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$888, ranking 50th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$25,778,257, ranking 45th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$14,962,934, ranking 17th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,462 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,816 in 1850, to 26,404 in 1900, and to 37,134 in 1950, ranking 42nd among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	Sam Moore
Commissioner	Julian S. Cutler
Commissioner	Walton A. Broome
Commissioner	Alton A. Cayton
Commissioner	L. C. Wharton
Accountant	W. A. Blount
Attorney	L. H. Ross
Clerk, Superior Court	Mrs. Ada M. Taylor
Coroner	J. Bonner Paul
Judge, County Court	L. E. Mercer
Solicitor, County Court	W. P. Maye
Clerk, County Court	Mrs. Louise Clifton
Register of Deeds	C. C. Duke
Sheriff	William Rumley
Supt. County Schools	W. F. Veasey
Health Officer	Dr. L. E. Kling
Supt. Public Welfare	R. A. Phillips
Tax Attorney	L. H. Ross
Tax Collector	D. E. Redditt
Tax Supervisor	W. A. Blount
Treasurer	W. A. Blount

Chm., Bd. of Elections	R. P. MacKenzie, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Education	R. H. Hodges
Librarian	Elizabeth Ball

**Bertie County**



Bertie County was organized in 1722, out of Chowan County, and took its name from James and Henry Bertie, Lords Proprietors. Its county seat is Windsor.

It has 693 square miles of land and 443,520 acres, ranking 17th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$17,064,374, ranking 75th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.80. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$828, ranking 57th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$9,951,285, ranking 66th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$13,849,455, ranking 18th. According to the U.S. Census, 12,606 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 12,851 in 1850, to 20,538 in 1900, and to 26,439 in 1950, ranking 55th among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	W. R. Lawrence
Commissioner	W. L. Powell
Commissioner	B. F. Hoggard
Commissioner	T. N. Pelle
Commissioner	Henry Dempsey
Accountant	Joe S. Warlick
Attorney	John R. Jenkins, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	Geo. C. Spoolman
Coroner	Goodwin Byrd
Judge, County Court	J. B. Davenport
Solicitor, County Court	M. B. Gillam, Jr.
Clerk, County Court	Geo. C. Spoolman
Register of Deeds	Joe S. Warlick
Sheriff	Thomas Joyner
Supt. County Schools	John L. Dupree
Health Officer	Dr. W. W. Cann
Supt. Public Welfare	Norma P. Smith
Surveyor	J. B. Parker
Tax Attorney	John R. Jenkins
Tax Collector	Lacy M. Early
Tax Supervisor	Lacy M. Early
Treasurer	Ethel R. Cherry
Chm., Bd. of Elections	J. L. Parker, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Education	Geo. Capehart
Librarian	Kathryn Brett (Act.)

**Bladen County**



Bladen County was organized in 1734, out of New Hanover County, and took

its name from Martin Bladen, a member of the Board of Trade which had charge of Colonial affairs. Its county seat is Elizabethtown.

It has 879 square miles of land and 562,560 acres, ranking 4th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$28,512,227, ranking 60th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.55. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$672, ranking 77th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$14,811,950, ranking 58th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$9,442,971, ranking 27th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,084 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 9,767 in 1850, to 17,677 in 1900, and to 29,703 in 1950, ranking 50th among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	G. Ellis Clark
Commissioner	C. D. Brisson
Commissioner	James Snowden Singletary
Commissioner	W. B. Hilburn
Commissioner	F. L. Tatam
Accountant	P. G. Cain
Attorney	R. J. Hester
Clerk, Superior Court	Carl C. Campbell
Coroner	Gordon Kinlaw
Judge, County Court	W. L. Johnson
Solicitor, County Court	Leon D. Smith
Clerk, County Court	Carl C. Campbell
Register of Deeds	Carl McCullough
Sheriff	J. B. Allen
Supt. County Schools	D. M. Calhoun
Health Officer	Dr. H. H. McLean
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Bessie Lyon
Surveyor	Harold Willis
Tax Collector	H. M. Chason
Tax Supervisor	P. G. Cain
Treasurer	Bank of Elizabethtown
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. L. Fisher
Chm., Bd. of Education	Henry L. Kendall
Librarian	Thelma Cromartie (Act.)

**Brunswick County**



Brunswick County was organized in 1764, out of New Hanover and Bladen Counties, and took its name from the House of Brunswick to which the four Georges, Kings of England, belonged. Its county seat is Southport.

It has 873 square miles of land and 558,720 acres, ranking 5th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$16,968,859, ranking 77th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.80. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$496, ranking 99th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$5,803,663, ranking 81st. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,963,052, ranking 58th. According to the U.S. Census, 3,071 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 7,272 in 1850, to 12,657

in 1900, and to 19,238 in 1950, ranking 71st among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	F. Herbert Swain
Commissioner	Durwood T. Clark
Commissioner	R. E. Bellamy
Accountant	Mrs. Ressie R. Whatley
Attorney	David C. Herring
Clerk, Superior Court	J. E. Brown
Coroner	Lowell Bennett
Judge, County Court	W. E. Bellamy, Jr.
Solicitor, County Court	E. J. Prevatte
Clerk, County Court	J. E. Brown
Register of Deeds	H. M. Hickman
Sheriff	Ed V. Leonard
Supt. County Schools	John G. Long
Health Officer	Dr. C. B. Davis
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Bina S. Roberts
Surveyor	M. G. Mooney
Tax Collector	Betty G. Privette
Tax Supervisor	Mrs. Ressie R. Whatley
Treasurer	Mrs. Ressie R. Whatley
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Elrich Hickman
Chm., Bd. of Education	Corbett Coleman

**Buncombe County**



Buncombe County was organized in 1791, out of Burke and Rutherford Counties, and took its name from Colonel Edward Buncombe, a Revolutionary soldier, who was wounded and captured at the Battle of Germantown, October 4, 1777, and in May, 1778, died a paroled prisoner in Philadelphia. Its county seat is Asheville.

It has 646 square miles of land and 413,440 acres, ranking 22nd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$187,455,761, ranking 7th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.90. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,304, ranking 13th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$139,681,249, ranking 5th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$5,364,734, ranking 48th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,812 people lived within its limits in 1800; and this number increased to 13,425 in 1850, to 35,266 in 1900, and to 124,403 in 1950, ranking 5th among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	Coke Candler
Commissioner	Harry P. Mitchell
Commissioner	John C. Vance
Accountant	J. C. Garrison
Attorney	Roy A. Taylor
Clerk, Superior Court	Zebulon Weaver, Jr.
Coroner	Dr. John C. Young
Register of Deeds	Geo. A. Digges, Jr.
Sheriff	Lawrence E. Brown
Supt. County Schools	T. C. Roberson
Health Officer	Dr. H. W. Stevens
Supt. Public Welfare	Geo. H. Lawrence
Tax Attorney	Roy A. Taylor
Tax Collector	John P. Brown
Tax Supervisor	Leon M. Parks
Treasurer	J. C. Garrison
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Clyde W. Bradley
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. C. Northcott

**Burke County**

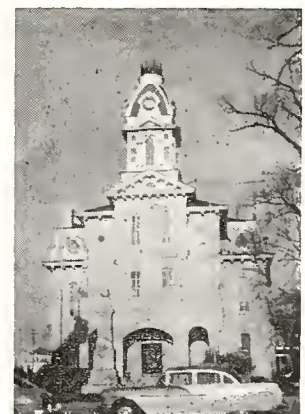


Burke County was organized in 1777, out of Rowan County, and took its name from Dr. Thomas Burke, a member of the Continental Congress and Governor of North Carolina, 1778-1782. Its county seat is Morganton.

It has 506 square miles of land and 323,840 acres, ranking 43rd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$84,535,888, ranking 21st. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.95. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$992, ranking 42nd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$27,568,748, ranking 44th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,105,253, ranking 90th. According to the U.S. Census, 8,118 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number decreased to 7,772 in 1850, increased to 17,699 in 1900, and to 45,518 in 1950, ranking 34th among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	Emory A. Miller
Commissioner	Carl N. Baker
Commissioner	Werdie C. Earley
Commissioner	Melvin T. Harbison
Commissioner	Ralph S. Woods
Accountant	Betty Claywell
Attorney	Harry L. Riddle, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	J. Roy Wacaster
Coroner	Dr. John C. Reece
Judge, County Ct.	Livingston Vernon
Solic., County Ct.	John E. Giles
Clerk, County Ct.	Roger McGimsey
Register of Deeds	W. Alvin Berry
Sheriff	Ray Sigmon
Supt. County Schools	R. L. Patton
Health Officer	Dr. Geo. E. Reeves
Supt. Public Welfare	M. J. Lynam
Surveyor	James A. Harbison
Tax Attorney	Harry L. Riddle, Jr.
Tax Collector	William McC. Avery
Tax Supervisor	Emory A. Miller
Treasurer	Betty Claywell
Chm., Bd. of Elections	T. Earl Franklin
Chm., Bd. of Education	L. H. McNeely
Librarian	Mrs. M. R. McVey

**Cabarrus County**



Cabarrus County was organized in 1792, out of Mecklenburg County, and took its name from Stephen Cabarrus, sev-

eral times a member of the Legislature and four times Speaker of the House of Commons. Its county seat is Concord

It has 360 square miles of land and 230,400 acres, ranking 72nd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$113,197,577 ranking 15th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.07. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,451, ranking 10th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$61,863,772, ranking 13th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,001,822, ranking 74th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,094 people lived within its limits in 1800; and this number increased to 9,747 in 1850, to 22,456 in 1900, and to 63,783 in 1950, ranking 17th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. Frank McCray
Commissioner	P. Ernest Stallings
Commissioner	M. Smoot Lyles
Commissioner	L. Bowman Barrier
Commissioner	W. Guy Isenhour
Accountant	J. H. Harward
Attorney	John Sharpe Hartsell
Clerk, Superior Court	D. Ray McEachern
Coroner	C. H. Brown
Judge, County Ct.	Webster S. Medlin
Solic., County Ct.	Brice J. Willeford
Clerk, County Ct.	D. Ray McEachern
Register of Deeds	John R. Boger
Sheriff	J. B. Roberts, Jr.
Supt. County Schools	C. A. Furr
Health Officer	Dr. J. Roy Hege
Supt. Public Welfare	E. Farrell White
Surveyor	Walter L. Furr, Jr.
Tax Collector	Warren O. Manus
Tax Supervisor	Robert C. Harris
Treasurer	Mrs. Margie M. White
Chm., Bd. of Elections	John Sharpe Hartsell
Chm., Bd. of Education	Boyd Biggers
Librarian	Mrs. M. I. Cline (Act.)

**Caldwell County**



Caldwell County was organized in 1841, out of Burke and Wilkes Counties and took its name from Joseph Caldwell, first President of the University of North Carolina. Its county seat is Lenoir.

It has 476 square miles of land and 304,640 acres, ranking 49th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$80,666,434, ranking 23rd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.90. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$961, ranking 45th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$30,703,297, ranking 37th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,505,860, ranking 85th. According to the U.S. Census, 6,317 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 15,694 in 1900, and to 43,352 in 1950, ranking 36th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Lloyd M. Rash
Commissioner	Coit Barber
Commissioner	Stuart Lingle
Commissioner	Wilfred McGowan
Commissioner	Frank Bolick
Accountant	Mrs. J. C. Spencer
Attorney	L. H. Wall
Clerk, Superior Court	G. W. Sullivan
Coroner	Claude Goble
Judge, County Ct.	Marshall Clime
Solic., County Ct.	Benjamin Beach
Clerk, County Ct.	G. W. Sullivan
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Margaret B. Moore
Sheriff	J. B. Myers
Supt. County Schools	C. M. Abernethy
Health Officer	Dr. William Happer
Supt. Public Welfare	J. R. Eller
Surveyor	Thomas P. Isbell
Tax Attorney	J. R. Todd, Jr.
Tax Collector	James H. Sherrill
Tax Supervisor	James H. Sherrill
Treasurer	Mrs. J. C. Spencer
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Cecil Hailey
Chm., Bd. of Education	George Boutwell
Librarian	Joyce E. Bruner

**Camden County**



Camden County was organized in 1777, out of Pasquotank County, and took its name from Charles Pratt, Earl of Camden, who was one of the staunchest friends of the Americans in the British Parliament. Its county seat is Camden.

It has 239 square miles of land and 152,960 acres, ranking 93rd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$5,548,496, ranking 99th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.75. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$579, ranking 89th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$1,018,052, ranking 100th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$2,683,571, ranking 77th. According to the U.S. Census, 4,033 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 6,049 in 1850, decreased to 5,474 in 1900, and decreased to 5,223 in 1950, ranking 99th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	C. C. Meiggs
Commissioner	G. W. Williams
Commissioner	E. C. Pugh
Accountant	Elizabeth Hollowell
Attorney	E. Ray Etheridge
Clerk, Superior Court	Shirley Topping
Coroner	Carroll Godfrey
Judge, County Ct.	R. L. Whaley
Solic., County Ct.	E. Ray Etheridge
Clerk, County Ct.	Shirley Topping
Register of Deeds	Jack Leary
Sheriff	M. D. Stevens
Supt. County Schools	M. N. Shelton
Health Officer	Dr. J. A. Johnson
Supt. Public Welfare	Margaret Ann Brite
Tax Collector	M. D. Stevens
Tax Supervisor	R. L. Bray
Treasurer	First & Citizens Nat'l. Bank
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. W. Forehand
Chm., Bd. of Education	W. Frank Williams
Librarian	Ethel P. Alexander

**Carteret County**



Carteret County was organized in 1722, out of Craven County, and took its name from Sir John Carteret, later Earl of Granville, one of the Lords Proprietors. Its county seat is Beaufort..

It has 532 square miles of land and 340,480 acres, ranking 38th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$38,808,225, ranking 49th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.35. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$859, ranking 53rd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$22,747,818, ranking 49th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$2,377,291, ranking 79th. According to the U.S. Census, 3,732 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 6,939 in 1850, to 11,811 in 1900, and to 23,059 in 1950, ranking 63rd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Moses C. Howard
Commissioner	David E. Yeomans
Commissioner	Harold C. Taylor
Commissioner	Skinner A. Chalk, Jr.
Commissioner	J. Gaston Smith
Accountant	J. D. Potter
Attorney	A. L. Hamilton
Clerk, Superior Court	A. H. James
Coroner	W. D. Munden
Judge, County Ct.	L. R. Morris
Solic., County Ct.	Wiley H. Taylor, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	A. H. James
Register of Deeds	C. Odell Merrill
Sheriff	Hugh Salter
Supt. County Schools	H. L. Joslyn
Health Officer	Dr. Luther Fulcher
Supt. Public Welfare	Geo. P. Hughes
Surveyor	Phillip K. Ball
Tax Collector	E. O. Moore
Tax Supervisor	J. D. Potter
Chm., Bd. of Elections	C. Z. Chappell
Chm., Bd. of Education	R. W. Safrin, Jr.
Librarian	Mrs. Paul Woodard (Act.)

**Caswell County**



Caswell County was organized in 1777, out of Orange County, and took its

name from Richard Caswell, member of the First Continental Congress, first Governor of North Carolina after the Declaration of Independence and a major general in the Revolution. Its county seat is Yanceyville.

It has 435 square miles of land and 278,400 acres, ranking 62nd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$13,847,827, ranking 81st. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.65. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$562, ranking 92nd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$4,713,325, ranking 89th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$7,279,726, ranking 35th. According to the U.S. Census, 10,096 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 15,269 in 1850, decreased to 15,028 in 1900, and increased to 20,870 in 1950, ranking 68th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. W. Pointer
Commissioner	C. B. Rogers
Commissioner	A. D. Swann
Commissioner	A. P. Dabbs
Commissioner	J. W. White
Accountant	James N. Slade
Attorney	C. L. Pemberton
Clerk, Superior Court	George M. Harris
Coroner	Dr. T. L. Gwyn
Judge, County Ct.	Earmine Lee Poteat, Jr.
Solic., County Ct.	Geo. Irvin Aldridge, Sr.
Clerk, County Ct.	George M. Harris
Register of Deeds	J. B. Blaylock
Sheriff	Frank Daniel
Supt. County Schools	T. H. Whitley
Health Officer	Dr. O. David Garvin
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Mary H. Smith
Tax Collector	J. P. Moore
Tax Supervisor	J. P. Moore
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. D. McMullen
Chm., Bd. of Education	C. N. Barker
Librarian	Mrs. William E. Niven

**Catawba County**



Catawba County was organized in 1842, out of Lincoln County, and took its name from an Indian tribe. Its county seat is Newton.

It has 406 square miles of land and 259,840 acres, ranking 60th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$130,318,758, ranking 11th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.05. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,441, ranking 11th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$73,498,115, ranking 11th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,069,140, ranking 72nd. According to the U.S. Census, 8,862 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 22,133 in 1900, and to 61,794 in 1950, ranking 20th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	John M. Abernethy
Commissioner	Luther G. Boliek
Commissioner	Thad Gabriel
Commissioner	Jacob C. Rhodes

Commissioner	Brade K. Lineberger
Accountant	G. L. Wilkinson
Attorney	Eddy S. Merritt
Clerk, Superior Court	P. W. Deaton
Coroner	W. E. Bass
Judge, County Ct.	Marshall V. Yount
Solic., County Ct.	J. C. Rudisill, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	P. W. Deaton
Manager	G. L. Wilkinson
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Marguerite Trott
Sheriff	T. Dale Johnson
Supt. County Schools	Harry M. Arndt
Health Officer	Dr. W. H. Bandy
Supt. Public Welfare	Willard C. Blevins
Tax Attorney	Eddy S. Merritt
Tax Collector	G. L. Wilkinson
Tax Supervisor	Thomas McGraw
Treasurer	G. L. Wilkinson
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Howard Moose
Chm., Bd. of Education	Lock Lowrance
Librarian	Mrs. James L. Summers

**Chatham County**



Chatham County was organized in 1770, out of Orange County, and took its name from William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, who was a defender of the American cause in the English Parliament during the Revolution. Its county seat is Pittsboro.

It has 707 square miles of land and 452,480 acres, ranking 16th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$42,024,388, ranking 41st. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.05. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,074, ranking 29th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$24,659,295, ranking 48th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$8,822,753, ranking 28th. According to the U.S. Census, 9,221 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 18,449 in 1850, to 23,912 in 1900, and to 25,392 in 1950, ranking 58th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	E. J. Dark
Commissioner	Jack Brooks
Commissioner	W. Simmons Phillips
Commissioner	Gerald W. Truelove
Commissioner	W. Herman Scott
Accountant	J. M. McIver
Attorney	Wade Barber
Clerk, Superior Court	John W. Drake
Coroner	W. Clyde Thomas
Judge, County Ct.	J. Lee Moody
Solic., County Ct.	Billy C. Smith
Clerk, County Ct.	John W. Drake
Register of Deeds	Lemuel R. Johnson
Sheriff	J. W. Emerson, Jr.
Supt. County Schools	J. S. Waters
Health Officer	Dr. Eugene R. Shanahan
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. C. K. Strowd
Tax Attorney	Wade Barber
Tax Collector	J. W. Emerson, Jr.
Tax Supervisor	J. M. McIver
Treasurer	J. M. McIver
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. B. Morgan
Chm., Bd. of Education	Lewis Norwood
Librarian	Evelyn L. Parks (Consulting)

**Cherokee County**



Cherokee County was organized in 1839, out of Macon County, and took its name from an Indian tribe. Its county seat is Murphy.

It has 454 square miles of land and 290,560 acres, ranking 54th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$12,803,499, ranking 84th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.99. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$585, ranking 87th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$9,700,581, ranking 67th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$930,897, ranking 94th. According to the U.S. Census, 3,427 people lived within its limits in 1840; and this number increased to 6,838 in 1850, to 11,860 in 1900, and to 18,294 in 1950, ranking 74th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. S. Dickey
Commissioner	W. T. Moore
Commissioner	W. B. Dockery
Accountant	William P. Walker
Attorney	L. L. Mason
Clerk, Superior Court	James C. Howse
Coroner	J. C. Townson
Judge, County Ct.	H. V. Edwards
Solic., County Ct.	F. O. Christopher
Register of Deeds	J. E. Graves
Sheriff	Claude Mitchell Anderson
Supt. County Schools	Lloyd Hendrix
Supt. Public Welfare	Johnnie R. Nunn
Surveyor	O. G. Anderson
Tax Attorney	L. L. Mason
Tax Collector	William P. Walker
Tax Supervisor	Hobart W. Hughes
Treasurer	William P. Walker
Chm., Bd. of Elections	E. A. Wood, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Education	Noah Hembree
Librarian	Alice W. Porter

**Chowan County**



Chowan County was organized in 1670, out of the County of Albemarle, and

took its name from an Indian tribe which lived in the northeastern part of the State when the English first came to Carolina. Its county seat is Edenton.

It has 180 square miles of land and 115,200 acres, ranking 100th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$20,147,207, ranking 70th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.03. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,005, ranking 37th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$8,301,496, ranking 73rd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$4,284,273, ranking 53rd. According to the U.S. Census, 5,011 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 6,721 in 1850, to 10,258 in 1900, and to 12,540 in 1950, ranking 86th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. E. Bond
Commissioner	Dallas Jethro, Jr.
Commissioner	J. R. Peele
Commissioner	C. J. Hollowell
Commissioner	J. Gilliam Wood
Accountant	Mrs. Evelyn B. Williams
Attorney	W. S. Privott
Clerk, Superior Court	Thomas H. Shepard
Coroner	Hubert Williford
Judge, County Ct.	Marvin P. Wilson
Solic., County Ct.	Weldon A. Hollowell
Clerk, County Ct.	Thomas H. Shepard
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Maurice L. Bunch
Sheriff	M. Earl Goodwin
Supt. County Schools	W. J. Taylor
Health Officer	J. A. Johnson
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Carolyn McMullan
Tax Attorney	W. S. Privott
Tax Collector	M. Earl Goodwin
Tax Supervisor	Wm. P. Jones
Treasurer	George C. Hoskins
Chm., Bd. of Elections	L. S. Byrum
Chm., Bd. of Education	Mrs. Mary D. Nixon
Librarian	Eugenia R. Babylon

**Clay County**



Clay County was organized in 1861, out of Cherokee County, and took its name from Henry Clay. Its county seat is Hayesville.

It has 213 square miles of land and 136,320 acres, ranking 98th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$4,242,977, ranking 100th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$2.00. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$546, ranking 94th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$1,868,218, ranking 97th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,102,994, ranking 91st. According to the U.S. Census, 2,461 people lived within its limits in 1870; and this number increased to 4,532 in 1900, and to 6,006 in 1950, ranking 97th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	A. C. Parker

Commissioner	William T. Groves
Commissioner	Neal Jarrett
Accountant	Neal Rogers
Attorney	T. C. Gray
Clerk, Superior Court	Geo. Martin
Coroner	Dr. L. R. Staten
Register of Deeds	Mont H. Reece
Sheriff	Neal R. Kitchens
Supt. County Schools	Hugh S. Beal
Supt. Public Welfare	Alvin L. Penland
Surveyor	C. E. Fraley
Tax Attorney	T. C. Gray
Tax Collector	Neal R. Kitchens
Tax Supervisor	Neal Rogers
Treasurer	Neal Rogers
Chm., Bd. of Elections	B. M. McClure
Chm., Bd. of Education	Paul Caler
Librarian	Allice W. Porter

**Cleveland County**



Cleveland County was organized in 1841, out of Rutherford and Lincoln Counties, and took its name from Colonel Benjamin Cleveland, commander of the Patriots at the battle of King's Mountain. Its county seat is Shelby.

It has 466 square miles of land and 298,240 acres, ranking 51st among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$87,761,734, ranking 18th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.32. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$884, ranking 51st. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$46,297,039, ranking 23rd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$7,705,648, ranking 32nd. According to the U.S. Census, 10,396 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 25,078 in 1900, and to 64,357 in 1950, ranking 14th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	F. L. Rollins
Commissioner	Knox Sarratt
Commissioner	John D. White
Commissioner	M. A. Spangler, Sr.
Commissioner	J. B. Ellis
Accountant	Max Hamrick
Attorney	C. C. Horn
Clerk, Superior Court	J. W. Osborne
Coroner	John O. Harris
Judge, County Ct.	Reuben L. Elam
Solic., County Ct.	Bynum E. Weathers
Clerk, County Ct.	Paul Wilson
Register of Deeds	Dan W. Moore
Sheriff	J. H. Allen
Supt. County Schools	J. H. Grigg
Health Officer	Dr. Z. P. Mitchell
Supt. Public Welfare	Ben R. Carpenter
Surveyor	Marion Packard
Tax Collector	Robert S. Gidney
Tax Supervisor	Max Hamrick
Treasurer	Lillian E. Newton
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Joe F. Mull
Chm., Bd. of Education	Walter Davis

**Columbus County**



Columbus County was organized in 1808, out of Brunswick and Bladen

Counties, and took its name from Christopher Columbus. Its county seat is Whiteville.

It has 939 square miles of land and 600,960 acres, ranking 3rd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$39,986,009, ranking 45th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.90. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$867, ranking 52nd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$31,086,776, ranking 36th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$18,585,059, ranking 10th. According to the U.S. Census, 3,022 people lived within its limits in 1810; and this number increased to 5,909 in 1850, to 21,274 in 1900, and to 50,621 in 1950, ranking 27th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	L. P. Ward
Commissioner	W. B. Buffkin
Commissioner	Lacy R. Thompson
Commissioner	A. O. Burns
Commissioner	Dan C. Bartley
Accountant	Josephine F. Ray
Attorney	E. K. Proctor
Clerk, Superior Court	Lee J. Greer
Coroner	J. B. Long
Judge, County Ct.	W. A. Williams
Solic., County Ct.	Joe W. Brown
Clerk, County Ct.	Lee J. Greer
Register of Deeds	Leo L. Fisher
Sheriff	A. L. (Ben) Dukes
Supt. County Schools	T. Ward Guy
Health Officer	Dr. Floyd Johnson
Supt. Public Welfare	Alice S. Wright
Surveyor	H. T. Schinbren
Tax Collector	W. A. Weir
Tax Supervisor	Venie H. Rouse
Treasurer	Josephine F. Ray
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. N. Peal
Chm., Bd. of Education	Dr. Ross Williamson
Librarian	Edna Creech

**Craven County**



Craven (Archdale) County was organized in 1705, out of the County of Bath, and took its name from William, Lord Craven, one of the Lords Proprietors of Carolina. Its county seat is New Bern.

It has 725 square miles of land and 464,000 acres, ranking 14th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$39,823,067, ranking 46th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$2.00. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,215, ranking 17th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$49,062,599, ranking 19th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$9,511,187, ranking 26th. According to the U.S. Census, 10,469 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 14,709 in 1850, to 24,160 in 1900, and to 48,823 in 1950, ranking 29th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	George W. Ipock
Commissioner	J. Ben Pitts
Commissioner	C. D. Lancaster
Commissioner	Johnie E. Daugherty
Commissioner	Dexter F. Williams
Accountant	Ben O. Jones
Attorney	L. A. Stith



Clerk, Superior Court	W. B. Flanner
Coroner	R. C. Smith
Judge, County Ct.	Raymond E. Sumrell
Solic., County Ct.	Cecil D. May
Clerk, County Court	W. B. Flanner
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Jane Holland
Sheriff	C. B. Berry
Supt. County Schools	R. L. Pugh
Health Officer	Dr. E. D. Hardin
Supt. Pub. Welfare	Constance F. S. Rabin
Tax Attorney	L. A. Stith
Tax Collector	C. C. Pritchett
Tax Supervisor	U. W. Daugherty
Chm., Bd. of Elections	A. A. Kafer
Chm., Bd. of Education	C. A. Seifert
Librarian	Elinor D. Hawkins

**Cumberland County**



Cumberland County was organized in 1754, out of Bladen County, and took its name from William Augustus, Duke of Cumberland. Its county seat is Fayetteville.

It has 661 square miles of land and 423,040 acres, ranking 19th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$122,286,301, ranking 13th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.54. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,742, ranking 5th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$111,011,582, ranking 7th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$8,538,077, ranking 30th. According to the U.S. Census, 8,671 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 20,610 in 1850, to 29,249 in 1900, and to 96,006 in 1950, ranking 8th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Henry M. Tyson
Commissioner	J. McN. Gillis
Commissioner	Roscoe L. Blue
Commissioner	Robt. F. Williams
Commissioner	M. M. Beard
Accountant	Carter Twine
Attorney	James MacRae
Clerk, Superior Court	T. H. Williams
Coroner	Alpheus R. Clark
Judge, County Ct.	Lester G. Carter, Jr.
Solic., County Ct.	Lacy S. Haii
Clerk, County Ct.	L. W. Grimes
Register of Deeds	J. W. Johnson
Sheriff	W. G. Clark
Supt. County Schools	F. D. Byrd
Health Officer	M. D. Foster
Supt. Public Welfare	E. L. Hanser
Tax Collector	B. C. Bramble
Tax Supervisor	T. G. Braxton
Treasurer	Carter L. Twine
Chm., Bd. of Elections	G. E. Edgerton
Chm., Bd. of Education	E. L. Maxwell
Librarian	Dorothy Shue

**Currituck County**



Currituck County was organized in 1670, out of the County of Albemarle,

and took its name from an Indian tribe. Its county seat is Currituck.

It has 273 square miles of land and 174,720 acres, ranking 85th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$11,784,036, ranking 85th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.50. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$811, ranking 62nd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$2,810,278, ranking 95th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,454,078, ranking 64th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,219 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 7,236 in 1850, decreased to 6,529 in 1900, and decreased to 6,201 in 1950, ranking 96th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	H. W. Newbern, Jr.
Commissioner	J. J. Bunch
Commissioner	S. C. Doxley
Commissioner	Earl Ferrell
Commissioner	Harold Capps
Accountant	J. P. Morgan, Jr.
Attorney	Wilton F. Walker, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	Ralph E. Saunders
Coroner	J. Bryant Smith
Judge, County Ct.	Mack Sanderlin
Solic., County Ct.	Wilton F. Walker, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	Ralph E. Saunders
Register of Deeds	William Brumsey, Jr.
Sheriff	L. L. Sanderlin
Supt. County Schools	S. C. Chandler
Health Officer	Dr. W. W. Johnston
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Pearl J. Hastings
Surveyor	D. D. Springle
Tax Attorney	Wilton F. Walker, Jr.
Tax Collector	L. L. Sanderlin
	H. D. Samuel
	W. F. Morgan
Tax Supervisor	William Brumsey, Jr.
Treasurer	Bank of Currituck
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Edwin F. Morgan
Chm., Bd. of Education	L. L. Dozier, Jr.
Librarian	Jean T. Ward

**Dare County**



Dare County was organized in 1870, out of Currituck, Tyrrell and Hyde Counties, and took its name from Virginia Dare, first child born of English parents in the new world. Its county seat is Manteo.

It has 388 square miles of land and 248,320 acres, ranking 68th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$18,520,913, ranking 73rd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.05. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$654, ranking 79th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$5,416,943, ranking 83rd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$7,156, ranking 100th. According to the U.S. Census, 2,778 people lived within its limits in 1870; and this number

increased to 4,757 in 1900, and to 5,405 in 1950, ranking 98th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	D. V. Meekins
Commissioner	Horace B. Hooper
Commissioner	David Stiek
Commissioner	George C. Fullet
Commissioner	Woodrow W. Edwards
Accountant	C. S. Meekins
Attorney	Wallace McCown
Clerk, Superior Court	C. S. Meekins
Coroner	James M. Vannote
Judge, County Ct.	W. F. Baum
Solic., County Ct.	Martin Kellogg, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	C. S. Meekins
Register of Deeds	Melvin R. Daniels
Sheriff	Frank M. Cahoon
Supt. County Schools	Mrs. Mary L. Evans
Health Officer	Dr. W. W. Johnston
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Goldie H. Meekins
Tax Attorney	Wallace H. McCown
Tax Collector	Frank M. Cahoon
Tax Supervisor	Pennel A. Tillett
Treasurer	Bank of Manteo
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Jack Tillett
Chm., Bd. of Education	Robert O. Ballance
Librarian	Jean T. Ward

**Davidson County**



Davidson County was organized in 1822, out of Rowan County, and took its name from General William Lea Davidson, soldier of the Revolution, who was killed at Cowan's Ford in an effort to forestall the British army. Its county seat is Lexington.\*

It has 548 square miles of land and 350,720 acres, ranking 31st among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$116,485,820, ranking 14th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.00. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,142, ranking 23rd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$60,901,097, ranking 14th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$5,450,729, ranking 47th. According to the U.S. Census, 13,389 people lived within its limits in 1830; and this number increased to 15,320 in 1850, to 23,403 in 1900, and to 62,244 in 1950, ranking 19th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	R. W. Zimmerman
Commissioner	Wayne Shoaf
Commissioner	J. Frank Smith
Commissioner	Wallace A. Kennedy
Commissioner	J. H. Cunningham, Jr.
Accountant	Engene T. Morris
Attorney	Charles Mauze
Clerk, Superior Court	Willie F. Everhart
Coroner	Dr. M. E. Block
Judge, County Ct.	Joe H. Leonard
Solic., County Ct.	Tom H. Suddarth
Clerk, County Ct.	Willie F. Everhart
Register of Deeds	Wm. E. Tomlinson

\* The photograph above is of the former Davidson County courthouse. A new one was occupied in 1958.

Sheriff	Homer Lee Cox
Supt. County Schools	Lawson Brown
Supt. Public Welfare	Doris Lopp
Surveyor	Adrian Kinney
Tax Collector	T. C. Hinkle, Jr.
Tax Supervisor	Eugene T. Morris
Treasurer	Ola T. Sink
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Thurman Briggs
Chm., Bd. of Education	Roy Bohr
Librarian	Antoinette Earle

**Davie County**



Davie County was organized in 1836, out of Rowan County, and took its name from William Richardson Davie, soldier of the Revolution, and founder of the University of North Carolina. Its county seat is Mocksville.

It has 264 square miles of land and 168,960 acres, ranking 88th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$30,989,869, ranking 57th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.85. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$823, ranking 59th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$9,281,623, ranking 70th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$2,495,810, ranking 78th. According to the U.S. Census, 7,574 people lived within its limits in 1840; and this number increased to 7,866 in 1850, to 12,115 in 1900, and to 15,420 in 1950, ranking 86th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	C. Atlas Smoot
Commissioner	B. T. Browder
Commissioner	C. W. Alexander
Accountant	Eloise C. Stephens
Attorney	A. T. Grant
Clerk, Superior Court	S. H. Chaffin
Judge, County Ct.	A. T. Grant
Solic., County Ct.	James M. Brack
Clerk, County Ct.	S. H. Chaffin
Register of Deeds	J. Kermit Smith
Sheriff	B. Y. Boyles
Supt. County Schools	W. T. Bird
Health Officer	Dr. John L. Chestnut
Supt. Public Welfare	Leona G. Smoot
Tax Collector	Veatrice J. Towell
Tax Supervisor	Eloise C. Stephens
Treasurer	Eloise C. Stephens
Chm., Bd. of Elections	J. G. Latham
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. B. Cain
Librarian	Mrs. Paul Blackwelder

**Duplin County**



Duplin County was organized in 1750, out of New Hanover County, and took

its name from George Henry Hay, Lord Duplin. Its county seat is Kenansville.

It has 822 square miles of land and 526,080 acres, ranking 9th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$54,084,786, ranking 34th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.25. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$814, ranking 61st. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$19,430,701, ranking 51st. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$19,949,509, ranking 8th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,662 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,514 in 1850, to 22,405 in 1900, and to 41,074 in 1950, ranking 39th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Lott Kornegay
Commissioner	J. W. Hoffer
Commissioner	J. B. Strowd
Commissioner	Leon Brown
Commissioner	Kenneth G. Grady
Accountant	F. W. McGowen
Attorney	Mrs. Winifred T. Wells
Clerk, Superior Court	R. V. Wells
Coroner	H. B. McNeill
Judge, County Ct.	David N. Henderson
Solic., County Ct.	Russell Lanier
Clerk, County Ct.	R. V. Wells
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Christine W. Williams
Sheriff	Ralph Miller
Supt. County Schools	O. P. Johnson
Health Officer	Dr. John F. Powers
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Thelma D. Taylor
Tax Attorney	Kenneth Turner, Russell Lanier
Tax Collector	H. L. Phillips
Tax Supervisor	F. W. McGowen
Treasurer	Banks
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Kenneth Turner
Chm., Bd. of Education	A. P. Cates
Librarian	Dorothy Wightman

**Durham County**



Durham County was organized in 1881, out of Orange and Wake Counties, and took its name from the town of Durham, which was named for Dr. B. L. Durham, who owned the land on which the railroad station was built and which was the beginning of the town of Durham. Its county seat is Durham.

It has 299 square miles of land and 191,360 acres, ranking 83rd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$313,354,498, ranking 4th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.81. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,433, ranking 12th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$119,196,975, ranking 6th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,210,006, ranking 69th. According to the U.S. Census, 18,041 people lived within its limits in 1890; and this number increased to 26,233 in 1900, and to

101,639 in 1950, ranking 7th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	George F. Kirkland
Commissioner	Edwin B. Clements
Commissioner	Frank H. Kenan
Commissioner	S. L. Proctor
Commissioner	Dewey S. Scarborough
Accountant	E. S. Swindell, Jr.
Attorney	R. P. Reade
Clerk, Superior Court	J. R. Stone
Coroner	Dr. Roman Harton
Judge, County Ct.	A. R. Wilson
Solic., County Ct.	W. J. Brogden
Clerk, County Ct.	S. O. Riley
Manager	E. S. Swindell, Jr.
Register of Deeds	Garland Brooks
Sheriff	J. M. Mangum
Supt. County Schools	Charles H. Chewing
Health Officer	Dr. O. L. Ader
Supt. Public Welfare	W. E. Stanley
Surveyor	S. M. Credle
Tax Attorney	R. D. Holleman
Tax Collector	M. V. Pendergrass
Tax Supervisor	H. T. Warren
Treasurer	Mrs. Waldo A. Stone
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Sigmund Meyer
Librarian (W)	Clara M. Crawford
Librarian (C)	Mrs. Ray N. Moore

**Edgecombe County**



Edgecombe County was organized in 1741, out of Bertie County, and took its name from Richard Edgecombe, who became Baron Edgecombe in 1742, a Lord of the Treasury. Its county seat is Tarboro.

It has 511 square miles of land and 327,040 acres, ranking 42nd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$60,234,234, ranking 32nd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.40. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,240, ranking 15th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$36,317,251, ranking 30th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$19,930,820, ranking 9th. According to the U.S. Census, 10,255 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 17,189 in 1850, to 25,591 in 1900, and to 51,634 in 1950, ranking 25th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. C. Hargrove
Commissioner	Hassell Thigpen
Commissioner	Robert Lee Dunn
Commissioner	H. N. Davenport
Commissioner	Wiley W. Meares
Accountant	Allen Lee Harrell
Attorney	H. H. Taylor, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	Don Gilliam, Jr.
Coroner	J. G. Raby, M.D.
Judge, County Ct.	David Sessoms
Solic., County Ct.	Hyman Phillips, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	Don Gilliam, Jr.
Register of Deeds	Mace Edmondson
Sheriff	Tom P. Bardin
Supt. County Schools	M. S. Clary
Health Officer	Dr. W. A. Browne
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Claudia Edwards
Tax Attorney	H. H. Taylor, Jr.
Tax Collector	R. A. Stancil
Tax Supervisor	James A. Pitt
Chm., Bd. of Elections	H. Vinson Bridgers
Chm., Bd. of Education	Dr. W. W. Green
Librarian	Janie F. Allsbrook

**Forsyth County**

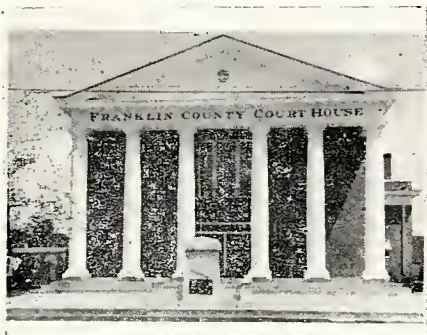


Forsyth County was organized in 1849, out of Stokes County, and took its name from Colonel Benjamin Forsyth, a native of Virginia but a resident of Stokes, a substantial citizen and an officer in the militia during the War of 1812. Its county seat is Winston-Salem.

It has 424 square miles of land and 271,360 acres, ranking 58th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$565,739,974, ranking 3rd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.95. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,907, ranking 3rd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$192,049,745, ranking 4th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$5,496,139, ranking 46th. According to the U.S. Census, 11,168 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 35,261 in 1900, and to 146,135 in 1950, ranking 3rd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Fred F. Bahnson, Jr.
Commissioner	P. Huber Hanes, Jr.
Commissioner	Wally Dunham
Commissioner	Jack L. Covington
Commissioner	Mrs. Bess Warren
Accountant	L. H. Abbott, Jr.
Attorney	Nat S. Crews
Clerk, Superior Court	W. E. Church
Manager	L. H. Abbott, Jr.
Register of Deeds	Eunice Ayres
Sheriff	Ernie Shore
Supt. County Schools	T. Ray Gibbs
Health Officer	Dr. Fred Pegg
Supt. Public Welfare	John McDowell
Surveyor	Otis Jones
Tax Attorney	Nat S. Crews
Tax Collector	J. Arvol Hepler
Tax Supervisor	Fred Perry
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Wm. Z. Wood
Chm., Bd. of Education	Fred Hauser
Librarian	Paul S. Ballance

**Franklin County**



Franklin County was organized in 1779, out of Bute County, and took its name from Benjamin Franklin. Its county seat is Louisburg.

It has 494 square miles of land and

316,160 acres, ranking 45th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$25,068,686, ranking 62nd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.33. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$628, ranking 83rd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$14,468,574, ranking 59th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$10,321,070, ranking 22nd. According to the U.S. Census, 7,559 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 11,713 in 1850, to 25,116 in 1900, and to 31,341 in 1950, ranking 48th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Brooks W. Young
Commissioner	Norris W. Collins
Commissioner	George H. Harris
Commissioner	R. Bert May
Commissioner	Norwood E. Faulkner
Accountant	Lee Murray
Attorney	E. F. Yarborough
Clerk, Superior Court	John W. King
Coroner	James H. Edwards
Judge, County Ct.	James E. Malone
Solic., County Ct.	W. H. Taylor
Clerk, County Ct.	John W. King
Register of Deeds	Alex T. Wood
Sheriff	Joe W. Champion
Supt. County Schools	Wiley F. Mitchell
Health Officer	Dr. A. J. Holton
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Creighton C. Bunn
Surveyor	Phil R. Insee
Tax Attorney	E. F. Yarborough
Tax Collector	K. A. Braswell
Tax Supervisor	K. A. Braswell
Treasurer	First Citizens Bank & Trust Co.
Chm., Bd. of Elections	T. W. Boone
Chm., Bd. of Education	P. W. Elam
Librarian	Elsa C. Yarborough

**Gaston County**



Gaston County was organized in 1846, out of Lincoln County, and took its name from William Gaston, member of Congress and Judge of the Supreme Court of North Carolina. Its county seat is Gastonia.

It has 358 square miles of land and 229,120 acres, ranking 73rd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$221,327,386, ranking 6th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.10. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,235, ranking 16th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$94,367,785, ranking 8th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$2,288,331, ranking 80th. According to the U.S. Census, 8,073 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 27,903 in 1900, and to 110,836 in 1950, ranking 6th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	O E. Massey
Commissioner	C. G. Beam

Commissioner	J. W. Lineberger
Commissioner	M. Fred Ormand
Commissioner	R. F. Rhyne
Commissioner	George A. Jenkins
Accountant	C. E. Dent
Attorney	H. B. Gaston
Clerk, Superior Court	Paul E. Monroe
Coroner	W. J. McLean
Manager	A. R. England
Register of Deeds	Ruby D. Rhyne
Chief, Rural Police	R. J. Stroupe
Sheriff	Dwight L. Beam
Supt. County Schools	Hunter Huss
Health Officer	Dr. B. N. Drake
Supt. Public Welfare	Graham Ponder
Surveyor	J. H. Findley
Tax Attorney	H. B. Gaston
Tax Collector	Plato Durham
Tax Supervisor	Norman Bentley
Treasurer	Roy F. Warren
Chm., Bd. of Elections	J. A. Ormano
Chm., Bd. of Education	Hugh Johnson
Librarian	John R. Rankin
	Barbara E. Heafner

**Gates County**



Gates County was organized in 1779, out of Chowan, Hertford and Perquimans Counties, and took its name from General Horatio Gates, who commanded the American Army at the Battle of Saratoga. Its county seat is Gatesville.

It has 343 square miles of land and 219,520 acres, ranking 75th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$9,015,395, ranking 92nd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.20. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$785, ranking 66th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$2,962,751, ranking 94th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,916,284, ranking 60th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,392 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 8,426 in 1850, to 10,413 in 1900, and decreased to 9,555 in 1950, ranking 92nd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	C. H. Carter
Commissioner	W. L. Askew
Commissioner	J. E. Gregory
Commissioner	T. J. Stallings
Commissioner	R. E. Miller
Accountant	Tazewell D. Eure
Attorney	Hubert Eason
Clerk, Superior Court	L. C. Hand
Coroner	J. M. Eason
Judge, County Ct.	H. V. Beamon
Solic., County Ct.	W. D. Brown
Clerk, County Ct.	L. C. Hand
Register of Deeds	Tazewell D. Eure
Sheriff	L. F. Overman
Supt. County Schools	W. C. Harrell
Health Officer	Dr. Quinton Edwin Cooke
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Clarine Carter
Surveyor	J. G. Pollock
Tax Attorney	Hubert Eason
Tax Collector	L. F. Overman
Tax Supervisor	Tazewell D. Eure
Treasurer	Tarheel Bank & Trust Co.
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. P. Taylor
Chm., Bd. of Education	S. P. Cross
Librarian	Kathryn Brett (Act.)

**Graham County**



Graham County was organized in 1872, out of Cherokee County, and took its name from William A. Graham, a United States Senator, Governor of North Carolina, 1845-58, Secretary of Navy, and a Confederate States Senator. Its county seat is Robbinsville. It has 289 square miles of land and 184,960 acres, ranking 84th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$8,853,769, ranking 93rd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.25. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$564, ranking 91st. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$3,122,499, ranking 93rd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$544,247, ranking 98th. According to the U.S. Census, 2,335 people lived within its limits in 1880; and this number increased to 4,343 in 1900, and to 6,886 in 1950, ranking 94th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Tony Ayers
Commissioner	Sam Sbarpe
Commissioner	Everett Jenkins
Accountant	E. H. Jenkins
Attorney	R. B. Morphew
Clerk, Superior Court	W. M. Sherrill
Coroner	Frank Howell
Register of Deeds	Arnold Jenkins
Sheriff	Boyd Crips
Supt. County Schools	James A. Stanley
Health Officer	Helen Ghormley
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. C. H. Corpening
Tax Attorney	R. B. Morphew
Tax Collector	E. H. Jenkins
Tax Supervisor	Mrs. Myrtle Shope
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Taylor Lovin
Chm., Bd. of Education	Harvey Odum
Librarian	Alice W. Porter

**Granville County**



Granville County was organized in 1746, out of Edgecombe County, and took its name from John Carteret, Earl of Granville, Prime Minister under George II. Its county seat is Oxford. It has 543 square miles of land and 347,520 acres, ranking 33rd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$39,335,440,

ranking 47th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.24. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$831, ranking 56th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$16,501,147, ranking 54th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$10,103,002, ranking 24th. According to the U.S. Census, 10,982 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 21,249 in 1850, to 23,203 in 1900, and to 31,793 in 1950, ranking 47th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	T. Morgan Daniel
Commissioner	George D. Morten
Commissioner	W. D. Yeargin
Commissioner	Hubert Cox
Commissioner	W. D. Gooch
Accountant	I. W. Bullock
Attorney	T. G. Stem
Clerk, Superior Court	A. W. Graham, Jr.
Coroner	Grover Saunders
Judge, County Ct.	Will Z. Mitchell
Solic., County Ct.	Roy Royster
Clerk, County Ct.	A. W. Graham
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Flora O. Mann
Sheriff	Roy D. Jones
Supt. County Schools	David N. Hicks
Health Officer	Dr. W. N. Thomas
Supt. Public Welfare	W. W. Mullen
Tax Collector	I. W. Bullock
Tax Supervisor	Roy D. Jones
Chm., Bd. of Elections	I. W. Bullock
Chm., Bd. of Education	John N. Watkins
Librarian	Dr. R. L. Noblin
	Edith F. Canuady

**Greene County**



Greene County was organized in 1791, out of Glasgow County, and took its name from Nathaniel Greene in 1799. Its name was originally Glasgow in honor of James Glasgow, Secretary of State of N.C., 1777-1778, but was changed in 1799 when it became known that Glasgow was involved in land frauds. Its county seat is Snow Hill. It has 269 square miles of land and 172,160 acres, ranking 86th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$16,993,046, ranking 76th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.40. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$993, ranking 41st. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$4,833,957, ranking 88th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$15,218,908, ranking 16th. According to the U.S. Census, 6,893 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number changed to 6,619 in 1850, to 12,038 in 1900, and to 18,024 in 1950, ranking 75th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. Wilson Exum
Commissioner	Owen Jones
Commissioner	Joe Edmundson
Commissioner	R. E. Hart
Commissioner	E. E. Butts
Accountant	Geo. W. Edwards
Attorney	W. G. Sheppard
Clerk, Superior Court	Seth T. Barrow
Judge, County Ct.	W. G. Sheppard
Solic., County Ct.	I. J. Horton

Clerk, County Ct.	Seth T. Barrow
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Lula H. Heath
Sheriff	Clifton Barfield
Supt. County Schools	Gerald D. James
Health Officer	Dr. M. P. Mullen
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Rachel Payne Sugg
Tax Collector	J. M. Carraway
Tax Supervisor	Geo. W. Edwards
Treasurer	R. P. Aiken, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Elections	J. H. Pottel
Chm., Bd. of Education	H. Maynard Hicks
Librarian	Violet Caudle

**Guilford County**



Guilford County was organized in 1770, out of Rowan and Orange Counties, and took its name from Francis North, Earl of Guilford. Its county seat is Greensboro.

It has 651 square miles of land and 416,640 acres, ranking 21st among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$664,074,475, ranking 1st. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.70. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,861, ranking 4th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$279,663,044, ranking 2nd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$10,155,433, ranking 23rd. According to the U.S. Census, 7,191 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 19,754 in 1850, to 39,074 in 1900, and to 191,057 in 1950, ranking 2nd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	L. C. Amos
Commissioner	Sidney B. Allen
Commissioner	Carson Bain
Commissioner	Charles J. Hunt
Commissioner	Wm. G. Ragsdale, Jr.
Accountant	Hugh L. Ross
Attorney	John W. Hardy
Clerk, Superior Court	J. P. Shore
Coroner	R. B. Davis, Jr.
Manager	J. Harry Weatherly
Register of Deeds	J. H. McAdoo
Sheriff	John E. Walters
Supt. County Schools	E. P. Pearce
Health Officer	Dr. E. H. Ellinwood
Supt. Public Welfare	L. M. Thompson
Tax Collector	H. A. Wood
Tax Supervisor	H. A. Wood
Treasurer	W. R. James
Chm., Bd. of Elections	A. L. Meyland
Chm., Bd. of Education	Howard E. Carr

**Halifax County**



Halifax County was organized in 1758, out of Edgecombe County, and took its

name from George Montague Dunk, Earl of Halifax. Its county seat is Halifax.

It has 722 square miles of land and 462,080 acres, ranking 15th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$64,222,172, ranking 28th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.30. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$963, ranking 44th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$43,202,821, ranking 25th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$15,344,852, ranking 15th. According to the U.S. Census, 13,965 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 16,589 in 1850, to 30,793 in 1900, and to 58,377 in 1950, ranking 22nd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	C. S. Alexander
Commissioner	J. R. Wrenn
Commissioner	Meade Mitchell
Commissioner	T. W. Myrick
Commissioner	Harry Branch
Accountant	C. S. Vinson
Attorney	Rom Parker
Clerk, Superior Court	S. H. N. Stephenson
Coroner	Rufus Britton
Judge, County Ct.	Bernard Allsbrook
Solic., County Ct.	Nicholas Long
Clerk, County Ct.	Mary Ruth Whitby
Register of Deeds	F. D. Wilson
Sheriff	H. A. House
Supt. County Schools	Mrs. Clara H. Stewart
Health Officer	Dr. Robert F. Young
Supt. Public Welfare	Joseph F. B. McCauley
Tax Collector	Mrs. Ruth S. Gregory
Tax Supervisor	C. S. Vinson
Chm., Bd. of Elections	C. D. Moss
Chm., Bd. of Education	C. L. Kelly
Librarian	Maude Fleming (Act.)

**Harnett County**



Harnett County was organized in 1855, out of Cumberland County, and took its name from Cornelius Harnett, Revolutionary patriot, president of the Provincial Council, and author of the Halifax Resolutions of April 12, 1776. Its county seat is Lillington.

It has 606 square miles of land and 387,840 acres, ranking 25th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$56,820,862, ranking 33rd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.63. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$841, ranking 55th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$35,592,489, ranking 31st. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$17,316,294, ranking 12th. According to the U.S. Census, 8,039 people lived within its limits in 1860; and this number increased to 15,988 in 1900, and to 47,605 in 1950, ranking 30th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	L. A. Tart
Commissioner	Joe Currin
Commissioner	Alex M. Cameron
Commissioner	Worth L. Byrd
Commissioner	Wm. A. Warren
Accountant	H. D. Carson, Jr.
Attorney	J. R. Young
Clerk, Superior Court	Elizabeth F. Matthews

Coroner	R. L. Pate
Judge, County Ct.	Robert B. Morgan
Solic., County Ct.	Jake Lamm
Clerk, County Ct.	Kyle Harrington
Register of Deeds	Inez Harrington
Sheriff	Wade H. Stewart
Supt. County Schools	G. T. Proffitt
Health Officer	Dr. W. B. Hunter
Supt. Public Welfare	Lela Moore Hall
Surveyor	Walter Lee Johnson
Tax Collector	D. P. Ray, Jr.
Tax Supervisor	Berles C. Johnson
Treasurer	H. D. Carson, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Dougald McRae
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. R. Baggett, Jr.
Librarian	Mrs. S. R. McKay

**Haywood County**



Haywood County was organized in 1808, out of Buncombe County, and took its name from John Haywood, Treasurer of North Carolina, 1787-1827. Its county seat is Waynesville.

It has 543 square miles of land and 347,520 acres, ranking 32nd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$41,796,578, ranking 42nd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.75. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,106, ranking 27th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$30,100,716, ranking 40th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,433,688, ranking 65th. According to the U.S. Census, 2,780 people lived within its limits in 1810; and this number increased to 4,074 in 1850, to 16,222 in 1900, and to 37,631 in 1950, ranking 41st among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	F. C. Green
Commissioner	Frank R. Medford
Commissioner	Carl W. Green
Accountant	James Kirkpatrick
Attorney	Grover C. Davis
Clerk, Superior Court	J. B. Siler
Coroner	Geo. W. Brown
Judge, County Ct.	J. H. Howell, Jr.
Solic., County Ct.	Grover C. Davis
Clerk, County Ct.	J. B. Siler
Register of Deeds	Jule Noland
Sheriff	Fred Y. Campbell
Supt. County Schools	L. B. Leatherwood
Health Officer	Dr. R. K. Butler
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Sam L. Queen
Tax Collector	Carl A. Setzer
Tax Supervisor	F. C. Green
Treasurer	James Kirkpatrick
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Charles Beall
Chm., Bd. of Education	Hugh McCracken
Librarian	Joseph M. Dixon

**Henderson County**



Henderson County was organized in 1838, out of Buncombe County, and took

its name from Leonard Henderson, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina who had no recorded connection with the area and who died five years before the county was created. It is possible that the county was named Henderson in an effort to obtain passage of the legislation proposing its creation. Its county seat is Hendersonville.

It has 382 square miles of land and 244,480 acres, ranking 69th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$63,087,831, ranking 29th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.25. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$997, ranking 39th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$30,559,608, ranking 38th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,954,613, ranking 59th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,129 people lived within its limits in 1840; and this number increased to 6,853 in 1850, to 14,104 in 1900, and to 30,921 in 1950, ranking 49th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Fred S. Justus
Commissioner	J. B. Beddingfield
Commissioner	F. D. Dalton
Accountant	Fred S. Justus
Attorney	Arthur J. Redden
Clerk, Superior Court	S. R. Cathey
Coroner	J. E. Carswell
Judge, County Ct.	J. E. Shipman
Solic., County Ct.	R. L. Whitmire, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	S. R. Cathey
Register of Deeds	Marshall Watterson
Sheriff	Paul Z. Hill
Supt. County Schools	J. M. Foster
Health Officer	Dr. J. B. Lutz
Supt. Public Welfare	Jamie M. Purcell
Surveyor	Donald Hill
Tax Collector	Preston E. Drake
Tax Supervisor	Gay T. Lydia, Jr.
Treasurer	Northwestern Bank
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Mack H. Aiken
Chm., Bd. of Education	L. C. Youngblood
Librarian	Mary K. Seagle

**Hertford County**



Hertford County was organized in 1759, out of Chowan, Bertie and Northampton Counties, and took its name from Francis Seymour Conway, Marquis of Hertford. Its county seat is Winton.

It has 356 square miles of land and 227,840 acres, ranking 74th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$20,788,212, ranking 67th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.45. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$904, ranking 48th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$14,399,004, ranking 61st. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$7,422,486, ranking 34th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,828 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 8,142 in 1850, to 14,294 in 1900, and to 21,453 in 1950, ranking 67th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. W. Hill
Commissioner	R. L. Rowe
Commissioner	Merril Evans
Commissioner	H. O. Edwards
Commissioner	Fred Jones
Commissioner	R. G. Whitley
Accountant	W. T. Charles
Attorney	J. G. Revelle, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	A. W. Greene
Coroner	LeRoy Fuller
Judge, County Ct.	Joseph D. Blythe
Solic., County Ct.	S. A. Curt's
Clerk, County Ct.	A. W. Greene
Register of Deeds	T. D. Northcott
Sheriff	C. W. Parker
Supt. County Schools	R. P. Martin
Health Officer	Dr. Quinton Edwin Cooke
Supt. Public Welfare	I. P. Davis
Tax Attorney	J. G. Revelle, Jr.
Tax Collector	T. M. Condon
Tax Supervisor	T. M. Condon
Treasurer	W. T. Charles
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. W. Winborne
Chm., Bd. of Education	W. R. Raynor
Librarian (W)	Kathryn Brett (Act.)
Librarian (C)	Katie M. Hart

## Hyde County



Hyde (Wickham) County was organized in 1705, out of the County of Bath, and took its name from Edward Hyde, Governor of North Carolina, 1710-1712. Its county seat is Swan Quarter.

It has 634 square miles of land and 405,760 acres, ranking 24th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$8,744,802, ranking 94th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.30. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$504, ranking 98th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$1,678,824, ranking 98th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,838,424, ranking 84th. According to the U.S. Census, 4,120 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 7,636 in 1850, to 9,278 in 1900, and decreased to 6,479 in 1950, ranking 95th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	H. L. Sadler
Commissioner	Seth B. Credie
Commissioner	Charlie A. Carawan
Accountant	Gladys B. Midyette
Attorney	O. L. Williams
Clerk, Superior Court	Marjorie M. Swindell
Coroner	Pratt Williamson
Judge, County Ct.	D. D. Cutrell
Solic., County Ct.	Geo. T. Davis
Clerk, County Ct.	Marjorie M. Swindell
Register of Deeds	Evelyn H. Swindell
Sheriff	Charlie J. Cahoon
Supt. County Schools	Tommie M. Gaylord
Health Officer	Dr. W. W. Johnston
Supt. Public Welfare	William A. Miller
Tax Attorney	O. L. Williams
Tax Collector	Charlie J. Cahoon
Tax Supervisor	Gladys B. Midyette
Treasurer	East Carolina Bank
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Fred A. Mason
Chm., Bd. of Education	Gratz Spencer
Librarian	Elizabeth Ball

## Iredell County



Iredell County was organized in 1788, out of Rowan County, and took its name from James Iredell of Edenton, one of the State's leaders in advocating the adoption of the Federal Constitution. Its county seat is Statesville.

It has 591 square miles of land and

## Hoke County



Hoke County was organized in 1911, out of Cumberland and Robeson Counties, and took its name from Robert F. Hoke, a Major-General in the Confederate States Army. Its county seat is Raeford.

It has 414 square miles of land and 264,960 acres, ranking 59th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$23,246,593, ranking 65th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.90. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$821, ranking 60th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$5,796,587, ranking 82nd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$5,311,976, ranking 49th. According to the U.S. Census, 11,722 people lived within its limits in 1920; and this number increased to 15,756 in 1950, ranking 79th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Julius F. Jordan
Commissioner	Lacy McNeill
Commissioner	J. A. Webb
Commissioner	J. H. Blue
Commissioner	C. C. Conolly
Accountant	John W. McPhaul
Attorney	Hostetler & McNeil
Clerk, Superior Court	M. D. Yates
Coroner	William Barry
Judge, County Ct.	Harry A. Greene
Solic., County Ct.	G. B. Rowland
Clerk, County Ct.	M. D. Yates
Register of Deeds	J. E. Gullledge
Sheriff	D. H. Hodgkin
Supt. County Schools	W. T. Gibson
Health Officer	Dr. A. L. O'Brian
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. C. H. Giles
Surveyor	J. H. Blue
Tax Attorney	Charles Hostetler
Tax Collector	Archie McQ. Bryne
Tax Supervisor	John W. McPhaul
Chm., Bd. of Elections	William L. Poole
Chm., Bd. of Education	Neill McFadyen
Librarian	Ina P. Bethune

378,240 acres, ranking 26th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$86,789,108, ranking 19th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.30. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,094, ranking 28th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$47,672,454, ranking 20th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$6,238,243, ranking 42nd. According to the U.S. Census, 5,435 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 14,719 in 1850, to 29,064 in 1900, and to 56,303 in 1950, ranking 23rd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	C. E. Fraley
Commissioner	J. S. Dobson
Commissioner	V. L. Wagner
Commissioner	N. M. Blackwelder
Commissioner	Roy W. Troutman
Accountant	Mrs. Bernice McJunkin
Attorney	Hugh G. Mitchell
Clerk, Superior Court	Carl G. Smith
Coroner	Marvin W. Raymer
Judge, County Ct.	Fred Hedrick
Solic., County Ct.	Fred G. Chamblee
Clerk, County Ct.	Carl G. Smith
Register of Deeds	Mariemma Henley
Sheriff	J. C. Rumble
Health Officer	Dr. Ernest Ward
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Edith B. Franklin
Surveyor	L. B. Grier
Tax Collector	N. T. Houston
Tax Supervisor	J. T. Gillespie
Treasurer	N. T. Houston
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Boyce G. Gibson, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Education	R. L. Bradford

## Jackson County



Jackson County was organized in 1851, out of Haywood and Macon Counties, and took its name from Andrew Jackson. Its county seat is Sylva.

It has 496 square miles of land and 317,440 acres, ranking 44th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$20,287,870, ranking 69th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.53. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$612, ranking 84th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$9,692,304, ranking 68th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$908,530, ranking 95th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,515 people lived within its limits in 1860; and this number increased to 11,853 in 1900, and to 19,261 in 1950, ranking 70th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Jennings A. Bryson
Commissioner	Ed Fisher
Commissioner	Bradburn F. Peil
Accountant	Jesse M. Taylor
Attorney	Lacy Thornburg
Clerk, Superior Ct.	Mrs. Margaret W. Henson
Coroner	Dr. Philip E. Dewees
Register of Deeds	L. H. Higdon
Sheriff	Frank Allen
Supt. County Schools	W. Vernon Cope
Health Officer	Dr. Philip E. Dewees
Supt. Public Welfare	G. C. Henson

Surveyor	Henry Green
Supt. Public Welfare	G. C. Henson
Tax Collector	Jesse M. Taylor
Tax Supervisor	Jennings A. Bryson
Treasurer	Jennings A. Bryson
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Harley Buchanan
Chm., Bd. of Education	Tom Dillard, Jr.
Librarian	Mary C. Jenkinson

**Johnston County**



Johnston County was organized in 1746, out of Craven County, and took its name from Gabriel Johnston, Governor of North Carolina, 1734-1752. Its county seat is Smithfield.

It has 795 square miles of land and 508,800 acres, ranking 11th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$61,524,462, ranking 31st. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.57. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$827, ranking 58th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$38,339,944, ranking 29th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$28,051,103, ranking 3rd. According to the U.S. Census, 5,634 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,726 in 1850, to 32,250 in 1900, and to 65,906 in 1950, ranking 12th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	H. M. Johnson
Commissioner	J. Dobbin Bailey
Commissioner	Floyd C. Price, Sr.
Commissioner	Frank B. Holding
Commissioner	R. G. Gurley
Accountant	W. H. Britt
Attorney	J. L. George
Clerk, Superior Court	Nora P. Southerland
Coroner	V. J. Underwood
Judge, County Ct.	W. I. Goodwin
Register of Deeds	W. G. Massey
Sheriff	B. A. Henry
Supt. County Schools	E. S. Simpson
Health Officer	E. S. Grady
Supt. Public Welfare	Lulu A. Jolliff
Surveyor	W. S. Ragsdale, Jr.
Tax Attorney	Rhetta Martin
Tax Collector	Thomas L. Upchurch
Tax Supervisor	W. H. Britt
Treasurer	J. Narvin Creech
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Harry Canaday
Chm., Bd. of Education	James W. Earp
Librarian	Evelyn J. Bishop

**Jones County**



Jones County was organized in 1779, out of Craven County, and took its name from Willie Jones, one of the

leaders of the Revolution, president of the Council of Safety, and an opponent of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States. Its county seat is Trenton.

It has 467 square miles of land and 298,880 acres, ranking 50th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$9,832,060, ranking 90th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.80. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$805, ranking 64th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$3,223,433, ranking 92nd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$6,873,449, ranking 39th. According to the U.S. Census, 4,822 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 5,038 in 1850, to 8,226 in 1900, and to 11,004 in 1950, ranking 88th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	J. W. Creagh, Jr.
Commissioner	D. A. Jones
Commissioner	Harold Mallard
Commissioner	Ralph Scott
Commissioner	B. H. George
Accountant	Mary E. Brock
Attorney	Geo. R. Hughes
Clerk, Superior Court	W. M. Whitaker
Register of Deeds	Dorothy N. Koonce
Sheriff	W. B. Yates
Supt. County Schools	W. B. Moore
Health Officer	Dr. R. J. Jones
Supt. Public Welfare	Zeta G. Butt
Surveyor	E. C. Armstrong
Tax Collector	Zelle Pollock
Tax Supervisor	Mary E. Brock
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. F. Hill
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. C. West, Jr.

**Lee County**



Lee County was organized in 1907, out of Chatham and Moore Counties, and took its name from Robert E. Lee. Its county seat is Sanford.

It has 255 square miles of land and 163,200 acres, ranking 91st among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$37,125,131, ranking 50th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.35. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,161, ranking 20th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$34,205,359, ranking 32nd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$4,144,872, ranking 56th. According to the U.S. Census, 11,376 people lived within its limits in 1910; and this number increased to 23,522 in 1950, ranking 62nd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Sion H. Kelly
Commissioner	Percy R. Measamer
Commissioner	Evander C. Winstead
Commissioner	Clyde J. Atkins
Commissioner	Ralph Groce
Accountant	Una B. Gregson
Attorney	William W. Staton
Clerk, Superior Court	E. M. Underwood, Sr.
Coroner	Dr. J. H. Byerly
Judge, County Ct.	W. W. Seymour
Solic., County Ct.	J. Allen Harrington
Clerk, County Ct.	E. M. Underwood, Sr.
Register of Deeds	Mrs. E. B. Keith

Sheriff	D. F. Holder
Supt. County Schools	J. J. Lentz
Health Officer	Dr. Eugene R. Shanahan
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Laura D. Rosser
Surveyor	J. Chandler Eakes
Tax Attorney	Ray Byerly
Tax Collector	W. H. Campbell
Tax Supervisor	Paul Lucas
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. H. Ray
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. B. Cameron
Librarian	Mary S. Gurley

**Lenoir County**



Lenoir County was organized in 1791, out of Dobbs County, and took its name from William Lenoir, one of the heroes of the Battle of Kings Mountain. Its county seat is Kinston.

It has 391 square miles of land and 250,240 acres, ranking 67th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$84,989,653, ranking 20th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.15. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,536, ranking 6th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$53,118,899, ranking 16th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$18,121,001, ranking 11th. According to the U.S. Census, 4,005 people lived within its limits in 1800; and this number increased to 7,828 in 1850, to 18,639 in 1900, and to 45,953 in 1950, ranking 32nd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Ike Whitfield
Commissioner	J. R. Davenport
Commissioner	Whitford Hill
Commissioner	Harry Sutton
Commissioner	Ralph G. Daughety
Accountant	Katie Cobb
Attorney	T. J. White
Clerk, Superior Court	John S. Davis
Coroner	R. T. Jarman
Judge, County Ct.	E. R. Wooten
Solic., County Ct.	P. H. Crawford
Clerk, County Ct.	Mrs. Nell Warren
Register of Deeds	Catherine Cooke
Sheriff	H. C. Broadway
Supt. County Schools	H. H. Bullock
Health Officer	Dr. R. J. Jones
Supt. Public Welfare	B. T. Fleetwood
Tax Attorney	T. J. White
Tax Collector	M. G. Williams
Tax Supervisor	M. G. Williams
Treasurer	Katie Cobb
Chm., Bd. of Elections	F. E. Wallace, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Education	E. S. Wooten
Librarian	Lonella S. Posey

**Lincoln County**



Lincoln County was organized in 1779, out of Tryon County, and took its name

from General Benjamin Lincoln, a general who accepted the sword of Cornwallis in surrender. Its county seat is Lincolnton.

It has 308 square miles of land and 197,120 acres, ranking 82nd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$46,976,783, ranking 37th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.00. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$726, ranking 71st. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$17,307,860, ranking 53rd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,211,369, ranking 68th. According to the U.S. Census, 9,224 people lived within its limits in 1790; this number decreased to 7,746 in 1850, and increased to 15,498 in 1900, and to 27,459 in 1950, ranking 53rd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Dan M. Boyd
Commissioner	J. Rodney Sherrill
Commissioner	James W. Warren
Commissioner	L. M. Aderholt
Commissioner	O. H. Venters
Accountant	Fred M. Houser
Attorney	Kemp B. Nixon
Clerk, Superior Court	James H. Ross
Coroner	Dr. Karl L. Lawing
Judge, County Ct.	John R. Friday
Solic., County Ct.	W. H. Childs, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	James H. Ross
Manager	Fred M. Houser
Register of Deeds	Walter H. Boring
Sheriff	Frank P. Heavner
Supt. County Schools	Morris S. Childers
Health Officer	Dr. W. H. Bandy
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. R. W. Grigg
Surveyor	Hoke S. Heavner
Tax Attorney	Kemp B. Nixon
Tax Collector	Charles H. Hoover, Jr.
Tax Supervisor	Charles H. Hoover, Jr.
Treasurer	Fred M. Houser
Chm., Bd. of Elections	J. Robert McNeely
Chm., Bd. of Education	Pat H. Harrill
Librarian	Mrs. James L. Summers

**Macon County**



Macon County was organized in 1828, out of Haywood County, and took its name from Nathaniel Macon, U.S. Senator and President of the Constitutional Convention of 1835. Its county seat is Franklin.

It has 517 square miles of land and 330,880 acres, ranking 41st among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$16,227,934, ranking 79th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.35. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$555, ranking 93rd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$8,682,943, ranking 72nd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,257,243, ranking 88th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,333 people lived within its limits in 1830; and this num-

ber increased to 6,389 in 1850, to 12,104 in 1900, and to 16,174 in 1950, ranking 78th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. E. Baldwin
Commissioner	John W. Roane
Commissioner	Wiley Brown
Accountant	Tom Henson
Attorney	R. S. Jones
Clerk, Superior Court	Mrs. Kate M. Wrinn
Coroner	John Kusterer
Register of Deeds	Lake V. Shope
Sheriff	J. Harry Thomas
Supt. County Schools	H. Bueck
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Dorothy Crawford
Surveyor	Richard H. Slagle
Tax Attorney	R. S. Jones
Tax Collector	Tom Henson
Tax Supervisor	Tom Henson
Chm., Bd. of Elections	J. Lee Barnard
Chm., Bd. of Education	Ervin Patton
Librarian	Mary C. Jenkinson

**Madison County**



Madison County was organized in 1851, out of Buncombe and Yancey Counties, and took its name from James Madison. Its county seat is Marshall.

It has 456 square miles of land and 291,840 acres, ranking 53rd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$13,446,886, ranking 82nd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.79. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$534, ranking 97th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$6,639,613, ranking 79th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$4,269,089, ranking 54th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,908 people lived within its limits in 1860; and this number increased to 20,644 in 1900, and decreased to 20,522 in 1950, ranking 69th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Wayne Brigman
Commissioner	Dewey Wallin
Commissioner	Rex Allen
Accountant	Ted R. Russell
Attorney	Joseph B. Huff
Clerk, Superior Court	Herbert Hawkins
Register of Deeds	Hilliard Teague
Coroner	Dr. W. A. Sams
Sheriff	E. Y. Ponder
Supt. County Schools	Fred W. Anderson
Health Officer	Dr. M. J. Lord
Supt. Public Welfare	Frances G. Ramsey
Surveyor	LeRoy Shelton
Tax Attorney	Joseph B. Huff
Tax Collector	Wm. T. Moore
Tax Supervisor	Ted R. Russell
Treasurer	Citizens Bk. & Bk. of French Broad
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Marvin Ball
Chm., Bd. of Education	B. K. Meadows
Librarian	Peggy Dotterer (Act.)

**Martin County**



Martin County was organized in 1774, out of Halifax and Tyrrell Counties, and took its name from Josiah Martin, the last Royal Governor of North Carolina, 1771-76. Its county seat is Williamston.

It has 481 square miles of land and 307,840 acres, ranking 47th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$30,120,577, ranking 58th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.50. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,028, ranking 35th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$15,879,974, ranking 57th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$16,169,572, ranking 14th. According to the U.S. Census, 6,080 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 8,307 in 1850, to 15,383 in 1900, and to 27,938 in 1950, ranking 52nd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	J. H. Edwards
Commissioner	H. L. Roebuck
Commissioner	J. C. Gurkin
Commissioner	H. S. Johnson, Jr.
Commissioner	C. C. Martin
Accountant	J. Sam Getsinger
Attorney	Elbert S. Peel, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	L. B. Wynne
Coroner	William W. Biggs
Judge, County Ct.	H. O. Peele
Solic., County Ct.	Hugh M. Martin
Clerk, County Ct.	L. B. Wynne
Register of Deeds	J. Sam Getsinger
Sheriff	W. R. Rawls
Supt. County Schools	James C. Manning
Health Officer	Dr. W. A. Browne
Supt. Public Welfare	Mary W. Taylor
Tax Attorney	Elbert S. Peel, Jr.
Tax Collector	M. Luther Pee.
Tax Supervisor	M. Luther Peel
Treasurer	W. L. Howell
Chm., Bd. of Elections	C. D. Carstarphen
Chm., Bd. of Education	Howard B. Gaylord
Librarian	Elizabeth Ball

**Mecklenburg County**



Mecklenburg County was organized in 1762, out of Anson County, and took



its name from Princess Charlotte of Mecklenburg who was Queen to George III, King of England. Its county seat is Charlotte.

It has 542 square miles of land and 346,880 acres, ranking 34th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$650,520,220, ranking 2nd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.91. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$2,208, ranking 1st. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$397,907,903, ranking 1st. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$4,843,513, ranking 50th. According to the U.S. Census, 11,395 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,914 in 1850, to 55,268 in 1900, and to 197,052 in 1950, ranking 1st among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	S. Y. McAden
Commissioner	Ernest K. Brown
Commissioner	John M. McEwen
Commissioner	J. Herbert Garrison
Commissioner	W. Craig Lawing
Accountant	Walker H. Busby
Attorney	Henry C. Dockery
Clerk, Superior Court	J. Lester Wolfe
Coroner	Dr. W. M. Summerville
Judge, County Ct.	William N. Scarborough
Solic., County Ct.	Winfred R. Ervin
Clerk, County Ct.	Robt. G. Hinson
Register of Deeds	John R. Renfrow
Sheriff	J. Clyde Hunter
Supt. County Schools	J. W. Wilson
Health Officer	Dr. Elizabeth Corkey
Supt. Public Welfare	Wallace H. Kuralt
Surveyor	J. W. Spratt
Tax Collector	P. W. Davenport
Tax Supervisor	R. A. Grier
Treasurer	Jessie C. Smith
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Joseph F. Woodruff
Chm., Bd. of Education	W. B. McClintock
Librarian	Hoyt Galvin

**Mitchell County**



Mitchell County was organized in 1861, out of Yancey, Burke, Caldwell, Watauga and McDowell Counties, and it took its name from Dr. Elisha Mitchell, a professor at the University of North Carolina who fell and was killed while exploring Mt. Mitchell. Its county seat is Bakersville.

It has 220 square miles of land and 140,800 acres, ranking 97th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$10,874,885, ranking 87th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.85. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$780, ranking 68th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$10,823,294, ranking 63rd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,234,660, ranking 89th. According to the U.S. Census, 4,705 people lived

within its limits in 1870; and this number increased to 15,221 in 1900 and decreased to 15,143 in 1950, ranking 82nd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Manuel Roberts
Commissioner	Burl Tipton
Commissioner	Brown McKinney
Accountant	J. Dont Street
Attorney	Warren H. Pritchard
Clerk, Superior Court	Robert L. Greene
Coroner	Hughes Burleson
Register of Deeds	Bill Masters
Sheriff	Sam C. Gouge
Supt. County Schools	Jason B. Deyton
Health Officer	Dr. B. B. McGuire
Supt. Public Welfare	Rayburn Yelton
Tax Attorney	Warren H. Pritchard
Tax Collector	Paul Henline
Tax Supervisor	J. Dont Street
Treasurer	Paul Henline
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Bristow W. Ellis
Chm., Bd. of Education	Harper Wilson
Librarian	Dorothy Thomas

**Montgomery County**



Montgomery County was organized in 1779, out of Anson County, and took its name from Brig. General Richard Montgomery, who captured the first British regimental colors taken in the Revolution and lost his life in 1775 in the Battle of Quebec. Its county seat is Troy.

It has 488 square miles of land and 312,320 acres, ranking 46th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$30,078,146, ranking 59th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.15. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$995, ranking 40th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$12,556,363, ranking 62nd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$5,231,313, ranking 67th. According to the U.S. Census, 4,725 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 6,872 in 1850, to 14,197 in 1900, and to 17,260 in 1950, ranking 76th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	R. B. Jordan, Jr.
Commissioner	Henry Allen
Commissioner	Edgar Maness
Commissioner	John P. McIntosh
Commissioner	Page McAuley
Accountant	J. S. Smitherman
Attorney	G. S. Garriss
Clerk, Superior Court	W. L. Wright
Coroner	John C. Wallace
Judge, County Ct.	David Harris
Solic., County Ct.	Edmund Kenion
Register of Deeds	Thad Cranford
Sheriff	Sam G. Smitherman
Supt. County Schools	S. H. Helton
Health Officer	Dr. R. E. Fox
Supt. Public Welfare	Frank Ledbetter
Tax Collector	A. P. Guyer
Tax Supervisor	A. P. Guyer
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Joe D. Steed
Chm., Bd. of Education	D. C. Ewing
Librarian	Mrs. A. W. Burt (Act.)

**Moore County**



Moore County was organized in 1784, out of Cumberland County, and took its name from Captain Alfred Moore, a soldier in the Revolution and afterwards a judge in the United States Supreme Court. Its county seat is Carthage.

It has 672 square miles of land and 430,080 acres, ranking 18th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$46,303,007, ranking 38th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.35. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,144, ranking 22nd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$29,167,646, ranking 41st. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$7,117,185, ranking 36th. According to the U.S. Census, 3,770 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 9,342 in 1850, to 23,622 in 1900, and to 33,129 in 1950, ranking 45th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	L. R. Reynolds
Commissioner	J. M. Currie
Commissioner	James M. Pleasants
Commissioner	T. R. Monroe
Commissioner	W. Sidney Taylor
Accountant	Mrs. Estelle T. Wicker
Attorney	M. G. Boyette
Clerk, Superior Court	C. C. Kennedy
Coroner	Ralph M. Steed
Judge, County Ct.	J. Vance Rowe
Solic., County Ct.	W. Lamont Brown
Clerk, County Ct.	C. C. Kennedy
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Audrey McCaskil
Sheriff	W. B. Kelly
Supt. County Schools	H. Lee Thomas
Health Officer	Dr. J. W. Willcox
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Pauline C. Cole
Surveyor	C. B. Blue
Tax Attorney	M. G. Boyette
Tax Collector	J. Douglas David
Tax Supervisor	Mrs. Estelle T. Wicker
Treasurer	Carolina Bank
Chm., Bd. of Elections	S. C. Riddle
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. A. Culbertson
Librarian	Hollis Haney

**McDowell County**



McDowell County was organized in 1842, out of Rutherford and Burke Counties, and took its name from

Colonel Joseph McDowell, an officer in the Revolution. Its county seat is Marion.

It has 442 square miles of land and 282,880 acres, ranking 56th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$36,617,842, ranking 52nd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.40. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$976, ranking 43rd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$18,668,932, ranking 52nd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$632,168, ranking 97th. According to the U. S. Census, 6,246 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 12,567 in 1900, and to 25,720 in 1950, ranking 57th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	S. W. Blanton
Commissioner	G. A. Morris
Commissioner	Clyde M. Norton
Accountant	Mrs. Mary G. Burgin
Attorney	Robert W. Proctor
Clerk, Superior Court	Robert Jarrett
Coroner	S. J. Westmoreland
Judge, County Ct.	Wm. D. Lonon
Solic., County Ct.	Wm. W. Suttles
Clerk, County Ct.	Robert Jarrett
Register of Deeds	Tom W. Gowen
Sheriff	F. D. Glenn
Supt. County Schools	Melvin H. Taylor
Health Officer	Dr. W. F. E. Loftiou
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Nell G. Lonor
Surveyor	J. L. Field
Tax Attorney	Robert W. Proctor
Tax Collector	G. Watson Wilson
Tax Supervisor	G. Watson Wilson
Treasurer	Tom W. Gowen
Chm., Bd. of Elections	O. F. Adkins
Chm., Bd. of Education	Harold E. Dysart

**Nash County**



Nash County was organized in 1777, out of Edgecombe County and took its name from General Francis Nash, who was mortally wounded while fighting under George Washington at Germantown. Its county seat is Nashville.

It has 552 square miles of land and 353,280 acres, ranking 30th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued for 1957 at \$76,106,350, ranking 25th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.25. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,030, ranking 34th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$46,576,979, ranking 22nd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$20,582,979 ranking 5th. According to the U. S. Census, 7,393 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 10,657 in 1850, to 25,478 in 1900, and to 59,919 in 1950, ranking 21st among the counties.

Office	Name
Commissioner	Henry M. Mikrom
Chairman of Board	F. B. Cooper, Jr.
Commissioner	R. I. Bass
Commissioner	M. H. Griffin
Commissioner	John W. Winstead
Accountant	J. C. Ellis
Attorney	Ben H. Neville
Clerk, Superior Court	J. N. Sills
Coroner	M. C. Gullett

Judge, County Ct.	J. W. Grissom
Solic., County Ct.	Ray A. Cooper, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	J. N. Sills
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Catherine F. Griffin
Sheriff	G. O. Womble
Supt. County Schools	L. S. Inscoc
Health Officer	John S. Chamblee
Supt. Public Welfare	J. A. Glover
Tax Collector	J. C. Ellis
Tax Supervisor	J. C. Ellis
Treasurer	J. C. Ellis
Chm., Bd. of Elections	J. G. Vick
Chm., Bd. of Education	W. B. Faulkner

**New Hanover County**



New Hanover County was organized in 1729, out of Craven County, and took its name from George I, King of England, who came from Hanover. Its county seat is Wilmington.

It has 194 square miles of land and 124,160 acres, ranking 99th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$123,377,593, ranking 12th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.20. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,464, ranking 8th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$89,226,721, ranking 9th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$2,197,633, ranking 82nd. According to the U.S. Census, 6,831 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 17,668 in 1850, to 25,785 in 1900, and to 63,272 in 1950, ranking 18th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	J. E. Holton, Jr.
Commissioner	J. M. Hall, Jr.
Commissioner	Berry A. Williams
Commissioner	Leon E. Broadhurst
Commissioner	Peter H. Braak
Exec. Sec.	Wm. G. Houck
Accountant	T. D. Love
Attorney	John Bright Hill
Clerk, Superior Court	Foster Edwards
Coroner	Gordon Doran
Judge, County Ct.	H. Winfield Smith
Solic., County Ct.	John M. Walker
Clerk, County Ct.	Foster Edwards
Register of Deeds	R. L. Black
Sheriff	Marion W. Millis
Supt. County Schools	H. M. Roland
Health Officer	Dr. C. B. Davis
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Helen B. Sneed
Tax Collector	Samuel W. Johnson
Tax Supervisor	T. D. Love
Treasurer	T. D. Love
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Henry C. Bost
Chm., Bd. of Education	E. A. Laney
Librarian (C)	Ollie Telfain

**Northampton County**



Northampton County was organized in 1741, out of Bertie County, and took its

name from George, Earl of Northampton. Its county seat is Jackson.

It has 540 square miles of land and 345,600 acres, ranking 35th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$34,524,164, ranking 54th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.55. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$596, ranking 85th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$7,712,050, ranking 76th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$9,680,848, ranking 25th. According to the U.S. Census, 9,981 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,335 in 1850, to 21,150 in 1900, and to 28,432 in 1950, ranking 51st among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	S. G. Baugham
Commissioner	J. Grady Bridgers
Commissioner	J. Guy Revelle
Commissioner	T. G. Joyner
Commissioner	John E. Boone
Accountant	J. Ivey Bridgers
Attorney	E. B. Grant
Clerk, Superior Court	Rebecca Long
Coroner	W. W. Carter
Judge, County Ct.	Ballard S. Gay
Solic., County Ct.	J. Buxton Weaver
Clerk, County Ct.	Rebecca Long
Register of Deeds	Lemuel R. Holoman, Jr.
Sheriff	E. Frank Outland
Supt. County Schools	E. O. Johnson
Health Officer	Dr. W. R. Parker
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Janet B. Brown
Tax Collector	James W. Pierce
Tax Supervisor	J. Ivey Bridgers
Treasurer	The Farmers Bank
Chm., Bd. of Elections	R. H. Johnson, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Education	Dr. C. G. Parker
Librarian	Nancy M. Froelich

**Onslow County**



Onslow County was organized in 1734, out of New Hanover County, and took its name from Arthur Onslow, who for more than thirty years was Speaker of the House of Commons in the British Parliament. Its county seat is Jacksonville.

It has 756 square miles of land and 483,840 acres, ranking 13th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$40,249,890, ranking 43rd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.28. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,993, ranking 2nd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$40,820,200, ranking 28th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$7,002,915, ranking 37th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,387 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 8,283 in 1850, to 11,940 in 1900, and to 42,047 in 1950, ranking 37th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Robert U. Justice
Commissioner	H. E. Williams
Commissioner	R. L. Williams, Jr.
Commissioner	William D. Mills
Commissioner	A. B. Humphrey
Accountant	Graham K. Eubank
Attorney	Albert J. Ellis
Clerk, Superior Court	Wilbur F. Justice
Coroner	Talbert Jones
Judge, County Ct.	Harvey J. Boney
Solic., County Ct.	A. Turner Shaw
Clerk, County Ct.	Wilbur F. Justice
Register of Deeds	Mildred M. Thomas
Sheriff	Thomas J. Marshall
Supt. County Schools	Isham B. Hudson
Health Officer	Eleanor Williams
Supt. Public Welfare	Edward C. Sexton
Surveyor	Roscoe Sandlin
Tax Collector	Leo L. Lanier
Tax Supervisor	James H. Justice
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Fred L. Gore
Chm., Bd. of Education	Clyde Hurst
Librarian	Adelaide McLarty

**Pamlico County**



Pamlico County was organized in 1872, out of Beaufort and Craven Counties, and took its name from the Sound of the same name which was named for an Indian tribe. Its county seat is Bayboro.

It has 341 square miles of land and 218,240 acres, ranking 76th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$10,943,645, ranking 86th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.30. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$584, ranking 88th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$2,475,728, ranking 96th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,013,641, ranking 73rd. According to the U.S. Census, 6,323 people lived within its limits in 1880; and this number increased to 8,045 in 1900, and to 9,993 in 1950, ranking 89th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	T. M. Potter
Commissioner	Ralph Brooks
Commissioner	A. B. Sanders
Commissioner	Malcolm T. Whitford
Commissioner	Milton D. Jones
Accountant	T. Z. Spencer
Attorney	B. B. Hollowell
Clerk, Superior Court	Hallett W. Mayo
Coroner	G. F. Harris
Judge, County Ct.	Raymond E. Dunn
Solic., County Ct.	B. B. Hollowell
Clerk, County Ct.	Hallett W. Mayo
Register of Deeds	T. Z. Spencer
Sheriff	R. A. Whorton
Supt. County Schools	G. W. Harriett
Health Officer	Dr. L. E. Kling
Supt. Public Welfare	Willie C. Suttan
Surveyor	Ray Tingle
Tax Attorney	B. B. Hollowell
Tax Collector	R. A. Whorton
Tax Supervisor	T. Z. Spencer
Treasurer	Guaranty Bank & Trust Co.
Chm., Bd. of Elections	F. C. Barnhill
Chm., Bd. of Education	Troy Potter
Librarian	Elinor D. Hawkins

**Orange County**



Orange County was organized in 1752, out of Johnston, Bladen and Granville Counties, and took its name from William of Orange, who became William III of England. Its county seat is Hillsboro.

It has 398 square miles of land and 254,720 acres, ranking 66th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$83,781,223, ranking 22nd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.72. The per capita income of the people was estimated in 1954 to be \$759, ranking 70th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$26,072,553, ranking 43rd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$4,393,395, ranking 52nd. According to the U.S. Census, 12,216 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number changed to 17,055 in 1850, to 14,690 in 1900, and to 34,435 in 1950, ranking 44th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	R. J. M. Hobbs
Commissioner	C. D. Jones
Commissioner	Henry S. Walker
Commissioner	Donald M. Stanford
Commissioner	Donald R. McDade
Accountant	S. M. Gattis
Attorney	A. H. Graham
Clerk, Superior Court	E. M. Lynch
Coroner	A. H. Walker, Sr.
Judge, County Ct.	L. J. Phipps
Solic., County Ct.	I. Lloyd Noel
Clerk, County Ct.	E. M. Lynch
Register of Deeds	Betty June Hayes
Sheriff	Clarence D. Knight
Supt. County Schools	G. P. Carr
Health Officer	O. D. Garvia
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Jane Parker
Tax Collector	Mrs. John W. Dickson
Tax Supervisor	S. M. Gattis
Treasurer	S. M. Gattis
Chm., Bd. of Elections	S. T. Latta
Chm., Bd. of Education	C. W. Stanford
Librarian	Mrs. William E. Niven

**Pasquotank County**



Pasquotank County was organized in 1670, out of the County of Albemarle, and took its name from an Indian tribe

in the eastern part of the State. Its county seat is Elizabeth City.

It has 229 square miles of land and 146,560 acres, ranking 96th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$36,643,073, ranking 51st. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.05. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,167, ranking 19th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$25,637,108, ranking 46th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$4,148,256, ranking 55th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,497 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 8,950 in 1850, to 13,660 in 1900, and to 24,347 in 1950, ranking 60th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	H. A. Reid
Commissioner	Melvin Wright
Commissioner	J. S. Brothens
Commissioner	T. Carroll Parker
Commissioner	Percy A. Pritchard
Commissioner	Charlie M. Jones
Commissioner	Jarvis M. Scott
Accountant	J. F. Ferrell
Attorney	McMullan, Aydlett & White
Clerk, Superior Court	Naomi A. Chesson
Coroner	Dr. John F. Weeks
Judge, County Ct.	Fentress T. Horner
Solic., County Ct.	Russell E. Twiford
Clerk, County Ct.	W. C. Owens
Register of Deeds	J. C. Spence
Sheriff	W. L. Thompson
Supt. County Schools	J. H. Moore
Health Officer	Dr. J. A. Johnson
Supt. Public Welfare	Emma J. Edwards
Tax Attorney	McMullan, Aydlett & White
Tax Collector	W. L. Thompson
Tax Supervisor	J. I. Saunders
Treasurer	First & Citizens National Bank
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Forrest V. Dunstan
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. H. LeRov
Librarian	Ethel P. Alexander

**Pender County**



Pender County was organized in 1875, out of New Hanover County, and took its name from General William D. Pender of Edgecombe, a Confederate soldier killed in the Battle of Gettysburg. Its county seat is Burgaw.

It has 857 square miles of land and 518,480 acres, ranking 7th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$16,085,150, ranking 80th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.70. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$596, ranking 86th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$5,343,760, ranking 85th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$5,506,156, ranking 45th. According to the U.S. Census, 12,468 people lived within its limits in 1880; and this number increased to 13,381 in 1900, and to 18,423 in 1950, ranking 72nd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	A. H. Page
Commissioner	R. M. Lefler
Commissioner	J. F. Bradshaw, Sr.
Commissioner	D. B. Rowe
Commissioner	D. E. Medlin
Accountant	George F. Lucas
Attorney	F. C. Paschall
Clerk, Superior Court	C. D. Murphy
Coroner	B. Simmons
Judge, County Ct.	K. S. Powers
Solic., County Ct.	John J. Best
Clerk, County Ct.	C. D. Murphy
Register of Deeds	H. C. Walker
Sheriff	O. F. Rivenbark
Supt. County Schools	Braxton Lee Davis
Health Officer	Dr. N. C. Wolfe
Supt. Public Welfare	H. B. Thomas
Tax Attorney	F. C. Paschall
Tax Collector	L. R. Bradshaw
Tax Supervisor	Geo. F. Lucas
Treasurer	Mrs. Callie D. Bordeaux
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. R. Marshburn
Chm., Bd. of Education	M. S. Ellis
Librarian	Eleanor D. Casey

**Person County**



Person County was organized in 1791, out of Caswell County, and took its name from the General Thomas Person, a Revolutionary patriot and a trustee of the University of North Carolina. Its county seat is Roxboro.

It has 400 square miles of land and 256,000 acres, ranking 61st among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$33,950,619, ranking 56th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.40. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$940, ranking 46th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$16,024,982, ranking 56th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$8,220,806, ranking 31st. According to the U.S. Census, 6,402 people lived within its limits in 1800; and this number increased to 10,781 in 1850, to 16,685 in 1900, and to 24,361 in 1950, ranking 59th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Bennie L. Bradsher
Commissioner	John H. Merritt
Commissioner	John R. Jones
Commissioner	James Burch
Commissioner	W. A. Gravitte, Jr.
Accountant	T. C. Brooks
Attorney	Charles B. Wood
Clerk, Superior Court	George R. Perkins
Coroner	Dr. A. F. Nichols
Judge, County Ct.	James E. Ramsey
Solic., County Ct.	R. B. Dawes, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	George R. Perkins
Register of Deeds	W. T. Kirby
Sheriff	C. C. Holeman
Supt. County Schools	R. B. Griffin
Health Officer	Dr. O. D. Garvin
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. T. C. Wagstaff
Surveyor	W. R. Cates
Tax Collector	S. C. Tillman
Tax Supervisor	S. C. Tillman
Treasurer	T. C. Brooks
Chm., Bd. of Elections	D. D. Long
Chm., Bd. of Education	Clyde Satterfield
Librarian	Mrs. William E. Niven

**Pitt County**



Pitt County was organized in 1760, out of Beaufort County, and took its name from William Pitt, Earl of Chatham, who was sympathetic to the colonists' aims. Its county seat is Greenville.

It has 656 square miles of land and 419,840 acres, ranking 20th among the counties. Its real and personal property

**Perquimans County**



Perquimans County was organized in 1670, out of the County of Albemarle, and took its name from an Indian tribe. Its county seat is Hertford.

It has 261 square miles of land and 167,040 acres, ranking 89th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$8,404,616, ranking 95th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$2.00. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$784, ranking 67th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$4,615,081, ranking 90th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,336,099, ranking 66th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,440 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 7,332 in 1850, to 10,091 in 1900, and decreased to 9,602 in 1950, ranking 91st among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	R. L. Spivey
Commissioner	Warner Madre
Commissioner	G. Elwood Nowell
Commissioner	Geo. W. Baker
Commissioner	Harry Winslow
Accountant	Max R. Campbell
Attorney	S. M. Whedbee
Clerk, Superior Court	W. H. Pitt
Coroner	Dr. C. A. Davenport
Judge, County Ct.	Charles E. Johnson
Solic., County Ct.	S. M. Whedbee
Clerk, County Ct.	W. H. Pitt
Register of Deeds	Julian C. Powell
Sheriff	J. K. White
Supt. County Schools	J. T. Biggers
Health Officer	Dr. J. A. Johnson
Supt. Public Welfare	C. Edgar White
Tax Attorney	S. M. Whedbee
Tax Collector	J. K. White
Tax Supervisor	Julian C. Powell
Treasurer	D. F. Reed, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. A. White
Chm., Bd. of Education	C. C. Chappell, Sr.
Librarian	Lucy T. Whedbee

was valued in 1957 at \$74,913,437, ranking 26th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.00. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,119, ranking 25th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$49,193,966, ranking 18th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$31,343,562, ranking 1st. According to the U.S. Census, 8,275 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,397 in 1850, to 30,889 in 1900, and to 63,789 in 1950, ranking 16th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	R. L. Martin
Commissioner	B. Alton Gardner
Commissioner	Woodrow W. Wooten
Commissioner	Robert G. Little
Commissioner	J. Vance Perkins
Accountant	H. Reginald Gray
Attorney	W. W. Speight
Clerk, Superior Court	D. T. House, Jr.
Coroner	E. W. Harvey, Jr.
Judge, County Ct.	Dink James
Solic., County Ct.	John Hill Paylor
Clerk, County Ct.	H. L. Lewis, Jr.
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Blair C. Wheelser
Sheriff	Ruel W. Tyson
Supt. County Schools	D. H. Conley
Health Officer	Dr. Georgia V. Mills
Supt. Public Welfare	J. H. Grimes, III
Tax Attorney	W. W. Speight
Tax Collector	R. S. Moye
Tax Supervisor	R. S. Moye
Chm., Bd. of Elections	D. S. Spain, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Education	Joseph S. Mohe
Librarian	Elizabeth Copeland

**Polk County**



Polk County was organized in 1855, cut of Rutherford and Henderson Counties, and took its name from Colonel William Polk, who rendered distinguished service in the Battles of Germantown, Brandywine, and Eutaw. Its county seat is Columbus.

It has 234 square miles of land and 149,760 acres, ranking 94th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$9,879,261, ranking 88th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.80. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,002, ranking 38th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$5,940,000, ranking 80th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,040,479, ranking 93rd. According to the U.S. Census, 8,403 people lived within its limits in 1860; and this number decreased to 7,004 in 1900, and increased to 11,627 in 1950, ranking 87th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	E. B. Hall
Commissioner	Donald R. Jones
Commissioner	Seth M. Vining, Jr.
Accountant	Frank B. Johnson
Attorney	William A. McFarland
Clerk, Superior Court	Robert S. McFarland
Coroner	Dr. Roy L. Morgan
Register of Deeds	Claude W. Ballenger
Sheriff	Hugh E. Howard
Supt. County Schools	David Cromer

Health Officer Dr. Ann Lane  
 Supt. Public Welfare Floyd R. Evans  
 Surveyor Howard B. Frankenfield, Jr.  
 Tax Collector Woodrow W. Wilkins  
 Tax Supervisor H. G. Llaughter  
 Treasurer Woodrow W. Wilkins  
 Chm., Bd. of Elections Walden R. Thompson  
 Chm., Bd. of Education William Burgess

**Randolph County**



Randolph County was organized in 1779, out of Guilford County, and took its name from Peyton Randolph of Virginia who was first president of the Continental Congress, 1774-75. Its county seat is Asheboro.

It has 801 square miles of land and 512,640 acres, ranking 10th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$90,459,545, ranking 17th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.05. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,187, ranking 18th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$41,996,696, ranking 26th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$7,622,734, ranking 33rd. According to the U.S. Census, 7,276 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 15,832 in 1850, to 28,232 in 1900, and to 50,804 in 1950, ranking 26th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	I. L. McDowell
Commissioner	George E. Ward
Commissioner	Colon Byrd
Commissioner	Charles F. Fagg
Commissioner	Wallace Garner
Accountant	Annie C. Shaw
Attorney	T. Worth Coltrane
Clerk, Superior Court	Jerry M. Shuping
Coroner	Hayden Walker
Judge, County Ct.	H. Wade Yates
Solic., County Ct.	Richard Clark
Clerk, County Ct.	Jerry M. Shuping
Register of Deeds	Annie C. Shaw
Sheriff	Wayne W. Wilson
Supt. County Schools	W. J. Boger, Jr.
Health Officer	Dr. H. C. Whims
Supt. Public Welfare	James E. Burgess
Surveyor	Monte Gilmore
Tax Attorney	W. Ed Gavin
Tax Collector	A. E. Garner
Tax Supervisor	A. E. Garner
Treasurer	Annie C. Shaw
Chm., Bd. of Elections	T. Fletcher Bulla
Chm., Bd. of Education	R. Lynn Albright
Librarian	Charlesanna Fox

**Richmond County**



Richmond County was organized in 1779, out of Anson County, and took

its name from Charles Lennox, Duke of Richmond, a principal secretary in William Pitt's second administration, and a friend of the American cause. Its county seat is Rockingham.

It has 477 square miles of land and 305,280 acres, ranking 48th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$53,048,234, ranking 35th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.25. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,019, ranking 36th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$28,829,051, ranking 42nd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$4,064,348, ranking 57th. According to the U.S. Census, 5,055 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 9,818 in 1850, to 15,855 in 1900, and to 39,597 in 1950, ranking 40th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	N. P. Nicholson
Commissioner	W. H. Rummage
Commissioner	W. C. Crenshaw
Commissioner	W. R. Land
Commissioner	A. L. Capel
Accountant	Mary T. Covington
Attorney	John T. Page, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	Thomas L. Covington
Coroner	Raymond Marks
Judge, County Ct.	Walter Lampley
Solic., County Ct.	John B. Pittman
Clerk, County Ct.	Thomas L. Covington
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Agnes C. Flake
Sheriff	Raymond W. Goodmar
Supt. County Schools	Frank D. McLeod
Supt. Public Welfare	Brent P. Yount
Surveyor	Marshall Bray
Tax Attorney	John T. Page, J.
Tax Collector	Raymond Smith
Tax Supervisor	A. A. Boyd
Treasurer	Mary T. Covington
Chm., Bd. of Elections	John H. Yates
Chm., Bd. of Education	Jack W. Lanó
Librarian	Hollis Haney

**Robeson County**



Robeson County was organized in 1787, out of Bladen County, and took its name from Colonel Thomas Robeson, a soldier in the Revolution. Historians say the county was named for Colonel Robeson in an effort to flatter him into supporting General John Willis' bill to establish the County. Its county seat is Lumberton.

It has 944 square miles of land and 604,160 acres, ranking 2nd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$76,399,863, ranking 24th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$2.00. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$786, ranking 65th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$47,620,244, ranking 21st. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$30,236,027, ranking 2nd. According to the U.S. Census, 5,326 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this num-

ber increased to 12,826 in 1850, to 40,371 in 1900, and to 87,769 in 1950, ranking 9th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	V. J. Griffin
Commissioner	J. A. Singleton, Jr.
Commissioner	R. B. Tolar
Commissioner	M. H. McLean, Jr.
Commissioner	George Lewis Pate
Commissioner	Tracy W. Sampson
Accountant	J. D. Herring
Attorney	Dickson McLean, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	B. F. McMillan
Coroner	D. W. Biggs, Sr.
Register of Deeds	D. G. Kinlaw
Sheriff	M. G. McLeod
Supt. County Schools	B. E. Littlefield
Health Officer	Dr. E. R. Hardin
Supt. Public Welfare	Mary R. Vitou (Act.)
Surveyor	Grady S. Harrell
Tax Attorney	Dickson McLean, Jr.
Tax Collector	Carl Dixon Stephens
Tax Supervisor	Mrs. Leila E. Ivey
Treasurer	J. D. Herring
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. F. French
Chm., Bd. of Education	I. P. Graham

**Rockingham County**



Rockingham County was organized in 1785, out of Guilford County, and took its name from Charles Watson Wentworth, Marquis of Rockingham, who was a leader of a party in the British Parliament which advocated American independence. Its county seat is Wentworth.

It has 572 square miles of land and 366,080 acres, ranking 27th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$158,964,271, ranking 9th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$8.55. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,116, ranking 26th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$50,751,224, ranking 17th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$10,769,580, ranking 20th. According to the U.S. Census, 6,187 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 14,495 in 1850, to 33,163 in 1900, and to 64,816 in 1950, ranking 13th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	C. S. Burton
Commissioner	J. T. Chandler
Commissioner	H. E. McCollum
Commissioner	J. Leonard Powell
Commissioner	Wesley F. Webster
Accountant	G. H. Taylor
Attorney	Jule McMichael
Clerk, Superior Court	J. W. Satterfield
Coroner	Dr. R. E. Balsley
Judge, County Ct.	D. Leon Moore
Solic., County Ct.	C. W. Campbell
Clerk, County Ct.	Elizabeth H. Heltzer
Manager	A. S. Daniels
Register of Deeds	Mrs. R. E. Wall
Sheriff	Carl H. Axson
Supt. County Schools	Allen Lewis
Health Officer	Dr. C. T. Mangum
Supt. Public Welfare	Dorothy J. Martin
Tax Attorney	Jule McMichael
Tax Collector	John Cobb
Tax Supervisor	John Cobb
Treasurer	G. H. Taylor
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Leon W. Worsham
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. L. Roberts
Librarian	Thelma Coble

**Rowan County**



Rowan County was organized in 1753, out of Anson County, and took its name from Matthew Rowan, acting Governor of North Carolina, 1753-54. Its county seat is Salisbury.

It has 517 square miles of land and 330,880 acres, ranking 40th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$164,507,323, ranking 8th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.89. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,072, ranking 30th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$72,339,365, ranking 12th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,872,868, ranking 61st. According to the U.S. Census, 15,828 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number decreased to 13,870 in 1850, and increased to 31,066 in 1900, and to 75,410 in 1950, ranking 10th among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	Frank G. Hall, Jr.
Commissioner	Louis M. Carrigan
Commissioner	Troy Powers
Commissioner	Cliff Owen
Commissioner	Perry Von Cannon
Accountant	Wayne C. Simpson
Attorney	Clarence Klutz
Clerk, Superior Court	Mrs. Archie Ruffy
Coroner	Dr. R. B. Wright
Judge, County Ct.	Thomas W. Seay
Solic., County Ct.	George Burke
Clerk, County Ct.	Tom Burke
Register of Deeds	Paul P. Hinkle
Sheriff	A. J. Shuping
Supt. County Schools	C. C. Erwin
Health Officer	Dr. C. W. Armstrong
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Lucille M. Donnelly
Surveyor	Thomas F. Hudson
Tax Collector	Glen A. Trexler
Tax Supervisor	W. S. Overton
Treasurer	Wayne C. Simpson
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Giles Hudson
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. F. McKnight
Librarian	Edith M. Clark

**Rutherford County**



Rutherford County was organized in 1779, out of Tryon County, and took its name from Griffith Rutherford, one of the most prominent of the Revolu-

tionary patriots. Its county seat is Rutherfordton.

It has 566 square miles of land and 362,240 acres, ranking 28th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$44,294,511, ranking 39th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.95. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$889, ranking 49th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$30,122,866, ranking 39th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$2,734,918, ranking 76th. According to the U.S. Census, 7,808 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,550 in 1850, to 25,101 in 1900, and to 46,356 in 1950, ranking 31st among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	J. Arthur Blanton
Commissioner	W. J. York
Commissioner	B. B. Jones
Commissioner	J. N. Biggerstaff
Commissioner	Johnny L. Thompson
Accountant	Charles H. Metcalfe
Attorney	J. Toliver Davis
Clerk, Superior Court	Vance R. Price
Coroner	A. C. McKinney
Judge, County Ct.	George R. Morrow
Solic., County Ct.	Jas. H. Burwell
Clerk, County Ct.	J. Edgar Tanner
Register of Deeds	W. O. Geer
Sheriff	Damon Huskey
Supt. County Schools	J. J. Tarlton
Health Officer	Dr. Ann Lane
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Gladys W. Doggett
Surveyor	W. O. Justice
Tax Collector	Rex Bridges
Tax Supervisor	J. L. Hall
Chm., Bd. of Elections	R. E. Price
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. Harvey Carpenter
Librarian	Martha K. Barr

**Sampson County**



Sampson County was organized in 1784, out of Duplin County, and took its name from Colonel John Sampson, who was a prominent leader in Duplin and New Hanover and a member of Josiah Martin's Council. Its county seat is Clinton.

It has 963 square miles of land and 616,320 acres, ranking 1st among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$42,283,606, ranking 40th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.80. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$718, ranking 72nd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$22,190,260, ranking 50th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$22,388,470, ranking 4th. According to the U.S. Census, 6,065 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 14,585 in 1850, to 26,380 in 1900, and to 49,780 in 1950, ranking 28th among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	J. H. B. Maynard
Commissioner	Harvey T. Hinson
Commissioner	James E. Floyd
Commissioner	Jesse H. Harris
Commissioner	Thomas S. Cornwell
Accountant	Mrs. Jean S. Lockamy
Attorney	Stewart B. Warren
Clerk, Superior Court	J. C. Moore
Coroner	Coleman Carter
Judge, County Ct.	Paul M. Crumpler
Solic., County Ct.	Croom Faircloth
Clerk, County Ct.	Mrs. Eleanor Moore
Register of Deeds	Mrs. Edith H. Goodwin
Sheriff	W. D. Hall
Supt. County Schools	John T. Denning
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. R. B. Wilson
Surveyor	R. L. Kerr
Tax Attorney	Stewart B. Warren
Tax Collector	D. A. Wiggins
Tax Supervisor	R. E. Pendergrass
Treasurer	Mrs. Jean S. Lockamy
Chm., Bd. of Elections	J. L. Austin
Chm., Bd. of Education	W. L. Kennedy
Librarian	Margaret J. Faison

**Scotland County**



Scotland County was organized in 1899, out of Richmond County, and took its name from the homeland of the Scotch settlers of the area. Its county seat is Laurinburg.

It has 317 square miles of land and 202,880 acres, ranking 80th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$26,298,264, ranking 61st. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.72. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$848, ranking 54th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$16,499,847, ranking 55th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$4,518,714, ranking 51st. According to the U.S. Census, 12,553 people lived within its limits in 1900; and this number increased to 26,336 in 1950, ranking 56th among the counties.

<i>Office</i>	<i>Name</i>
Chairman of Board	Sidney Smith
Commissioner	Jesse Snead
Commissioner	R. F. McCoy
Commissioner	Ed. J. McLaurin
Commissioner	C. L. Stutts
Accountant	Thomas J. Gill
Attorney	Walter J. Cashwell
Clerk, Superior Court	Carl L. Jones
Coroner	H. B. McDougald
Judge, County Ct.	Thomas G. Neal
Solic., County Ct.	W. J. Cashwell
Clerk, County Ct.	Carl L. Jones
Manager	T. J. Gill
Register of Deeds	Margaret S. Peden
Sheriff	Belton P. Lytch
Supt. County Schools	Jerome J. Pence
Health Officer	Dr. Clem Ham
Supt. Public Welfare	Howard M. Williams
Surveyor	W. E. Matthews
Tax Attorney	W. J. Cashwell
Tax Collector	W. M. Monroe
Tax Supervisor	W. M. Monroe
Treasurer	Thomas J. Gill
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Floyd W. Nichols
Chm., Bd. of Education	W. G. Shaw
Librarian	Helen H. Thompson

**Stanly County**



Stanly County was organized in 1841, out of Montgomery County, and took its name from John Stanly, many times a member of the North Carolina Legislature and Speaker of the House of Commons. Its county seat is Albemarle.

It has 399 square miles of land and 255,360 acres, ranking 64th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$51,960,700, ranking 36th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.99. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,052, ranking 32nd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$32,323,250, ranking 34th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,490,885, ranking 63rd. According to the U.S. Census, 6,922 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 15,220 in 1900, and to 37,130 in 1950, ranking 43rd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	F. L. Marbry
Commissioner	W. H. Morrow
Commissioner	Paul B. Poplin
Commissioner	W. Lester Little
Commissioner	T. Herbert Lee
Accountant	W. C. Byrd
Attorney	R. L. Brown, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	Everett G. Beam
Coroner	Ben M. Lefler
Judge, County Ct.	Charles McSwain
Solic., County Ct.	Gerald Chandler
Clerk, County Court	Everett G. Beam
Register of Deeds	L. R. Almond
Sheriff	Sam Drye
Supt. County Schools	James P. Sifford
Health Officer	Dr. R. E. Fox
Supt. Public Welfare	Otto B. Mabry
Surveyor	James A. Harward
Tax Collector	J. T. Underwood
Tax Supervisor	Harvey M. Helms
Treasurer	W. C. Byrd
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. R. Young
Chm., Bd. of Education	O. J. Sikes
Librarian	Margaret Johnston

**Stokes County**



Stokes County was organized in 1789, out of Surry County, and took its name

from Colonel John Stokes, a soldier in the Revolution, who was in the Battle of Waxhaw Massacre, and later a U.S. District Judge. Its county seat is Danbury.

It has 459 square miles of land and 293,760 acres, ranking 52nd among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$18,018,796, ranking 74th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.75. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$652, ranking 80th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$7,209,050, ranking 78th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$10,425,384, ranking 21st. According to the U.S. Census, 8,528 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 9,206 in 1850, to 19,866 in 1900, and to 21,520 in 1950, ranking 66th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	T. M. Smith
Commissioner	Ralph R. Mills
Commissioner	Ralph Ward
Accountant	R. L. Smith
Attorney	L. H. Van Noppen
Clerk, Superior Court	Robert Miller
Coroner	Dr. Theodore Antonanos
Judge, County Ct.	Joseph Wm. Neal
Solic., County Ct.	L. H. Van Noppen
Clerk, County Court	Jessie P. Christian
Register of Deeds	R. L. Smith
Sheriff	Harvey G. Johnson
Supt. County Schools	R. M. Green
Health Officer	Dr. J. S. Taylor
Supt. Public Welfare	Margaret Mauney
Tax Attorney	L. H. Van Noppen
Tax Collector	Cecil H. Frye
Tax Supervisor	Cecil H. Frye
Treasurer	Harvey G. Johnson
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Sam Lawson
Chm., Bd. of Education	J. van Tuttle
Librarian	Kathleen Gilleland

**Surry County**



Surry County was organized in 1770, out of Rowan County, and took its name from Lord Surry, a prominent member of Parliament who protested the taxation of American colonies. Its county seat is Dobson.

It has 537 square miles of land and 343,680 acres, ranking 36th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$61,867,762, ranking 30th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.10. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,266, ranking 14th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$41,370,395, ranking 27th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$11,463,185, ranking 19th. According to the U.S. Census, 7,191 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 18,443 in 1850, to 25,515 in 1900, and to 45,593 in 1950, ranking 33rd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Lester V. Haynes
Commissioner	M. C. Whitener
Commissioner	W. Howard Hardy
Accountant	Paul D. Melton
Attorney	Fred Folger, Sr.
Clerk, Superior Court	K. W. Lawrence
Coroner	Dr. C. L. Thomas
Judge, County Ct.	H. H. Llewellyn
Asst. Judge, County Ct.	H. M. Fox
Solic., County Ct.	Charles Randleman
Clerk, County Ct.	Tommy Goding
Register of Deeds	Bertha M. Shinault
Sheriff	Neal Thompson
Supt. County Schools	J. Sam Gentry
Health Officer	Dr. R. B. C. Franklin
Supt. Public Welfare	Bausie Marion
Surveyor	Woodrow Goldsmith
Tax Collector	Fred Folger
	Grace S. James
	N. O. Fowler
	Isla Thompson
	Metta E. Nance
	J. Pate Fulk
Tax Supervisor	Surry County Loan & Trust Co.
Treasurer	Chm., Bd. of Elections
Chm., Bd. of Education	A. B. Carter
Librarian	Joe A. Pell, Jr.
	Kathleen Gilleland

**Swain County**



Swain County was organized in 1871, out of Jackson and Macon Counties, and took its name from David L. Swain, Governor of North Carolina, 1832-35, and president of the University of North Carolina, 1835-68. Its county seat is Bryson City.

It has 530 square miles of land and 339,200 acres, ranking 39th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$7,869,928, ranking 96th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.70. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$776, ranking 69th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$5,114,037, ranking 86th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$288,175, ranking 99th. According to the U.S. Census, 3,784 people lived within its limits in 1880; and this number increased to 8,401 in 1900, and to 9,921 in 1950, ranking 90th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	A. J. Sutton
Commissioner	Jess W. Miles
Commissioner	Jack Smith
Accountant	William R. Ayers
Attorney	Edwin B. Whitaker
Clerk, Superior Court	Clint C. Carson
Coroner	William E. Mitchell
Manager	A. J. Sutton
Register of Deeds	Odell Shules
Sheriff	Paul Criso
Supt. County Schools	T. L. Woodard
Health Officer	Leroy English
Supt. Public Welfare	Leroy English
Tax Attorney	Edwin B. Whitaker
Tax Collector	William R. Ayers
Tax Supervisor	A. J. Sutton
Treasurer	William R. Ayers
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Donald E. Cooper
Chm., Bd. of Education	C. C. Wright
Librarian	Mary C. Jenkinson

**Transylvania County**



Transylvania County was organized in 1861, out of Henderson and Jackson Counties, and took its name from two Latin words, "trans" meaning "across" and "sylva" meaning "woods." Its county seat is Brevard.

It has 379 square miles of land and 242,560 acres, ranking 70th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$23,148,874, ranking 66th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.55. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,131, ranking 24th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$9,109,859, ranking 71st. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$863,828, ranking 96th. According to the U.S. Census, 3,536 people lived within its limits in 1870; and this number increased to 6,620 in 1900, and to 15,194 in 1950, ranking 81st among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Freeman Hayes
Commissioner	Dewey Burton
Commissioner	Dwight Moffit
Accountant	C. Lewis Osborne
Attorney	Ralph H. Ramsey
Clerk, Superior Court	F. M. McCall
Coroner	Donald Lee Moore
Register of Deeds	Paul M. Whitmire
Sheriff	Everett V. Dillingham
Supt. County Schools	Wayne Bradburn
Health Officer	Dr. John R. Folger
Supt. Public Welfare	Dora M. Patton
Tax Attorney	Ralph H. Ramsey
Tax Collector	C. M. Douglas
Tax Supervisor	C. Lewis Osborne
Treasurer	C. Lewis Osborne
Chm., Bd. of Elections	George D. Shuford
Chm., Bd. of Education	S. E. Varner
Librarian	Mrs. Lehman Kapp

**Tyrrell County**



Tyrrell County was organized in 1729, out of Chowan, Currituck, Bertie and Pasquotank Counties, and took its name from Sir John Tyrrell, one of the Lords Proprietors. Its county seat is Columbia.

It has 399 square miles of land and 255,360 acres, ranking 65th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$9,295,050, ranking 91st. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.113. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$806, ranking 63rd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$1,474,635, ranking 99th. The

value of its farm products in 1954 was \$1,113,068, ranking 87th. According to the U.S. Census, 4,744 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 5,133 in 1850, decreased to 4,980 in 1900, and increased to 5,048 in 1950, ranking 100th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	H. P. Swain
Commissioner	H. E. Davis
Commissioner	D. Webb Brickhouse
Commissioner	G. W. Selby
Commissioner	B. Frank Alexander
Accountant	R. L. Spencer
Attorney	Sam S. Woodley
Clerk, Superior Court	Melvin Pledger
Coroner	C. E. Walker
Judge, County Ct.	W. T. Reynolds
Solic., County Ct.	Sam S. Woodley
Clerk, County Ct.	Melvin Pledger
Register of Deeds	Sara L. Taft
Sheriff	C. E. Morris
Supt. County Schools	M. L. Basnight
Health Officer	Delbert D. Allen
Supt. Public Welfare	Joseph H. Hamilton
Tax Attorney	H. L. Swain
Tax Collector	C. E. Morris
Tax Supervisor	R. L. Spencer
Chm., Bd. of Elections	H. L. Reynolds
Chm., Bd. of Education	Otis B. Cohoon
Librarian	Eugenia R. Babylon

**Union County**



Union County was organized in 1842 out of Anson and Mecklenburg Counties, and took its name from the "Federal Union." Its county seat is Monroe.

It has 643 square miles of land and 411,520 acres, ranking 23 among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$34,237,048, ranking 55th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.95. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$696, ranking 74th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$31,363,536, ranking 35th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$8,591,265, ranking 29th. According to the U.S. Census, 10,051 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 27,156 in 1900, and to 42,034 in 1950, ranking 38th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	R. Hall McGuire
Commissioner	J. S. Dean
Commissioner	Robert O. Helms
Commissioner	James R. Braswell
Commissioner	Avery Parker
Accountant	Roy J. Moore
Attorney	Smith & Griffin
Clerk, Superior Court	J. H. Price
Coroner	Roy Funderburke
Judge, County Ct.	J. Emmett Griffin
Solic., County Ct.	W. H. Rooker
Clerk, County Ct.	J. H. Price
Sheriff	D. S. Griffin
Supt. County Schools	D. S. Davis
Health Officer	Dr. C. A. Boit
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Geo. S. Lee
Surveyor	Ralph Elliott
Tax Attorney	Smith & Griffin

Tax Collector	B. F. Niven
Tax Supervisor	Roy J. Moore
Treasurer	American Bank & Trust Co.
Chm., Bd. of Elections	J. B. Simpson
Chm., Bd. of Education	R. F. Beasley, Jr.
Librarian	Jane L. McDaniel

**Vance County**



Vance County was organized in 1881, out of Granville, Warren and Franklin Counties, and took its name from Zebulon Baird Vance, a member of Congress, Governor of North Carolina, 1862-65, and United States Senator. Its county seat is Henderson.

It has 269 square miles of land and 172,160 acres, ranking 87th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$39,197,405, ranking 48th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.40. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,064, ranking 31st. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$25,513,030, ranking 47th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$5,661,225, ranking 44th. According to the U.S. Census, 17,581 people lived within its limits in 1890; and this number decreased to 16,684 in 1900, and increased to 32,101 in 1950, ranking 46th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	J. Furman Satterwhite
Commissioner	J. E. Wilson
Commissioner	J. L. Roberson
Commissioner	W. E. Kenn
Commissioner	John Timothy Pegram
Accountant	Emily G. Whitten
Attorney	A. A. Bunn
Clerk, Superior Court	Henry W. Hight
Coroner	Dr. M. W. Wester, Jr.
Judge, County Ct.	Sterling G. Gilliam
Solic., County Ct.	Bennett H. Perry, Jr.
Clerk, County Ct.	Henry W. Hight
Register of Deeds	Horace M. Robinson
Sheriff	E. A. Cottrell
Supt. County Schools	J. C. Stabler
Health Officer	Dr. J. U. Weaver
Supt. Public Welfare	Betsy Rose Jones
Tax Collector	Wilton W. Wortham
Tax Supervisor	Wilton W. Wortham
Treasurer	Emily G. Whitten
Chm., Bd. of Elections	George T. Blackburn
Chm., Bd. of Education	George T. Wilson

**Wake County**



Wake County was organized in 1770, out of Johnston, Cumberland and Or-



ange Counties, and took its name from Margaret Wake, wife of Royal Governor William Tryon. Its county seat is Raleigh.

It has 866 square miles of land and 554,240 acres, ranking 6th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$242,199,013, ranking 5th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.48. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,475, ranking 7th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$221,410,219, ranking 3rd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$17,193,800, ranking 13th. According to the U.S. Census, 10,192 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 24,888 in 1850, to 54,626 in 1900, and to 136,450 in 1950, ranking 4th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	B. W. Haigh
Commissioner	W. W. Holding
Commissioner	C. N. Robertson
Commissioner	J. Dewey Powell
Commissioner	Sam Yancey
Accountant	A. C. Hall
Attorney	Thomas A. Banks
Clerk, Superior Court	J. Russell Nipper
Coroner	Marshall W. Bennett
Register of Deeds	W. Frank Booker
Sheriff	Robert J. Pleasants
Supt. County Schools	Fred Smith
Health Officer	Dr. Isa Grant
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Josephine Kirk
Surveyor	E. C. Smith
Tax Attorney	Wright Dixon, Jr.
Tax Collector	C. C. Rich
Tax Supervisor	R. E. Richardson, Jr.
Treasurer	L. A. Doub
Chm., Bd. of Elections	Dr. Preston E. Edsall
Chm., Bd. of Education	C. V. Whitley
Librarian (W)	Clyde Smith
Librarian (C)	Mollie H. Lee

**Warren County**



Warren County was organized in 1779, out of Bute County, and took its name from General Joseph Warren of Massachusetts who fell in the Battle of Bunker Hill. Its county seat is Warrenton.

It has 445 square miles of land and 284,800 acres, ranking 55th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$16,500,351, ranking 78th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.65. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$629, ranking 82nd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$9,358,685, ranking 69th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$6,322,294, ranking 41st. According to the U.S. Census, 6,133 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,486 in 1850, to 31,356 in 1900, and decreased to 23,539 in 1950, ranking 61st among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Amos L. Capps
Commissioner	Alfred J. Ellington
Commissioner	Richard R. Davis
Commissioner	Clanton C. Perkinson
Commissioner	R. P. Thorpe
Accountant	A. P. Rodwell, Jr.
Attorney	James H. Limer
Clerk, Superior Court	Joe N. Ellis

Coroner	N. I. Haithecock
Judge, County Ct.	Julius Bauzet
Solic., County Ct.	Charles M. White, III
Clerk, County Ct.	Joe N. Ellis
Register of Deeds	S. E. Allen
Sheriff	Jim Huodley
Supt. County Schools	J. R. Peeler
Health Officer	Dr. L. W. Kornegar
Supt. Public Welfare	Julian W. Farrar
Surveyor	E. P. Fitts
Tax Attorney	James H. Limer
Tax Collector	A. P. Rodwell, Jr.
Tax Supervisor	A. P. Rodwell, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Elections	W. G. Coleman
Chm., Bd. of Education	E. R. Davis
Librarian	Helen Rossar

**Washington County**



Washington County was organized in 1799, out of Tyrrell County, and took its name from George Washington. Its county seat is Plymouth.

It has 336 square miles of land and 215,040 acres, ranking 77th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$13,202,399, ranking 83rd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.70. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,032, ranking 33rd. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$7,553,603, ranking 77th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$3,087,552, ranking 71st. According to the U.S. Census, 2,422 people lived within its limits in 1800; and this number increased to 5,664 in 1850, to 10,200 in 1900, and to 13,180 in 1950, ranking 85th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	Frank L. Brinkley
Commissioner	A. R. Latham
Commissioner	J. C. Knowles
Commissioner	W. W. White
Commissioner	Phillip M. Spruill
Accountant	E. J. Spruill
Attorney	Norman Trodman
Clerk, Superior Court	Louise S. Allen
Coroner	J. L. Horner
Judge, County Ct.	W. R. Gaylord
Solic., County Ct.	W. B. Rodman
Clerk, County Ct.	Louise S. Allen
Register of Deeds	J. R. Campbell
Sheriff	Paul Basnight
Supt. County Schools	R. F. Lowry
Health Officer	Dr. Claudius McGowan
Supt. Public Welfare	Ursula B. Spruill
Tax Attorney	Norman & Rodman
Tax Collector	E. J. Spruill
Tax Supervisor	Phillip M. Spruill
Chm., Bd. of Education	S. J. Hassell
Librarian	Eugenia R. Babylon

**Watauga County**



Watauga County was organized in 1849, out of Ashe, Wilkes, Caldwell and Yan-

cey Counties, and took its name from an Indian tribe. Its county seat is Boone.

It has 320 square miles of land and 204,800 acres, ranking 79th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$23,296,905, ranking 64th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$.95. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$575, ranking 90th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$10,476,023, ranking 64th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$2,252,429, ranking 81st. According to the U.S. Census, 3,400 people lived within its limits in 1850; and this number increased to 13,417 in 1900, and to 18,342 in 1950, ranking 73rd among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. C. Lentz
Commissioner	B. H. Beshears
Commissioner	Ivan Dishman
Accountant	J. D. Winebarger
Attorney	Wade E. Brown
Clerk, Superior Court	A. E. South
Coroner	Richard E. Kelley
Register of Deeds	Helen Underdown
Sheriff	Ernest M. Hodges
Supt. County Schools	W. Guy Ansell
Supt. Public Welfare	Dave P. Mast
Surveyor	Charles Thompson
Tax Collector	H. C. Thomas
Tax Supervisor	J. D. Winebarger
Chm., Bd. of Education	Dr. Charles Davant
Librarian	Homer F. Brown

**Wayne County**



Wayne County was organized in 1779, out of Dobbs County, and took its name from Anthony Wayne, one of Washington's most trusted soldiers. Its county seat is Goldsboro.

It has 555 square miles of land and 355,200 acres, ranking 29th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$94,332,721, ranking 16th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.18. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$930, ranking 47th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$56,324,069, ranking 15th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$20,108,240, ranking 6th. According to the U.S. Census, 6,133 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 13,486 in 1850, to 31,356 in 1900, and to 64,267 in 1950, ranking 15th among the counties.

Office	Name
Chairman of Board	W. Leslie Langston
Commissioner	Seth B. Hollowell
Commissioner	John T. Ballance
Commissioner	Aubrey C. Hatch
Commissioner	J. I. Musgrave
Accountant	C. Bryan Aycock
Attorney	Fred P. Parker, Jr.
Clerk, Superior Court	C. L. Derr
Coroner	I. T. Seymour
Judge, County Ct.	Charles P. Gaylor

Solic., County Ct.	W. Dortch Langston
Clerk, County Ct.	C. L. Derr
Register of Deeds	Eula B. Whitley
Sheriff	W. Jesse Hinson
Supt. County Schools	R. S. Proctor
Health Officer	Dr. A. S. Chesson, Jr.
Supt. Public Welfare	Mrs. Edith H. Park
Surveyor	A. E. Little
Tax Attorney	W. Dortch Langston
Tax Collector	J. Spicer Holmes
Tax Supervisor	C. Bryan Aycock
Treasurer	C. Bryan Aycock
Chm., Bd. of Elections	John B. Hooks, Jr.
Chm., Bd. of Education	Elton O. Aycock
Librarian	Susan Borden

### Wilkes County

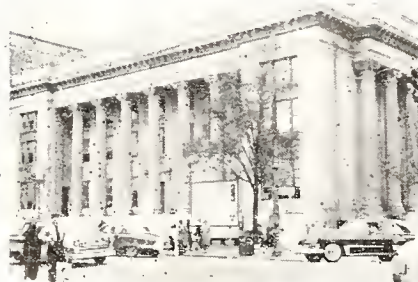


Wilkes County was organized in 1777, out of Surry County and the District of Washington, and took its name from John Wilkes, who was a violent opponent of the Tory Party in England. Its county seat is Wilkesboro.

It has 765 square miles of land and 489,600 acres, ranking 12th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$34,861,284, ranking 53rd. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.47. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$695, ranking 75th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$33,745,814, ranking 33rd. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$6,634,007, ranking 40th. According to the U.S. Census, 8,143 people lived within its limits in 1790; and this number increased to 12,099 in 1850, to 26,872 in 1900 and to 45,243 in 1950, ranking 35th among the counties.

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### Wilson County



Wilson County was organized in 1855, out of Edgecombe, Nash, Johnston, and

Wayne Counties, and took its name from Louis D. Wilson, member of the Legislature from Buncombe County and a soldier in the Mexican War during which he died of fever. Its county seat is Wilson.

It has 373 square miles of land and 238,720 acres, ranking 71st among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$67,015,673, ranking 27th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.20. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$1,146, ranking 21st. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$45,517,051, ranking 24th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$20,054,017, ranking 7th. According to the U.S. Census, 9,720 people lived within its limits in 1860; and this number increased to 23,596 in 1900, and to 54,506 in 1950, ranking 24th among the counties.

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### Yadkin County



Yadkin County was organized in 1850, out of Surry County, and took its name from the Yadkin River, supposedly an Indian name, which runs through the county. Its county seat is Yadkinville.\*

It has 335 square miles of land and 214,400 acres, ranking 78th among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$20,444,518, ranking 68th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.20. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$539, ranking 95th. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$10,369,091, ranking 65th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$6,899,951, ranking 38th. According to the U.S. Census, 10,714 people lived

\* The photograph above is of the former Yadkin County courthouse. Since this photograph was made, a new courthouse has been constructed.

within its limits in 1860; and this number increased to 14,083 in 1900, and to 22,133 in 1950, ranking 64th among the counties.

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### Yancey County



Yancey County was organized in 1833, out of Burke and Buncombe Counties, and took its name from Bartlett Yancey, an eloquent orator, speaker of the State Senate and member of the U.S. Congress. Its county seat is Burnsville.

It has 311 square miles of land and 199,040 acres, ranking 81st among the counties. Its real and personal property was valued in 1957 at \$9,876,451, ranking 89th. Its tax rate for the fiscal year 1957-58 was \$1.80. The per capita income of its people was estimated in 1954 to be \$640, ranking 81st. Its retail sales in the year 1955-56 amounted to \$4,962,226, ranking 87th. The value of its farm products in 1954 was \$2,014,601, ranking 83rd. According to the U.S. Census, 5,962 people lived within its limits in 1840; and this number increased to 8,205 in 1850, to 11,464 in 1900 and to 16,306 in 1950, ranking 77th among the counties.

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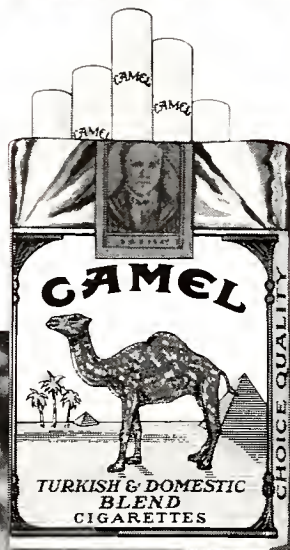
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