

SIPPICAW - WAKE CO, NC - MIDDLE CREEK TWP

○ From Email 27 JUL 2013 William Alan Mills A RPY

The email contains a substantial article on John Allison Mills. - of special interest is the passage below describing how a community in Wake Co, NC changed its name

FROM: SIPPICAW

TO: FUQUAY SPRINGS

(It later became Fuquay-Varina - RPY)

From the History of Fuquay-Varina, NC Wikipedia page:

The Fuquay Mineral Spring's popularity grew around the start of the 20th century, especially in the 1890s as local businessman John A. Mills developed the idea to offer "Moonlight Excursions" to the springs. He fitted flat rail cars with seats and offered nighttime train trips to southern Wake County from Raleigh. As more guests came to the springs to "take the waters", a group of small hotels sprung up in town, along with restaurants, barbecue stands, and a dance pavilion with a player piano. The town became a tourist destination and was the site of special celebrations on Fourth of July and Easter Mondays. During these events, residents of Raleigh would take the train down to watch the accompanying baseball games and participate in the dances and celebrations. Hotels like the Ben Wiley Hotel catered to the out-of-towners and became as much a center of town life as the springs. In 1902, Sippicaw was renamed "Fuquay Springs" in honor of its founding family and was officially incorporated in 1909. Take care, Cousin Billy