

Celebrating Hope Valley's History!

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Hope Valley Country Club
November 15, 2016

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 - ✓ Aymar Embury, II
 - ✓ Donald Ross
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 - ✓ The Clubhouse by Aymar Embury II
 - ✓ The Golf Course by Donald J. Ross
 - ✓ Historic Homes – Architects & Residents

Beginnings

Beginnings (cont'd)

Historic Perspective – Late 1600's to mid-1800



- Early Native American Settlements

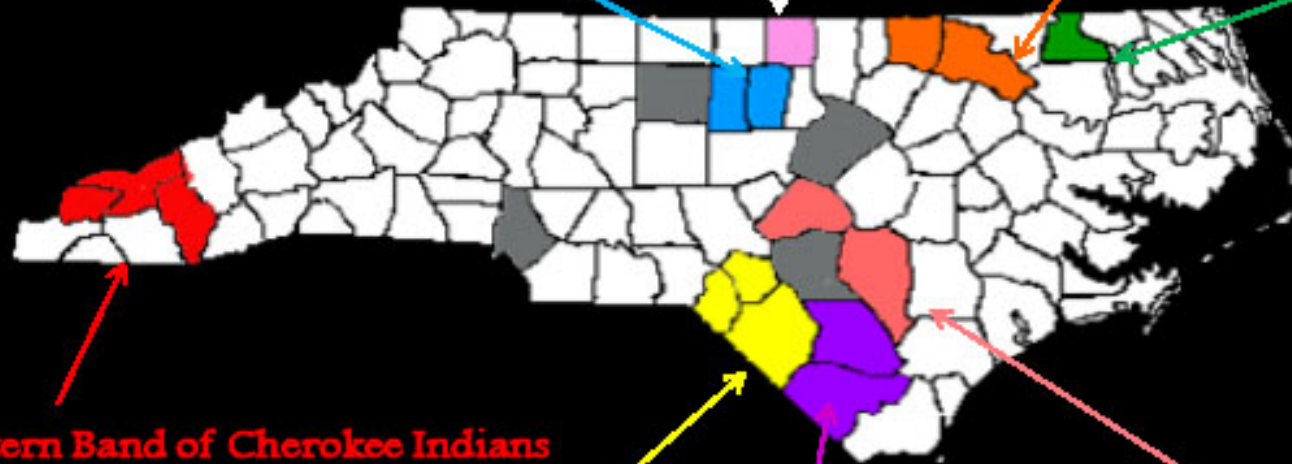
American Indian Tribes in North Carolina

Occaneechi Band of the Saponi Nation
(Orange & Alamance)

Haliwa-Saponi Indian Tribe
(Halifax & Warren)

Sappony (Person)

Meherrin Indian Tribe
(Hertford)



Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians
(Graham, Jackson, and Swain)

Coharie (Sampson & Harnett)

Lumbee Tribe of North Carolina
(Robeson, Hoke, and Scotland)

Waccamaw Siouan Indian Tribe
(Bladen & Columbus)

* Urban American Indian Organizations

*Triangle Native American Society (Raleigh, NC)

*Guilford Native American Association (Greensboro, NC)

*Metrolina Native American Association (Charlotte, NC)

*Cumberland County Association for Indian People (Fayetteville, NC)

Beginnings (cont'd)

Historic Perspective – 1600's to mid-1800's



- Early Native American Settlements



- Land Grants from Kings of England

Beginnings (cont'd)

North Carolina Land Grant History

1663

Proprietary Colony

King Charles II grants land to eight
Lord Proprietors of the Carolinas



1729

Royal Colony

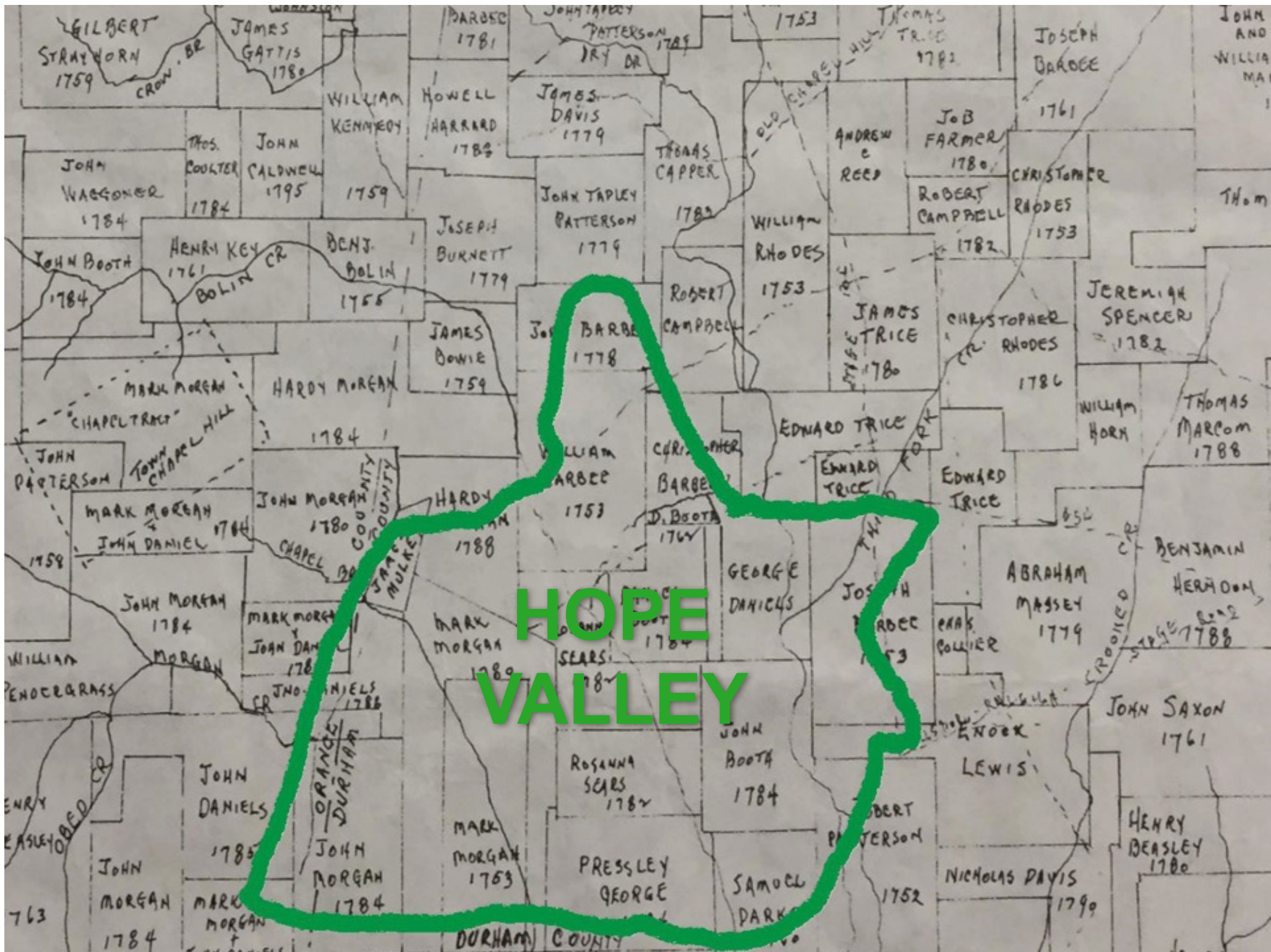
Lord Proprietors of the Carolinas
Sell land to King George II



1752

King George II

Grants land in Orange County



HOPE VALLEY

Beginnings (cont'd)

Historic Perspective – Late 1600's to mid-1800



- Early Native American Settlements



- Land Grants from Kings of England



- The Shepherd Farm



- Durham's Founding in 1849

Beginnings (cont'd)

Historic Perspective – Late 1800's to mid-1920's



- Durham Industrial Growth



- Trinity College



James E. Shepard, Founder

- National Religious Training School

Beginnings (cont'd)



Durham Demographics History

Year	Population	Assessed Value of Property	Number of Manufacturers	Capital in Manufacturing	Wage Earners
1870	256		12	\$ 25,000	100
1880	2,041	\$ 1,200,000	16		500
1890	5,485	3,146,919	23	4,000,000	2,541
1900	6,679	7,365,657	82	11,727,205	2,787
1910	18,241	17,257,338	61	15,388,914	3,699
1920	21,719	28,206,297	74	43,499,439	5,977
1925	42,258	69,633,568	80	48,500,000	8,477

Source: *The Story of Durham*, William Kenneth Boyd

Beginnings (cont'd)

Historic Perspective – Mid to Late 1920's



- The Roaring '20s



- Ascendancy of the Automobile

1926 Ford Model T Roadster

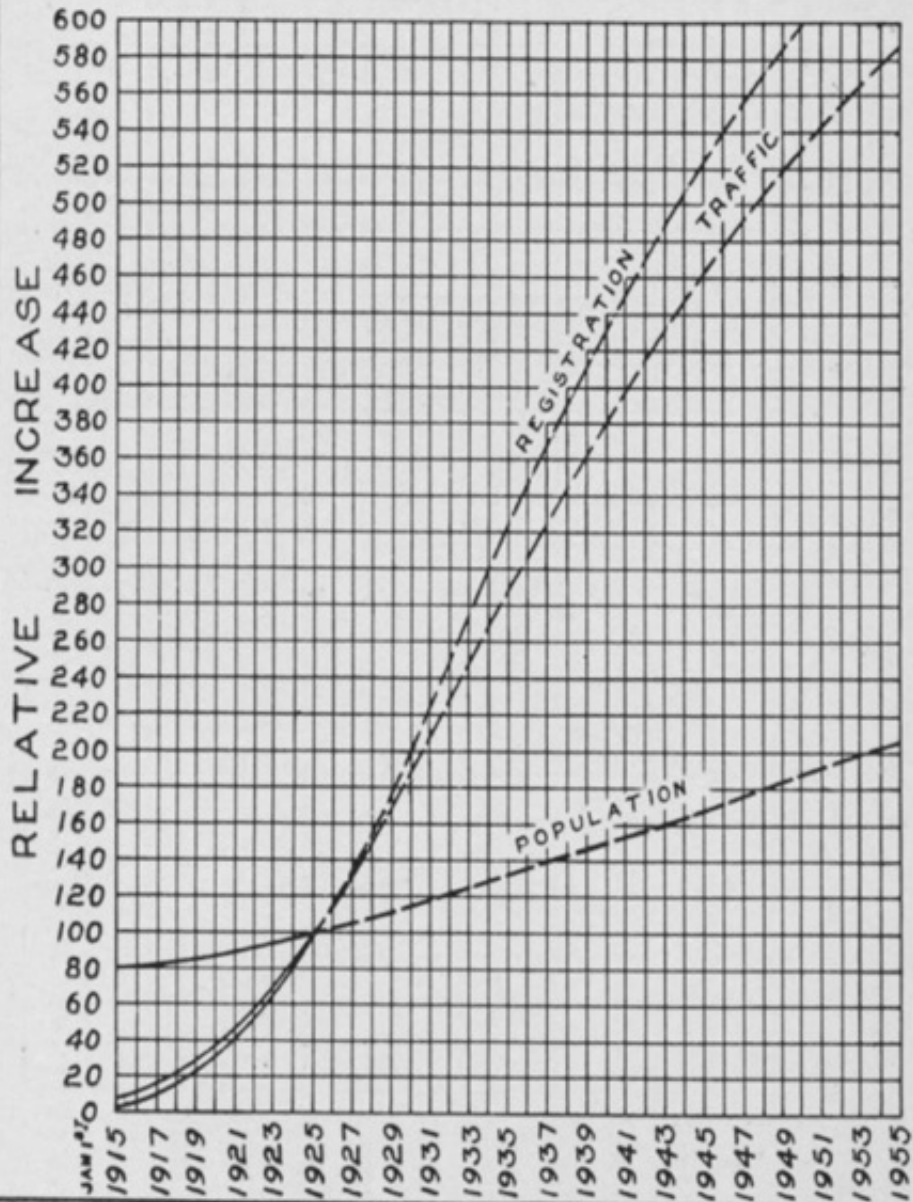
Purchase Price: \$300*



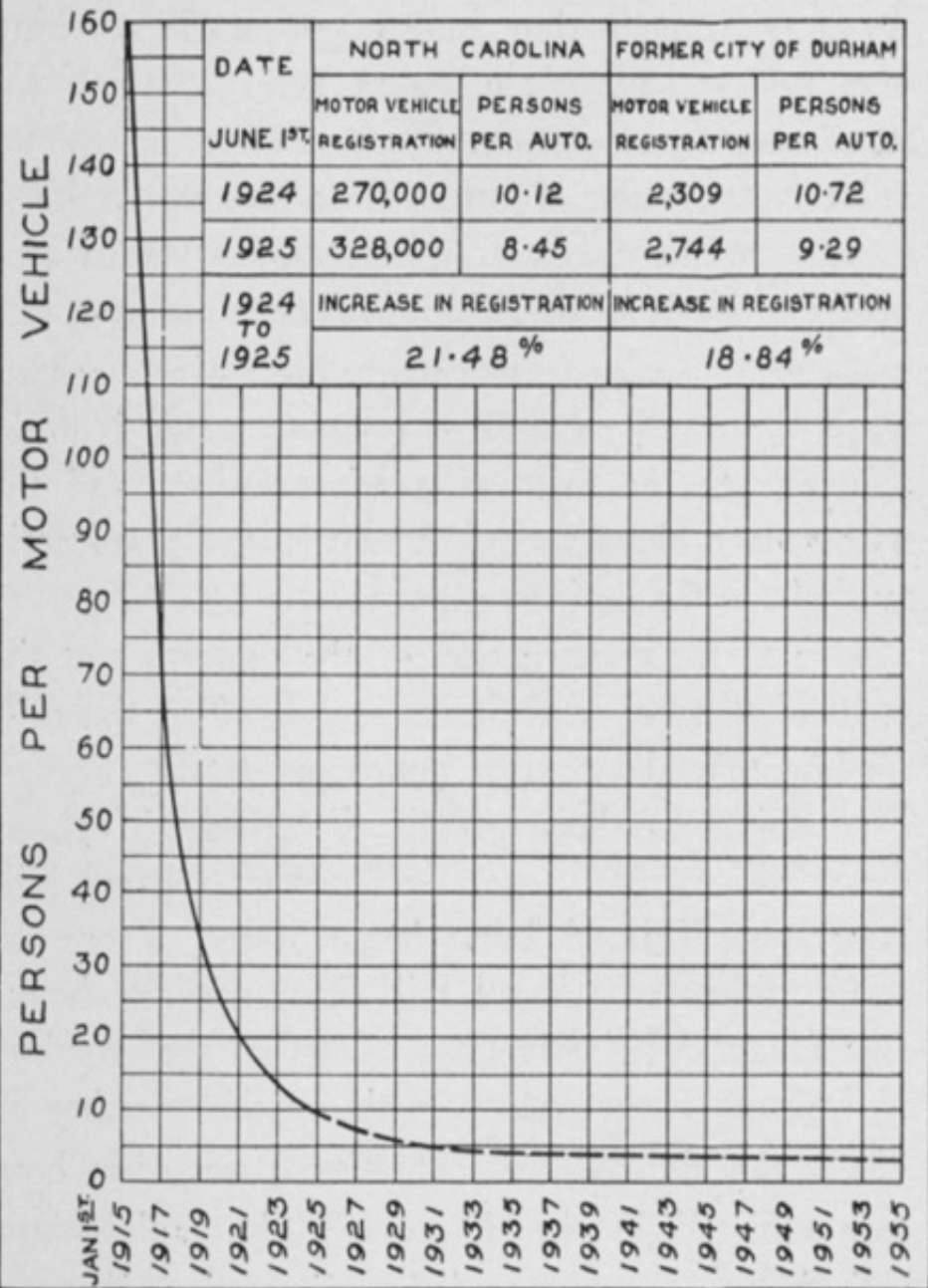
*\$4200 in 2016 Dollars

(\$1 in 1926 = \$14 Today)

RELATIVE INCREASE IN MOTOR VEHICLE
REGISTRATION, TRAFFIC, AND POPULATION.
CITY OF DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA.
HERBERT S. SWAN, CITY PLANNER.



PERSONS PER MOTOR VEHICLE
STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
HERBERT S. SWAN, CITY PLANNER.



DATE	NORTH CAROLINA		FORMER CITY OF DURHAM	
	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION	PERSONS PER AUTO.	MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION	PERSONS PER AUTO.
JUNE 1 ST 1924	270,000	10.12	2,309	10.72
1925	328,000	8.45	2,744	9.29
1924 TO 1925	INCREASE IN REGISTRATION		INCREASE IN REGISTRATION	
	21.48%		18.84%	

Beginnings (cont'd)

Historic Perspective – Mid to Late 1920's



- The Roaring '20s



- Ascendancy of the Automobile



- Trinity College → Duke University



- NRTS → North Carolina College for Negroes



- UNC Chapel Hill Campus Growth

Beginnings (cont'd)



The Visionaries – Mebane & Sharpe

- Jesse R. Mebane, Greensboro automobile dealer
- W. E. Sharpe, Burlington real estate broker
- Their Vision
 - ✓ Create a residential community with a suburban park lifestyle
 - ✓ Target educators and business people of Durham & Chapel Hill
 - ✓ Set a standard for residential design
 - ✓ Anticipate the popularity of the automobile

Source: *The History of Hope Valley*, Harold R. Hansen-Pruss



Where Will They Play?

Those children of yours! What sort of home environment are you going to give them? Will it be the congestion of a city or the freedom of suburban life? Where will they play? On small lawns, concrete walks, traffic-laden streets—or out in the invigorating sunshine—out on the hillsides where open skies and long vistas inspire them? And their playmates! Who will be their companions—just anybody and everybody or youngsters of promise, talent and leadership?

In addition to every natural beauty of scenery and location, Hope Valley offers every city convenience. And also has many of the fine things which cannot be had in the city. Here, indeed, is a veritable paradise for "children" of all ages.

Make the decision now to buy and build in Hope Valley. For yourself and for your family, it will be a wise move.

Hope Valley

INCORPORATED

••LIVE IN HOPE VALLEY—FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY'S SAKE••

HOPE VALLEY Marketplace - An Original Conception



R. B. CRIDLAND
OF PHILADELPHIA

From his study published in 1928, Mr. Cridland's plan for a model rural town center, which has been adopted by the State of Pennsylvania, is a model of modern town planning. The work of this year is a further study of the subject.

Looking Ahead Ten Years

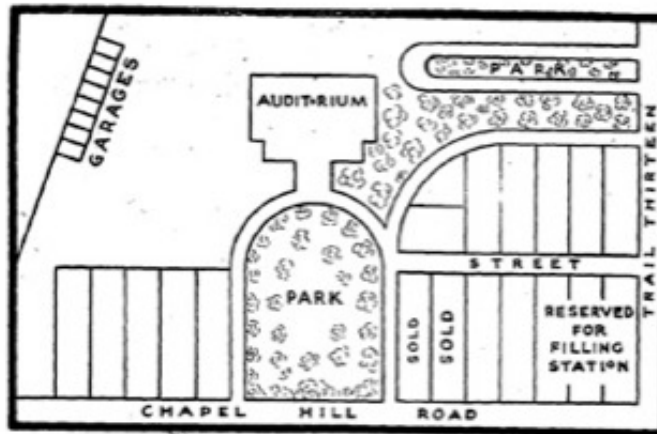
A suburban town, with local government and population, is to be developed on Chapel Hill Boulevard, necessitating widening this road, lighting and beautifying it, and equipping it with sidewalks.

A business center which does not develop haphazard, is to be destroyed and replaced later, but which proceeds along a well-defined plan, benefiting high-class surroundings.

Incorporating a civic center, small at first, but capable of enlargement, with ample parking space.

It may be safely predicted that what is now a suburb will eventually be a part of a greater DuPont.

Mr. Cridland's plan takes these things into account.



Nothing of Its Kind Exists Hereabouts—Modern Ideas in City Planning Worked into a Model Rural Town Center—Provides for Future Needs in Beautiful Setting.

The steady growth of population out along Chapel Hill Boulevard, soon to be augmented by the work on the new site of Duke University, will require a new town or business center handy at once to this population, and to residents of Hope Valley.

With the idea of providing a convenient location, and at the same time guiding the development of this civic center along modern lines, Mebane & Sharpe have employed R. B. Cridland to design a model shopping center to be known as Hope Valley Marketplace.

Mr. Cridland looked the ground over and selected the most suitable location. His final plan and lay-out has been accepted and Engineer Lineberg will survey the lines and set the stakes this week.

A sale of this unique business property, about twenty lots, will then be announced. The lay-out defines a small civic center, including a modern filling station, park, and an auditorium to house a theatre, administration offices, and a hall for meetings. Deeds will contain a reasonable architectural restriction, and it is hoped that all buildings will conform to the English rural type of architecture—brick or stone, stucco and exposed oak strips.



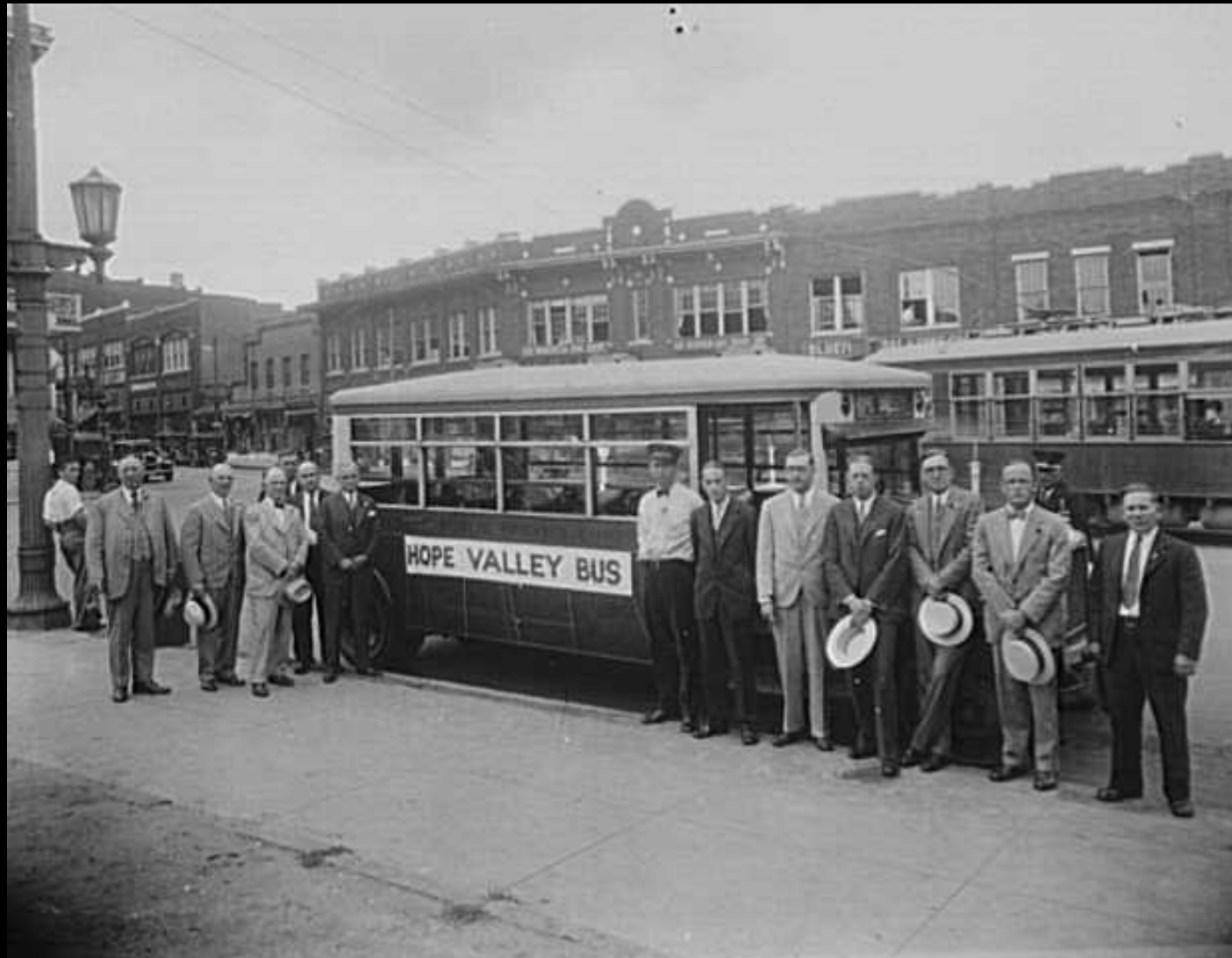
HOPE VALLEY

MEBANE & SHARPE • INC. •

Washington Duke Bldg.
Telephone 45421

Property Office
4 Mile Out Chapel Hill Road
Telephone L-4124

All Aboard!



Beginnings (cont'd)



Mebane & Sharpe Actions: March – November 1926

- Purchased and optioned 1,095 acres of land
 - ✓ Owned by Dr. L. S. Booker (522), Piedmont Financial Company (495) & the Rand-Hesse Agency (78)
 - ✓ Formed Hope Valley, Inc.
 - ✓ Halfway between Durham & Chapel Hill
 - ✓ Hired three nationally known architects to develop the land

Source: *The History of Hope Valley*, Harold R. Hansen-Pruss

Beginnings (cont'd)



Mebane & Sharpe Actions - 1926 through 1929

- 644 lots put up for sale @ \$3,000 per lot
- Utilities
 - ✓ City of Durham – electricity, water, and telephone service
 - ✓ HVI – sewage plant
- First National Bank of Durham – trustee & mortgage source
- After 22 months, only 172 lots were sold
- By 1929 – 11 homes constructed & offered for sale / rent

Source: *The History of Hope Valley*, Harold R. Hansen-Pruss

State North Carolina
 County Durham
 Township or other division of county Pittsboro Township

Incorporated place _____
 Ward of city _____ Block No. _____
 Unincorporated place Hoke Valley

Form 10-4
 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE—BUREAU OF THE CENSUS
 FIFTEENTH CENSUS OF THE UNITED STATES: 1930
 POPULATION SCHEDULE

Enumeration District No. 32-31
 Supervisor's District No. 2
 Sheet No. 16 A

Enumerated by me on April 17, 1930, Charles C. Davis, Enumerator.

PLACE OF ABODE	NAME	RELATION	HOME DATA	PERSONAL DESCRIPTION	EDUCATION	PLACE OF BIRTH			MOTHER TONGUE OR NATIVE LANGUAGE OF FOREIGN BORN	CITIZENSHIP, ETC.			OCCUPATION AND INDUSTRY			EMPLOYMENT			VETERANS				
						FATHER				MOTHER			Language spoken in home before moving to the United States	Year of naturalization	Year of citizenship	Year of arrival in U.S.	Occupation	Industry	Code	Whether actually at work	Whether in U.S. Army or Navy	Whether in U.S. Marine Corps	Whether in U.S. Coast and Geodetic Survey
						11	12	13		14	15	16											
177152	Crawson, E. Harper, Jr.	Head	R 75	72 M 29	23	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	Georgia	English	11	11	1913	Broader	Sp. Cotton	8613	0	20	85	1		
	- Mary P.	Wife		72 F 26	21	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							2	
	- E. Harper, Jr.	Son		72 M 5	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							3	
177153	Cooper, Clark L.	Head	D 18000	70 M 25	21	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		Agent	Insurance	8815	20	20	20	4		
	- Elizabeth	Wife		70 F 24	20	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							5	
	- Alexander E.	Son		70 M 13	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							6	
	- Spencer Bowden	Daughter		70 F 18	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							7	
177154	Curry, John H.	Head	R 75	70 M 43	30	20	20	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	English	11	11		Butler	Printbinding	8596	20	20	20	8		
	- Alma E.	Wife		70 F 35	22	20	20	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	English	11	11		Wagon Driver	Tobacco Raising	7300	20	20	20	9		
	- Grace W. A.	Daughter		70 F 10	2	20	20	North Carolina	Virginia	New York	English	11	11		None							10	
	- Lucia B. A.	Son		70 M 4	2	20	20	North Carolina	Virginia	New York	English	11	11		None							11	
180185	Deane, Horace H.	Head	D 18500	70 M 46	21	20	20	North Carolina	Ohio	North Carolina	English	11	11		Manager	Building Const.	73X1	14	20	20	12		
	- Sue B.	Wife		70 F 45	20	20	20	West Virginia	West Virginia	West Virginia	English	11	11		None							13	
	- Brewster	Son		70 M 19	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	West Virginia	English	11	11		None							14	
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	- Annie J.	Wife		70 F 29	23	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							16	
	- Charles W.	Son		70 M 5	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							17	
	- Cora May A.	Daughter		70 F 9	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							18	
	- Nancy	Daughter		70 F 18	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							19	
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	- Elizabeth	Wife		70 F 23	21	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							21	
	- Ruth Ella	Daughter		70 F 14	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							22	
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	- Florence H.	Son		70 M 20	2	20	20	Georgia	North Carolina	Georgia	English	11	11		None							25	
	- Caroline H.	Daughter		70 F 18	2	20	20	Georgia	North Carolina	Georgia	English	11	11		None							26	
	- Wilhelmina	Daughter		70 F 16	2	20	20	Georgia	North Carolina	Georgia	English	11	11		None							27	
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	- Margaret	Wife		70 F 52	24	20	20	Scotland	Scotland	Scotland	English	11	11	1913	None							29	
	- Edw. A.	Son		70 M 25	2	20	20	Scotland	Scotland	Scotland	English	11	11	1913	Printer	Stone Building	72X1	20	20	20	30		
	- Grand	Son		70 M 24	2	20	20	Scotland	Scotland	Scotland	English	11	11	1913	Printer	Stone Building	72X1	20	20	20	31		
	- Wm. Bennett	Son		70 M 23	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		Agent	Printbinding	8596	20	20	20	32		
	- Frank, Thomas	Son		70 M 38	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		Agent	Real Estate	8286	20	20	20	33		
185190	Merritt, Robert	Head	0	70 M 61	20	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		Printer	General	VVVV	0	20	20	84	34	
	- Alma	Wife		70 F 26	25	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							35	
	- Mary	Daughter		70 F 19	15	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							36	
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	- Nellie	Wife		70 F 31	31	20	20	Virginia	Virginia	Virginia	English	11	11		None							38	
	- John C. Jr.	Son		70 M 16	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	Virginia	English	11	11		None							39	
	- Wm. Dale	Son		70 M 22	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		None							40	
187192	White, Norman J.	Head	D 15000	70 M 38	30	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		Printer	College	8794	20	20	20	41		
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188193	Branco, Stephen	Head	D 18000	R 70 M 36	27	20	20	Alabama	Alabama	Alabama	English	11	11		Instruction	College	8794	20	20	20	43		
	- Margaret	Wife		70 F 33	24	20	20	Texas	Texas	Texas	English	11	11		None							44	
	- Dennis J.	Son		70 M 8	2	20	20	North Carolina	Alabama	Texas	English	11	11		None							45	
	- Ben J.	Son		70 M 6	2	20	20	North Carolina	Alabama	Texas	English	11	11		None							46	
	- Levia	Son		70 M 4	2	20	20	North Carolina	Alabama	Texas	English	11	11		None							47	
	- Mary Ann, Mary	Daughter		70 F 4	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		Agent	Printbinding	8596	20	20	20	48		
	- John, Ralph	Son		70 M 19	2	20	20	North Carolina	North Carolina	North Carolina	English	11	11		Agent	Printbinding	8596	20	20	20	49		
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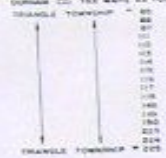
ABBREVIATIONS TO BE USED IN COLUMNS INDICATED: ... ENTRIES ARE REQUIRED IN THE SEVERAL COLUMNS AS FOLLOWS: ...

MAP OF
HOPE VALLEY
COMMUNITY

DURHAM CO., N.C.

LEGEND:
1 (BOLD NO.) INDICATES TRAIL NO. FOR LOT.
111 (NO. W/ LETTER) INDICATES REAL ESTATE NO. FOR LOT.

NOTES:
DURHAM CO. TAX MAPS AS FOLLOWS:



SCALE: 1" = 100'

DATE: 1/1/1968



Davison
Franck
Woodward

Lyon
Snow
Montgomery

Crouch
McDougal
Schealer
Pearse

White
Branscomb
Cannon
Mebane
Erwin

Brown
Fuller
Check
Constal

Gross
Norton
Merritt

HV Households in 1930 Census

(Current Owners)

- Erwin, J. Harper (Berman)
- Lyon, George L. (Jacques / Bouchard)
- Snow, Horace N. (Leversedge)
- Norton, Leo W. (Burkert)
- Cheek, Thomas E., Jr. (Louv)
- Fuller, Ralph B. (Hughes)
- Brown, James W. (Stanger)
- Merritt, Robert (?)
- Crouch, John C. (Bradford)
- Mebane, Ralph J. (Peete)
- Pearse, Arthur Sperry (Aldridge)

HV Households in 1930 Census

(Current Owners)

- White, Newman Ivey (Nelson)
- Branscomb, Harvie (Goldthwaite)
- Cannon, James H. (Easley)
- Schaefer, Samuel (Broughton)
- Davison, Wilbert (Whalen)
- Franck, William (Piva)
- Gross, Paul M. (Niemann)
- Montgomery, Robert G. (Burchill)
- Constable, Palmer N. (Merritt)
- Woodward, Clare W. (Modasser)
- McDougal, William (Kirschner)

H. Smith Richardson



Source: The Richardson Foundation Web Site

Beginnings (cont'd)



The Richardson Realty Company of Greensboro

- Initial investment in May, 1927 → \$100,000 (\$1.4M)
- Total investment by June, 1930 → \$612,928 (\$8.6M)
- Increasing control over Hope Valley, Inc.
- 1930
 - ✓ Mebane & Sharpe withdraw
 - ✓ Mr. H. W. Boone assigned HVI management responsibility
 - ✓ 1935 HVI enters voluntary receivership

Source: *The History of Hope Valley*, Harold R. Hansen-Pruss

Families in Hope Valley

<u>Year</u>	<u>Number of Families</u>
1930	22
1935	32
1950	61
1954	91

Sources: 1930 U. S. Census - Dr. Harvey Estes
The History of Hope Valley, H. R. Hansen-Pruss, 1954

Architects with a Vision

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- **Robert B. Cridland**
- **Aymar Embury II**
- **Donald J. Ross**

Robert B. Cridland

Robert B. Cridland

- Landscape architect, based in Philadelphia
- Author of *Practical Landscape Gardening*, published in 1924
- Architect for many notable landscaping projects
 - ✓ Georgia
 - ✓ New York
 - ✓ North Carolina
- 1929 quote:

“The affect of well arranged, artistic properties is magical in its influence, and creates an insistent desire in others for the equal possession of that which is pleasing and beautiful.”

Robert B. Cridland Projects



Peachtree Heights West
Atlanta, Georgia (1910)



Oak Hill Gardens
Berry College
Oak Hill, Georgia (1926)

Robert B. Cridland Projects



House O'Dreams
Berry College
Oak Hill, Georgia (1926)



Tuxedo Park Historic District
Buckhead
Atlanta, Georgia (1913)

Robert B. Cridland Projects (cont'd)



Irving Park
Greensboro, North Carolina (1911)



Hudson View Gardens
Pinehurst Avenue
New York, New York (1923-25)

Aymar Embury II

Aymar Embury II

- Born, New York City, 1880
- Princeton University: BS, 1900; MS, 1901
- Served as Captain in WW I
- Achieved renown as:
 - ✓ “Society Architect”
 - ✓ Builder of country houses for the middle class
- With Robert Moses, Commissioner of Parks, designed and constructed New York City parks (1934 – 1939)

Aymar Embury II Projects (cont'd)



Central Park Zoo
New York City, New York (1922 - present)



Prospect Park Zoo
Brooklyn, New York (1935 - present)

Aymar Embury II Projects (cont'd)



Orchard Beach
The Bronx, New York (1936 - present)



The Princeton Club
New York City, New York (1922 - 61)

Aymar Embury II Projects (cont'd)



Dillon Gymnasium
Princeton University
Princeton, New Jersey (1944 - present)



New York City Building (1939 World's Fair)
United Nations (1946 – 1950)
Queen's Museum of Art (1972 - present)

Aymar Embury II Projects (cont'd)

United Nations General Assembly in the New York City Building
(1946 – 1950)



Aymar Embury II Projects (cont'd)



The Triborough Bridge
Connecting Manhattan, Queens & the Bronx
(1936 - present)

Aymar Embury II Projects (cont'd)



The Henry Hudson Bridge
New York City, New York (1941 - present)

Aymar Embury II Projects (cont'd)



US Distinguished Service Medal



US Distinguished Service Cross

Aymar Embury II Recognition

“If an architect has any function, it is to coordinate units so that they do a required job and at the same time create a pleasant emotion. Modernists believe that the essence of their work is to do something that has never been before. They leave off all ornamentation because, they say, the ornaments do not aid the structure to do its job. I suppose some of these architects do not use neckties or button when they dress.”

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“(Embury) followed in the footsteps of forebears who were builders in New York for a hundred years. He is a living link between two centuries. New York has become so hospitable to imported talent, so friendly to the parvenu, the Johnny Come Lately and even the showy bounder, that it tends to ignore the talented native who has the city in his bones.”

Embury Obituary, The NY Times, November 15, 1966

Donald J. Ross

Donald J. Ross



**Donald Ross,
Course Architect**

Donald J. Ross Biography



- Born 1872, Dornoch, Scotland
 - ✓ Grew up at Royal Dornoch
 - ✓ Apprenticed with “Old” Tom Morris
- The New World
 - ✓ Arrived in the US in 1899
 - ✓ Built and ran Oakley Golf Club in the Boston area
 - ✓ In 1900, Tufts family engaged him for Pinehurst design and development

Donald J. Ross Biography (cont'd)

- Designed and built four courses at Pinehurst resort
 - ✓ Pinehurst #1
 - ✓ Pinehurst #2
 - ✓ Pinehurst #3
 - ✓ Mid Pines
- Revolutionized southern greens keeping
 - ✓ Oiled sand → Bermuda grass
- Designed over 600 golf courses
 - ✓ 1/3 he never visited
 - ✓ 1/3 he visited once or twice
 - ✓ 1/3 he personally directed the construction → Hope Valley!

Donald J. Ross Projects

Over a 30-year period, designed several of the world's great golf courses:

✓	Pinehurst #2	Pinehurst, NC	(1903-35)
✓	Worcester	Worcester, MA	(1913)
✓	Wannamoisett	Rumford, RI	(1914)
✓	Plainfield	Plainfield, NJ	(1916)
✓	Oakland Hills	Birmingham, MI	(1917)
✓	Essex	Manchester, MA	(1917)
✓	Interlachen	Minneapolis, MN	(1919)
✓	Inverness	Toledo, OH	(1920)
✓	Oak Hill	Rochester, NY	(1923)
✓	Salem	Salem, MA	(1925)
✓	Franklin Hills	Franklin, MI	(1926)
✓	Hope Valley	Durham, NC	(1926)
✓	Holston Hills	Knoxville, TN	(1928)
✓	Seminole	North Palm Beach, FL	(1929)

Historic Attributes



Historic Landscapes









Memory Garden
HOPE VALLEY GARDEN CLUB
Organized 1941









Historic Club House



















Historic Golf Course











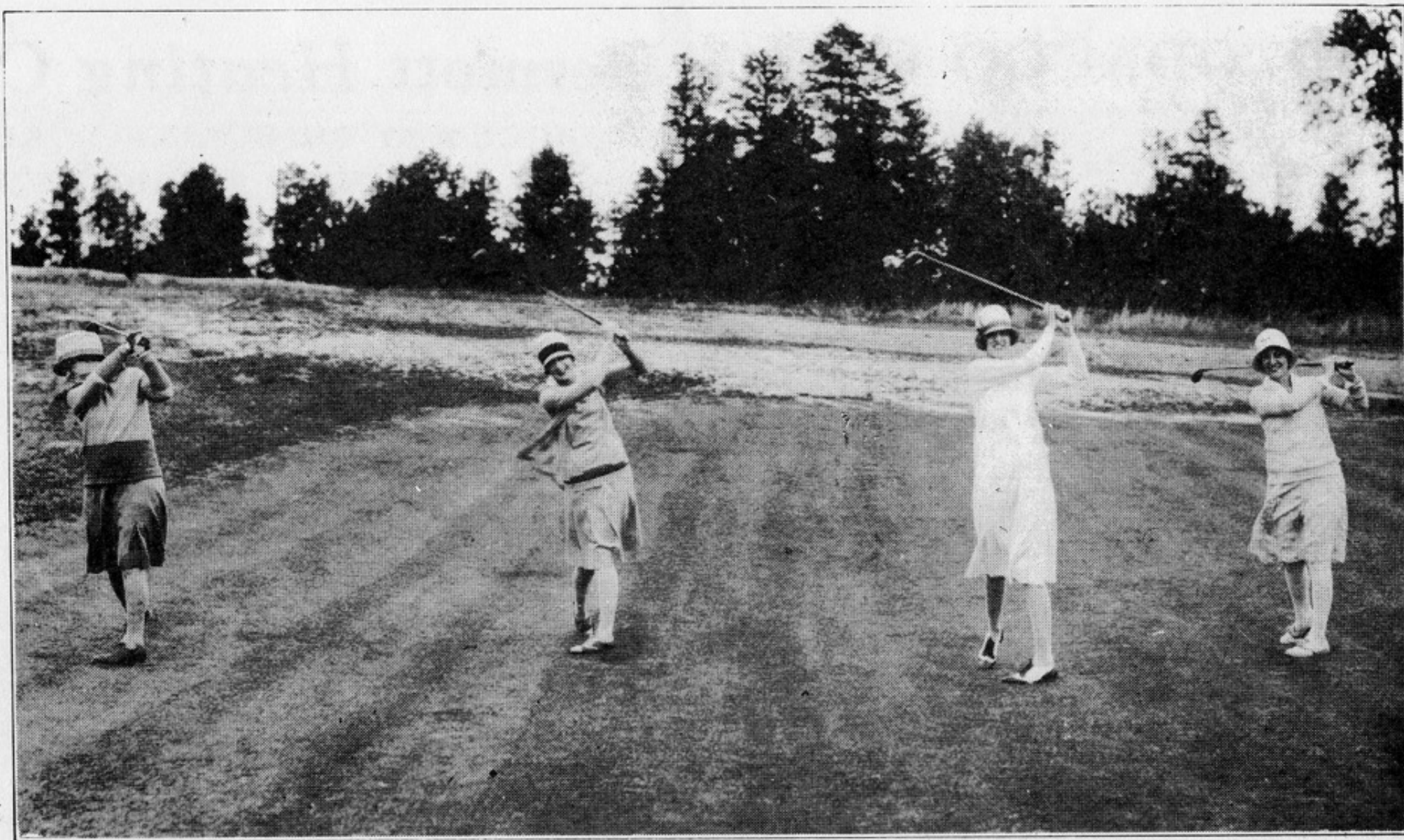
Hope Valley 1930s



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WHO WOULDN'T BE A PROFESSIONAL!
Marshall Crichton With Some of His Pupils at Hope Valley



ALL SORTS OF FORM — WHAT?

Mrs. Robert J. Mebane, Mrs. W. A. Blount, Mrs. Watts Hill and Mrs. Richard Thigpen



A FOURSOME AND A "GALLERY"

East Ware, Katharine Banner, Wm. A. Blount, L. Watts Norton, Mrs. Wm. A. Blount
Wm. F. Lickle, Fordham Morgan

Hope Valley 1950s



First row: Dr. Markham, Dr. Benton, D.J. Booth, Watts Norton, Eric Wein, Royall Brown, George Stone.

Second row: Harold Adams, John Moorhead, Matt Thompson, W. J. Faucette, Jerry Schenck, Mark Reece, Norman Cooper, Homer Benton, Anne Norton (wife of Watts and later wife of John Buchanan) Horace DuBose, John Moffitt, Mrs. John Moffitt, Arthur DeBerry, William Davis.



Marshall Crichton, Perry Como, Eddie Cameron, and Kenneth Henderson

Historic Homes

Architects and Residents

Chelsea Circle



White House, 2804 Chelsea Circle
(1930)

Newman Ivey White – served as Professor of English at Trinity and Duke University from 1918 to 1948. Author, student of North Carolina and American Negro folklore, and Percy Bysshe Shelley scholar – he wrote the definitive biography, *Shelley*, in 1940. Lived in this house in 1930. (Nelson)



Branscomb House, 2810 Chelsea Circle
(1928)

Dr. Bennett Harvie Branscomb – Rhodes Scholar who became Director of Libraries, Duke University and later Dean of the Divinity School. He and his wife, Margaret were the first residents of this house. Left Duke in 1946 and served Chancellor of Vanderbilt University until 1963 and become Chancellor Emeritus. Died in 1998 at the age of 103. Designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Goldthwaite)



Schealer House, 2811 Chelsea Circle
(1929)

Dr. Samuel R. Schealer – professor of Engineering at Duke University and his wife, Evelyn, were the first residents of this house. (Broughton)



Cannon House, 2812 Chelsea Circle
(1928)

Dr. James H. Cannon, III – Dean of the Duke Divinity School from 1951 – 1958. Dr. Cannon and his wife, Margaret, were the first residents of this house. (Easley)



Shepherd-Mebane House, 2814 Chelsea Circle
(1800's)

Ralph Jesse Mebane – real estate developer who, along with W. E. Sharpe, developed Hope Valley. Charter member of HVCC. House was originally part of the Shepard farm, believed to constructed in early 1800's on Hope Valley Road. Moved to present location in 1925. May be the oldest surviving house in Durham. (Peete)



Pearse House, 2815 Chelsea Circle
(1927)

Dr. Arthur Sperry Pearse (1877-1956) was the first resident of this house. Educated at the University of Nebraska (BS) and Harvard (PhD). After teaching in high schools in Omaha and Chicago, he taught at Harvard, Michigan, and Wisconsin Universities. From 1927 to his retirement in 1948, Dr. Pearse was a Zoology Professor and Ecologist at Duke University. Author of numerous text books, including *General Zoology*, published in 1917. (Revised in 1929). He did research on pests, animal behavior, fish farms and shellfish. President of the Ecological Society of America in 1925. The Pearse Memorial Library at the Duke Marine Lab in Beaufort, which launched in 1938, is named in his honor. (Aldridge)

Jess & Pearl Mebane



Source: *The Way We Were*, Mena Webb, 2003



Maryvale, 2818 Chelsea Circle
(1962)

Eddie Cameron and Mary Toms Cameron built this house in 1962. A replica of *Edgemont*, believed to be designed by Thomas Jefferson. “Big Eddie” became Duke basketball coach in 1929. When Duke built one of the largest basketball arenas in the country in 1940, it was named in his honor. During WWII, he took over the additional duties of head football coach (from Wallace Wade), beating Alabama in the 1945 Sugar Bowl. When Wade returned, Cameron became director of athletics. He also founded the Atlantic Coast Conference. Architect: Robert Winston (Judge) Carr. (Berman)



Toms-Erwin House, 2822 Chelsea Circle
Fair Pines
(1928)

Mary Toms, daughter of Clinton W. Toms, Sr. and Jesse Harper Erwin II, financial broker nephew of the founder (along with Benjamin Duke) of Erwin Mills, lived in this house. Mary Toms later married (Big) Eddie Cameron. The original house, designed by Charles Barton Keen, burned down in 1929. More land was acquired and its replacement was designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. Erwin was a Charter member of HVCC. (Berman)

Mary Toms Cameron



Source: *The Way We Were*, Mena Webb, 2003



Taken in the playroom of the Toms-Erwin House

Standing: E.G. "Piggy" Waller and Fred Darkis (Research Director, L & M)

Seated: Cameron (Cam) Hundley, Perry Como, and maybe Mr. James Farley (EVP and head of the Leaf Buying division of L&M)

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Hubert O. Teer House, 2825 Chelsea Circle
(1933)

Hubert O. Teer – brother of Nello L. Teer, Sr. Construction magnate and WWI hero (awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for heroism in action in France). Partner, The Nello Teer Company that built many roads in the city and state, portions of the Pan American Highway in Central and South America, and air bases on the Sinai Peninsula as part of the Camp David Peace Accords. Charter member of HVCC. Designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Barringer)

Devon Road



Alyea House, 3102 Devon Road
(1935)

Dr. Edwin P. Alyea – first chair, Department of Urology, later Professor of Surgery at the Duke University School of Medicine. Constructed by E. Hayes Clement, the principal stone contractor for the West Campus of Duke University West Campus. Designed by M. E. Boyer. (Currently owned by first wife of His Highness the Father Emir of Qatar, Her Highness Shaikha Mariam bint Hamad Al-Thani.)



Smith-Gardner House, 3106 Devon Road
(1930)

The earliest identified residents are Dr. Clarence and Beatrice Gardner, who purchased this house in June 1941 from William Griswold Smith, a minor represented in the sale by his guardian, Clare W. Woodward. Deeds show that Smith and Mrs. Bryan G. Woodward had purchased the parcel from Hope Valley Inc. in November 1929. Neither Smith nor Woodward were found in city directories from the time. The Gardners moved from Dover Road, where they lived as early as 1939. Robert W. Carr identified this house as a design from the firm of George Watts Carr. Dr. Gardner began as a professor of surgery at Duke University School of Medicine in 1930 and served as Department of Surgery Chairman from 1960 to 1964. (Woods)



John and Anne Gregory House, 3108 Devon
(1925)

Deeds show that John Hannon Gregory purchased this parcel in 1929 from Hope Valley, Inc. He does not appear in the city directories, however, until 1934, when he and Annie are listed in Hope Valley. The 1938 directory shows the Gregorys on Devon Road. At that time, he was the storage superintendent at the American Supply Company, a tobacco leaf broker. George Watts Carr designed the house (Moddasser)



Snow House, 3301 Devon Road
(1928)

Horace North Snow – a Civil War telegraph operator who came to Durham to be Julian S. Carr's secretary. His son was one of the original directors of First National Bank of Durham. He and his wife built the Snow Building at Five Points in downtown Durham in 1933. Designed by Charles Barton Keen. (Leversedge)

Dr. Gardiner at Duke Hospital Emergency Room in 1930



Source: Duke University Medical Center Web Site

The Snow Building



Soong Yao-jiu (Charles Jones Soon)



1863 - 1918

The 'Soong Dynasty' Sisters



Ai-ling Soong



Mai-ling Soong



Ching-ling Soong



H. H. Kung



Chiang Kai-shek



Sun Yat-sen

"One loved money, one loved power, one loved her country" Maoist Saying



Forbus House, 3307 Devon Road
(1931)

Dr. Wiley Davis Forbus – became first chair of Pathology Department, Duke University School of Medicine and Chief Pathologist for Duke Hospital in 1930. In 1952 he was appointed consultant to the Atomic Energy Commission, Division of Biology and Medicine, and in 1953 to the Atomic Bomb Casualty Commission of Japan. Pioneered the North Carolina's medical examiner program. The Forbus house is listed in the National Register of Historic Places. Designed by Murray Nelson. (Rubin)



Von Beckerath-Orgain House, 3321 Devon Road
(1935)

Built by German economist and political scientist Herbert von Beckerath and his wife, Guelda Elliott (from Chapel Hill). He was a "Refugee Scholar" with appointments at Duke and UNC. In 1940 the von Beckeraths sold the house to Jonathan McConnell, who was soon called into the U.S. Armed Services. Leased and then purchased by Dr. Edward S. Orgain, founding director of the Cardiovascular Disease Service at Duke University School of Medicine and his wife, Anne. The Orgains lived here for more than 50 years. Designed by George Watts Carr. (Bradford)

Dr. Edward S. Orgain



Source: Duke University Medical Center Web Site

Dover Road



Brownell House, 3406 Dover Road
(1929)

Dr. William A. Brownell — a professor at Duke University for nineteen years. Known as a “Giant in Mathematics Education”. Dr. Brownell served as Chair of the Department of Education from 1947 to 1949. (Magwene / Riefkohl.)



Lyon House, 3408 Dover Road
(1929)

George L. Lyon – an insurance agent, lived here with his wife, Martha, in this early original house, built by Mebane & Sharp. Charter member of HVCC. (Jacques / Bouchard)



Wily House, 3426 Dover Road
(1938)

John F. Wily – vice president of Durham’s Fidelity Bank, built this significant home on Dover Road. Charter member of HVCC. (Whitehurst)



C. T. Council, Jr. House, 3430 Dover Road
(1948)

C. T. Council, Jr. – son of the co-formulator of the BC Headache Remedy Powder. Principle of the BC Remedy Company celebrating its 100th Anniversary, a division of GlaxoSmithKline. Charter member of HVCC. (Carr)



Toms House, 3432 Dover Road
(1931)

Clinton W. Toms, Jr. – president, Venable Tobacco Company. His father, brothers, and sisters played large parts in Durham history: His father was Chairman & CEO of Liggett & Myers Tobacco (L&M), maker of Chesterfield's. Brother Edgar was Manager of L&M in Durham. Brother Zack was president of L&M. Sister Mattie married John Buchanan. Sister Mary married Jesse Erwin II and later Eddie Cameron. Charter member of HVCC. (Woolf)



Eadie House, 3433 Dover Road
(1930)

Dr. George Sharp Eadie – served as first Chair of the Physiology Department at Duke University School of Medicine from 1930 to 1940. Believed to be designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Alston)



Amoss House, 3436 Dover Road
(1930)

Dr. Harold L. Amoss – first chair, Department of Medicine and Professor of Medicine at Duke University School of Medicine, and Nobel nominee. (Duensing)



Smith House, 3437 Dover Road
(1933)

Dr. David T. Smith – initiated infectious disease work at Duke University School of Medicine in 1930. First Chair of the Microbiology Department – a nationally known department during his tenure (1930 – 1958). Designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Debank)



Harris-Teer House, 3900 Dover Road
(1956)

Brigadier General Isaac (Ike) Harris, left Creedmoor at age 15 and entered Duke University. He was a surgeon at Watts Hospital. He and Mary Teer, the daughter of Nello Teer, Sr. built this house in 1956. Frank and Betty Kenan bought the house from the Harrises in 1967. Designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. No longer standing. (Hall)



Norton House, 3812 Dover Road
(1929)

L. Watts Norton – general agent for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company and real estate developer and his wife, Ann, lived in this house. Significant Durham business and social leader, bought large tracts within Hope Valley from the Smith Richardson Realty Company and held them until the economy could sustain new construction in the 1950's. HVCC charter member. Ann later married John Buchanan, one of the organizers of Durham Savings and Loan, and they lived in this house. (Burkert)

Frank Hawkins Kenan



Source: Kenan-Flagler Business School Web Site

Senator Claude Currie & L. Watts Norton





Gross House, 3816 Dover Road
(1929)

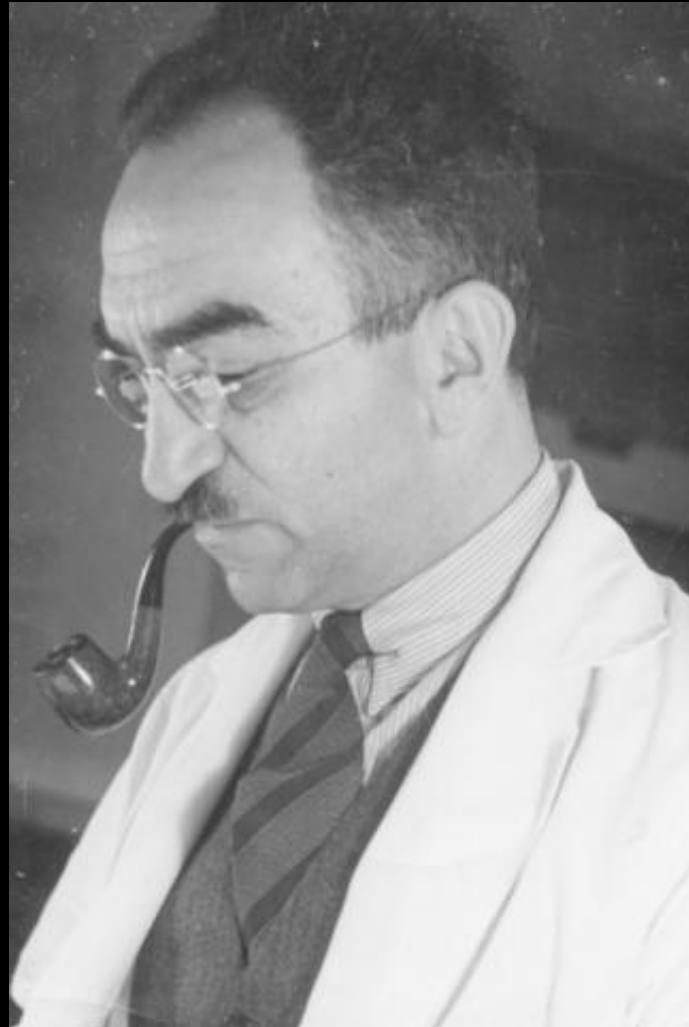
Dr. Paul M. Gross – believed to be one of the original HV houses. Purchased in 1930 by Dr. Gross and his wife, Gladys. Dr. Gross was the first chair of the Chemistry Department, later VP at Duke University School of Medicine. Probably designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Niemann)



Perlzweig House, 3918 Dover Road
(1931)

Dr. William A. Perlzweig – professor of Biochemistry at Duke University Medical School. Bought his lot from William Lickle, salesman for Mebane & Sharp, on March 9, 1931. Probably designed by George Watts Carr, Jr. (Barringer)

Dr. William Alexander Perlzweig



Source: Duke University Medical Center Web Site



Constable House, 3934 Dover Road
(1929)

Palmer N. Constable – a violin teacher. Had a musical group (known as “Constable’s Constipated Band”) and sang in the Memorial Choir during a WWI Memorial Service held in Durham on May 4, 1919. Asst. Cashier at Home Savings Bank. Following his early and sudden death, his wife, Chrystine, sold the residence. Known as “Frog Hollow” due to pond, gnomes and signage. Palmer’s wife died in December 1941, survived by their son, Sydney. Charter member and first secretary of HVCC in 1926. Probably designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Merritt)



Cheek House, 3936 Dover Road
(1929)

Thomas Edgar Cheek, Jr. – a fire insurance agent and his wife, Adelaide, lived in this early house. Probably designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Louv)



Fuller House, 3938 Dover Road
(1929)

Ralph B. Fuller – and his family (including his wife, Carrol and daughter, Mena Fuller Webb) were the first owners of this house. Mr. Fuller was an insurance executive and charter member of HVCC. Probably designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Hughes)



Carver-Maggs-Bassett House, 3940 Dover Road
(1928)

Built by E. R. Carver, VP of Mebane & Sharpe. The first resident was James W. Brown, Scottish chief stonemason of the Duke campus, his wife Margaret, and two stoneworker sons. Purchased in 1932 by Douglas Blount Maggs, Duke law professor, who in 1945 served in FDR's administration as Solicitor of Labor. Upon Professor Maggs death in 1962, purchased by Dr. Frank Bassett and his wife, Miriam. Dr. Bassett was head team physician for Duke intercollegiate athletics from 1966-93 and also a noted sports medicine pioneer. Probably designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Stanger)



Swett House, 4006 Dover Road
(1931)

Francis Huntington Swett – first chair of the Anatomy Department, Duke University School of Medicine. Served as Chair from 1930 until his death in 1943. His wife was Wilburt Davison's executive secretary; she was instrumental in the running of the medical school, since Dr. Davison traveled a great deal. (Dzau)

Dr. Francis Huntington Swett



Source: Duke University Medical Center Web Site



Pierson House, 4030 Dover Road
(1930)



Arthur Frank Pierson – one of the early residents of Hope Valley. (Townsend)

The Pierson House – circa 1930s.

Hope Valley Road



Crouch House, 3724 Hope Valley Road
(1927)

John C. Crouch – a merchandise broker (cotton?) and his wife, Nell, lived in this house in 1930. (Bradford)



McDougall House, 3730 Hope Valley Road
(1927)

William McDougall — English-born chair of the Psychology Department, who came to Duke University in 1927 by way of Harvard and Oxford. He and his wife, Annie, were lived here until, it is believed, his death in 1930. A pioneer in the study of human behavior and *hormic* psychology, he was considered by some to be the foremost psychologist of all the English-speaking countries. He had a strong interest in parapsychology and recruited J. B. Rhine in 1927 where he started the Duke Parapsychology Laboratory. Built by Claude Currie (Kirschner)

William McDougall



Source: The Radical Academy Web Site

Norwich Way



Davison House, 3004 Norwich Way
(1928)

Dr. Wilburt Cornell Davison – founding dean of the Duke University School of Medicine in 1930. Trustee of the Duke Endowment. He and his wife, Atala, were the first residents of this house. He was an active supporter and promoter of the quality life at Hope Valley. Entertained often at Turnage's BBQ, on Moreene Road. Spent his later years in Roaring Gap. Designed by Charles Barton Keen. House no longer standing. (Whalen)



Franck House, 3005 Norwich Way
(1928)

William F. Franck – a real estate salesman, and his wife, Martha, built this house in 1928. Pictured in Durham Herald on August 26, 1928 with the headline, "Some of Durham's New Residences". Charter member of HVCC. (Piva)

Surrey Road



Kenan House, 3124 Surrey Road
(1940)

Frank Hawkins Kenan and his first wife, Happy, built and were the first residents of this house. Mr. Kenan was chief executive officer of Kenan Transport Co. and a trustee of the William R. Kenan Jr. Charitable Trust. He created the Kenan Institute in 1985 to promote collaboration among the traditionally separated communities of business, government and academia. His real estate ventures included Europa Center, University Square and Granville Towers, Capital Center, and Landfall. (Mumma)



Bryson-Yarbrough House, 3225 Surrey Road
(1931)

Judge Edwin C. Bryson, Duke University's first general counsel, built this house some time after 1930. In 1947, Judge Bryson sold the house to the Yarbroughs, who are the current owners. (Yarbrough)

No Picture Available

Montgomery House, 3301 Surrey Road
(1927)

William G. Montgomery – ran a service station in 1926 on Mangum Street in downtown Durham. He moved to HV in one of the first houses under construction on Surrey in 1928. His wife, Elizabeth, worked as a stenographer in one of Durham's insurance companies. His service station went bankrupt during the Depression and they had to give up their HV house and move back into town. Montgomery later founded Montgomery & Aldrich, Inc., a successful tire company. His widow moved back to HV during the 1950s (on Nottaway)? This house later occupied by Wirt Smith, a Duke surgeon. House no longer standing. (Burchill)



Hansen-Pruss House, 3303 Surrey Road
(1931)

Dr. Oscar C. Hansen-Pruss – a native of Peru, educated in Germany and at Johns Hopkins. He was one of the original ten professors at the Duke University School of Medicine, originated the Allergy Clinic in 1930, and later became chief of the Allergy Service. He lived for a time in the historic Shepherd – Mebane House on Chelsea Circle. Probably designed by George Watts Carr, Sr. (Burchill)

Dr. Oscar Hansen-Pruss



Source: Duke University Medical Center Web Site

Westover Road



Sloan House, 3232 Westover Road
(1961)

Perry A. Sloan – Wheat Securities. Built Sloan House with wife Lillie Duke (Dukie) Clements on Westover Road. (Sloan)

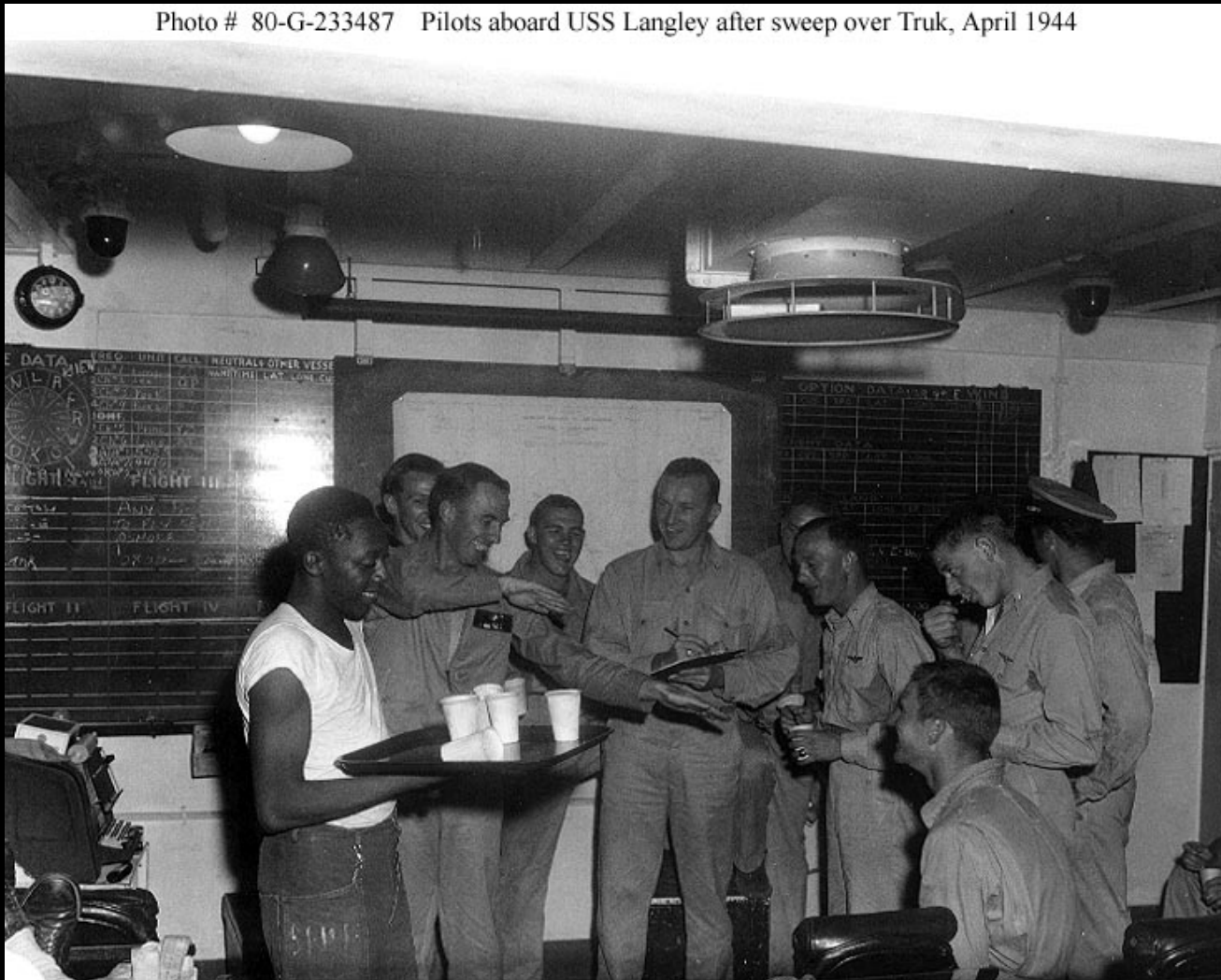


Gregory House, 3412 Westover Road
(1954)

Nathaniel Gregory – Nat Gregory and his wife built this house in 1954. Mr. Gregory was associated with Erwin Mills. Following Rear Admiral Ed Outlaw's retirement from the U.S. Navy in the early 1970's, he and Mary Teer Outlaw moved to this house. (Dzau/Lentz)

Lt. Commander Edward Cobb Outlaw

Photo # 80-G-233487 Pilots aboard USS Langley after sweep over Truk, April 1944



Source: Navy Historical Center Web Site

Others



Moorhead House, 3311 Avon Road
(1949)

Johnny and Hatsie Moorhead built this house, designed by Robert Winston “Judge” Carr, son of George Watts Carr, in 1949. Johnny was Durham's foremost advertising and PR man, wrote the *Hope Valley - Donald Ross's Gem*, and was an early HVCC member. No longer standing. (Brame)



Wright House, 3807 Churchill Circle
(1954)

Paul Wright ,Jr. – president, Central Carolina Bank and Trust Company. Led the Bank as President for many years. Along with Chairman George Watts Hill, helped lead the financial sector in Durham for many decades. He was the first person ever to receive the key to the city. Later, the county commission named him “Citizen of the Century.” (Lowe)



Baker House, 3116 Cornwall Road
(1941)

Dr. Lenox D. Baker – chief of orthopedic surgery at Duke University School of Medicine and Duke athletic team trainer. Secured with his father-in-law, Duke President Robert Flowers, state funding for the North Carolina Hospital for Cerebral Palsy, which was subsequently named the Lenox Baker Children’s Hospital. (Haywood)



Montgomery House, 3407 Windsor Way
(1956)

W.E. Montgomery – employed by and eventually owned Howerton & Bryan Funeral Home in Durham. (Sneed)



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Children's Hospital

Children's Clinics

Physical Therapy & Occupational Therapy



Braibanti House, 3805 Darby Road
(1954)

Ralph J. Braibanti – James B. Duke professor emeritus of political science at Duke University and a pioneer in academic studies of the contemporary Islamic world. Renowned for his classroom teaching - he received both the Outstanding Professor Award, bestowed by undergraduates themselves, and the Duke Alumni Association's Distinguished Undergraduate Teaching Award. He was an enthusiastic champion of Hope Valley. (Atwater)



Griffin House, 3818 Somerset Drive
(1957)

Kim Griffin and his wife Lib built this home in the early 50's to accommodate their growing family. Moving from Trinity Avenue, the Griffins were part of the post war move to the suburbs. Dr. Griffin was a well respected dentist in town, and his wife in addition to raising seven children wrote for the Herald-Sun papers, and was a published author of domestic humor books. The Griffin children were responsible for many of the early paths that crisscross Hope Valley and that are still used by neighborhood children today. (Zapotoczny)

Dr. Ralph J. Braibanti





Nello L. Teer, Jr. House, 3200 Rugby Road
(1965)

Nello L. Teer, Jr. – partner, The Nello Teer Company, which did much of the site preparation work for the construction of the Duke West campus. Built the significant Nello L. Teer House at the corner of Rugby and Dover Roads. (Sanders)

Nello L. Teer, Jr.



Source: NC Transportation Hall of Fame Web Site

The Pan American Highway



“Now this is not the end.

It is not even the beginning of the end.

But it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning.”

Winston Churchill, 1942

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