

### Some History of the Belk Building

In a release by Anson genealogist and historian Steve Bailey: Some folks claim our beloved Wadesboro Belk building was built before the Civil War whereas I have not yet found any proof of this. The Anson County Historical Society office has a map of uptown Wadesboro with a handwritten date of 1870, but I proved that date wrong recently when I discovered the same map at Lord George Antiques on Camden Road and I searched online and discovered the actual date is 1885.

You will need a magnifying glass but you can locate the Belk building on this map. It was known as Elijah A. Covington's Hardware Company at the time. I remembered an article that I found online several years ago in regards to the Anson County Courthouse fire of April 2, 1868. In that fire 32 buildings were destroyed including the courthouse. At the time Anson County was already trying to recover from the Civil War. I have learned over the years that Anson County and

Chesterfield County in South Carolina struggled through the late 1860's and 1870's trying to recover from the effects of the Civil War. This was a time when no one had much money, and the Yankee soldiers had destroyed the land making it difficult to grow any crops for several years. In my opinion property owners in uptown Wadesboro couldn't afford to build a brick store building in the 1860's, but possibly could build such a building by the mid to late 1870's.

Posted here is my online search of the destruction caused by the April 2, 1868, Anson County Courthouse fire: "Anson County NC Courthouse Fire - 1868 - July Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for Anson County: It is ordered by the Court for the information of those who succeed us and the living present alike that the following be made a part of the records of this Court: On Thursday morning, April 2, 1868, between twelve and one o'clock, a fire occurred in the town breaking out near the store house of J. R. Hargrave, then unoccupied except as a depot for some cotton, which rapidly extended to the store houses occupied by Morton's Brewery and the Anson Hotel, destroying them; thence communicating northward burning the store houses of S. W. Cole, A. E. Bennett and Jesse Edwards, involving the Court House, the entire records of the Superior Court, the most part of those of the County and Equity Courts, and the line of buildings extending thence eastward to and including the jail and kitchen, where by great efforts and the blessings of Our Heavenly Father, it was stopped. About 32 buildings were destroyed. In consequence of the loss of the Courthouse, the Court met at the Baptist Church within the corporate lands of the Town of Wadesborough (Remarks from the memory of Risden F. Bennett recorded September 13, 1912 - Minute Docket N Page 79) (Transcribed from original court records at NC State Archives)"

I'm always in search of more information from current and past residents. Please contact me: Steve Bailey, PO Box 1387, Wadesboro NC 28170. Email [genealogy1959@yahoo.com](mailto:genealogy1959@yahoo.com) or call 704-475-3877 or 704-475-1795. Thank you.

### New Arrivals

An early special delivery came to first time expecting parents Joel and Lenelle White of Peachland. Born eight weeks prematurely on July 3, 2012, at 5:12 a.m.,

Julian "Luke" White came into the world weighing 4 pounds and 17 inches long. Luke received excellent loving care at Levine Children's Hospital for five and a half weeks, and was then able to come home on August 11 with an apnea monitor. On his two month checkup Luke weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and had grown to 20 1/4 inches long.

Luke's mommy and daddy said, "With God's help Luke should be off the apnea monitor by mid November. We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for all the sweet cards, a wesome expressions of love and support, and especially for your loving



prayers during this time. We are so blessed to have such wonderful people in our lives. May God bless each of you."

Lukes grandparents are Julian and Jackie White of McFarlan and David and Katrenia Davis of Peachland. Great grandparents are Kate Mabry of Wadesboro and Margaret White of Bennettsville, SC.

### 50+ Club Meeting Features Red Hill Men's Quartet

The Hampton B. Allen Library announces the 50+ Club will meet on Monday, October 8 in the Little Theatre at 10:30 a.m. The Red Hill Men's Quartet will be presenting an a capella musical program. Group members are Paul Turner, Dennis Turner, David Arey, and Rick Gilmore. All are invited to come enjoy this event.

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