

History of the Wadesboro Belk Building, Now County Offices

Belks Department Store opened for business in Wadesboro on Friday, March 27, 1925. According to the Messenger-Intelligencer Newspaper (M&I) issue of Thursday, March 26, 1925, Belks moved into the building on Greene Street that was formerly occupied by the Allen Hardware Company.

According to the M&I issue of Thursday, October 6, 1921, an article stated that the Blalock-Allen Hardware Company on Greene Street no longer existed, and that the joint owners, by the names of Mr. U. B. Blalock and Mr. H. E. Allen, had been succeeded by two new companies. It was stated that Mr. Allen would manage the newly established Allen Hardware Company and Mr. Blalock would manage the newly established Blalock Motor Sales Company. Sixteen years earlier, in 1905, Mr. Blalock had come to Wadesboro from Norwood, NC to assume charge of the old Planters Hardware Company in which he purchased stock. A little later the name was changed to Blalock Hardware Company. Much later the name was changed to Blalock-Allen Hardware Company after Mr. Allen had been connected with the business for 12 years.

According to the M&I issue of Thursday, June 18, 1903, a newspaper article entitled, "Important New Business," stated that a new hardware company had been established in Wadesboro that "will probably be known as The Planters Hardware Company. The new company would commence business as soon as a storeroom could be obtained, and goods and wares purchased." A side note at the end of the article stated the following: "Since the above article was posted the new hardware company has purchased the hardware business on Greene Street that was managed by Elijah A. Covington and his nephew Benjamin G. Covington, known as the Wadesboro Hardware Company, and years ago was known as Covington's Hardware Company on Greene Street. This deal was consummated yesterday afternoon and Mr. Benjamin G. Covington will be with the new Planters Hardware Company."

According to Incorporation records at the Anson County Register of Deeds - Page 76 - The Planters Hardware Company was incorporated in Wadesboro on June 12, 1903.

The obituary of Doctor Elijah A. Covington from the M&I issue of Thursday, September 15, 1915, reads: "Doctor Elijah A. Covington, age 78, passed away at his home on Morven Road in Wadesboro on Sunday afternoon after suffering with poor health for several years. He and his wife helped to raise his nephew who was Mr. Benjamin G. Covington, and together these two men went into business and established the Wadesboro Hardware Company.

Local genealogist Steve Bailey who researched this story said, "I have not found incorporation records for Wadesboro

Hardware Company or Covington's Hardware Company, but I have searched backwards through the old newspapers on microfilm and found that the Covingtons advertised their business as late as the early 1900's and back to October of 1888, which is the first issue of the Messenger-Intelligencer newspaper that exists."

In the 1887 issue of Branson's North Carolina Gazette that lists all the businesses in Anson County, Elijah A. Covington is listed as a merchant on Greene Street in Wadesboro. The 1884 issue of Branson's North Carolina Gazette lists Elijah A. Covington as a farmer living in Wadesboro. So Covington's Hardware or Wadesboro Hardware Company was possibly established somewhere between 1884 to 1887.

Bailey continued, "Before Elijah A. Covington owned that parcel of land on North Greene Street, I discovered that Joseph Crowder and John Crowder owned the property, according to Anson County Deed Book 22, page 31, dated February 18, 1882. It is regarding Joseph and John Crowder selling to Elijah A. Covington a parcel of land for \$600 in the town of Wadesboro near the steps of the town door at the intersections of Greene and Morgan Streets.

According to Branson's North Carolina Gazette for the years 1877 and 1878, Crowder & Company were merchants on Greene Street. I can only presume there was a building there at the time, but there is no positive proof yet found by me that the old Belk building was originally built by the Crowder Family, so perhaps it was built by Elijah A. Covington in the mid 1880's."

"In the book, "Pictorial Tribute of Wadesboro NC" is a picture of a run down building that was known as "Bailey Brothers Liquor Store," managed by Coleman M. Bailey who was not related to me. Bailey came to Wadesboro from Davie County, NC about 1896 and purchased the property where the Hightower Hardware once stood until several years ago. There he built his liquor store. Coleman M. Bailey was also stockholder of the Planters Hardware Company in 1903."

According to Anson County Deed Book 41, page 376, dated September 1, 1906, Coleman M. Bailey of Anson County sold his 1/2 acre lot to Planters Hardware Company for \$325

The following has nothing to do with the old Belk building but lets us know when the building that once housed Hightower Hardware was built: Messenger-Intelligencer issue of Thursday, September 6, 1906, The Anson County Board of Commissioners refused to grant liquor to Coleman M. Bailey in order for him to sell whiskey in the new building recently built by him on North Greene Street because Wadesboro already has nine saloons. *Information Collected by Steve Bailey*

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