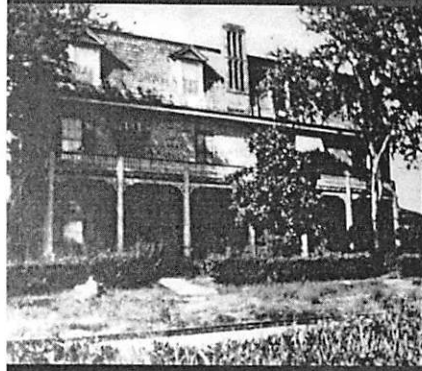


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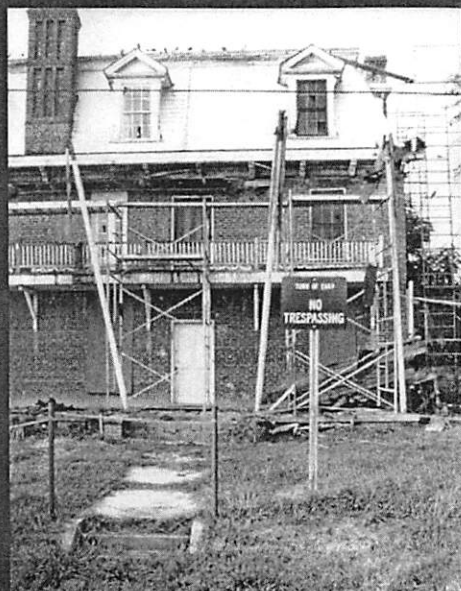
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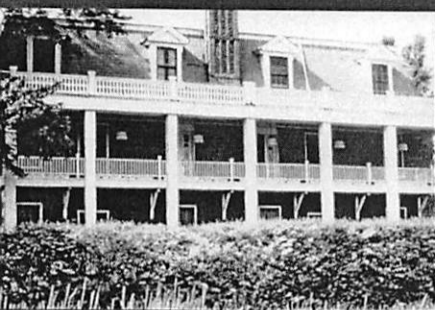
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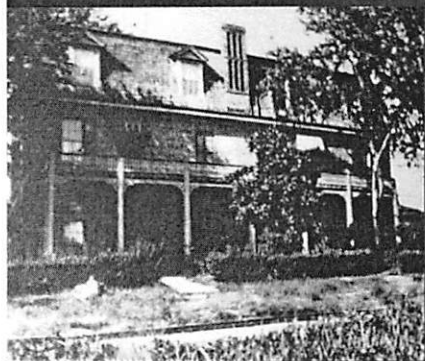
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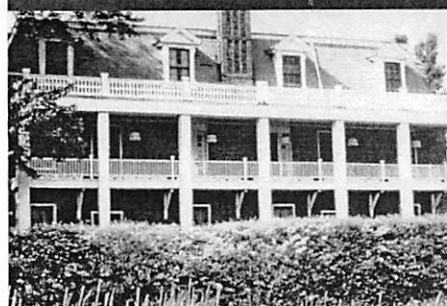
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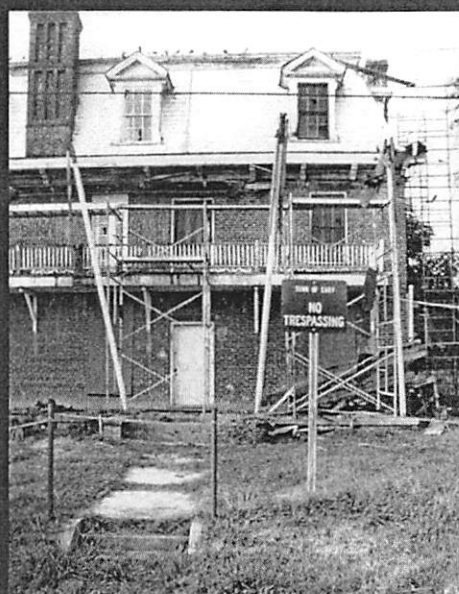
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Home

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This Just In

News and upcoming events...



Welcome



Whether it's the wonderful music on the garden plaza or the beautiful melodies of the North Carolina Symphony's own concertmaster filling the indoor gallery, you can count on the Friends of the Page-Walker to bring you terrific performances. As volunteer stewards for the building and its grounds, you might not realize

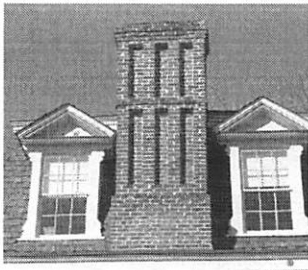
just how much more we do.

From the cotton to the rosemary, the Friends of the Page-Walker make the Anne B. Kratzer Educational Gardens at the arts & history center a reality. And it's thanks to our efforts that *Ecclesiastes*, the gorgeous sculpture in the front yard, has become a permanent part of the Page-Walker grounds.





Check out our Spring 2015 newsletter!



The Friends are delighted to announce that we and our partners recently received several awards from the North Carolina Society of Historians:

- The Malcolm Fowler Society award for the Friends' work as an organization;
- The Evelina D. Miller Museum award for the Cary Heritage Museum, operated by the **Town of Cary** in partnership with the Friends;
- The Willie Parker Peace History Book Award for our publication *Cary: Through the Years*;
- The Joe M. McLaurin Newsletter award for our newsletter, *The Innkeeper*; and
- The Paul Green Multimedia award, presented to **Carl Colglazier** for his video *Cary*, produced for the Friends.



Thanks to the work of the Friends of the Page-Walker, preservation is a part of the Town of Cary's agenda, and the Waldo House (pictured), along with many other historic structures in and around Cary, have been saved for future generations. We also offer regular evening historic preservation programs that are free and open to the public.



Because we want to bring history education to every Cary child, we fund field trips that bring children enrolled in our budget-

challenged school system to the Page-Walker Arts & History Center, where professionals and volunteers introduce them to the top-floor and top-notch Cary Heritage Museum.

Close by that museum, we house a collection of oral histories so appreciated by southern historians that they're included in a University of North Carolina Library. Our oral histories were recorded by volunteers who understand just how important it is to save and share the stories of how Cary came to be the town we all love and respect today.



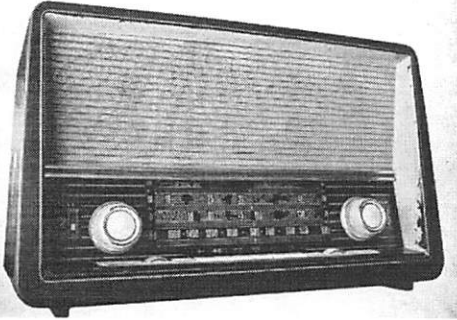
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Throughout the amazing Page-Walker Hotel, you'll find furnishings and books dating back to the Page family. Friends of the Page-Walker are always on the lookout for educational

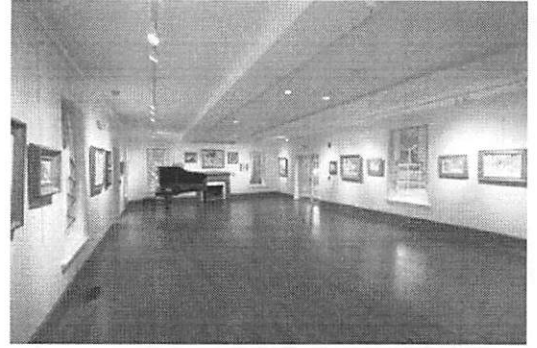
We invite you to visit this special building. Walk the halls that have featured a Picasso as

listen up!

Cary's Oral History
Now Available Online



part of one of the gorgeous art exhibits
you find there every day of the year.



If you're inspired to learn more about
the Friends of the Page-Walker or
Cary's history, please contact us (contact information directly follows). History is an
ongoing narrative, and we invite you to become a part of it.

Contact Us

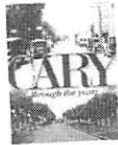
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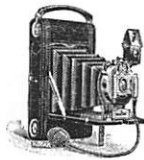
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119 Ambassador Loop on the Cary Town Hall campus. For questions about rental of the
facility or about Town-sponsored programs, please call the Page-Walker staff at 919-
460-4963.

New Cary history time-line
booklet now available!

Purchase your copy of the latest
publication from the Friends at
the Page-Walker for low price
of \$5!



The Friends seek your help in
locating Cary historic photos.



FOLLOW US ON



↙ I conferred with KRISTY ARMICHAL, she gave
me a copy of the
Release form. I signed.

I bumped on the offer
from Michael Edwards
of the store on
Kildare Farm Rd.

SEE PAGE 25

I replayed the idea
of a small contract with the Team of Cary
& gave several ideas. She was generally
positive but in some said "Peggy Walker
Amesbury does that for us". But she was still
positive & said the Team could sponsor (fund)
a Texas workshop on family history. We moved

DOWN
OF

CARY

(13) 19 OCT 2015. MONDAY - CONTINUED

about process. She said do next fall in the new cycle. We agreed to follow on work for page.

TOWN OF CAPE

I asked for an ETS map for Cary & she arranged for one for free - I plan to leave until MONDAY.

She suggested I also intergrate with the newly formed Cary Historic Preservation Commission & gave me a print out on same.

Took Picture of Page-Walker Hotel.

Drove through ^{APEX} Cary on on via Corley

Street ~ Via Ten-Ten to 401 & to Raleigh to

cyber store at 42nd Street

Along the way Staley Smith called in response to a stop made at his office. I kept him on the ladder site. He is pleased.

STALEY SMITH

He asked about an 1880's land transaction in Western Wake county & W.M.G. U & an deed and a grant site - I need to check & report to Staley

Had a chat with 594



FRIENDS OF THE PAGE-WALKER HOTEL

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RELEASE FORM

I, Robert Phillip Upchurch, Ph.D.,
SIGNATURE of person interviewed

Hereby give to the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel this recording and its contents and photographs, and grant them the right to make the recordings, transcriptions from the recordings and photographs available to the public for such purposes as they judge worthwhile. I also give to the Friends of the Page-Walker Hotel any and all copyright interests in this recording and photographs or any work derived from them.

PRINT NAME OF NARRATOR: MICHAEL EDWARDS & CHRIS CARMICHAEL

CURRENT ADDRESS: 2620 Louis Stephens Dr
CARY NC. 27519

PHONE: 919-605-3715

SIGNATURE OF INTERVIEWER: Michael Edwards

PRINT NAME OF INTERVIEWER: MICHAEL EDWARDS

DATE OF INTERVIEW: 10/15/2015

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Historic Preservation Commission

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Mission Statement

The Cary Historic Preservation Commission works to preserve the historical, cultural, and architectural heritage of our Town for future generations.

Life Span Statement

The Historic Preservation Commission is a standing commission which meets monthly. Commission members will reexamine their purpose every three years beginning in 2017.

Powers and Duties

The Historic Preservation Commission's general scope of work is to identify and recommend Cary Historic Landmarks to Town Council for its review and approval, and to review applications and hold quasi-judicial public hearings for proposed alterations to or demolition of Cary's designated [Local Historic Landmarks](#) to ensure conformity with adopted design guidelines. [National Register](#) properties are not regulated at this time.

The Historic Preservation Commission shall have the following additional powers and duties within the town's zoning jurisdiction, to be carried out in accordance with the terms of the Cary Land Development Ordinance and NCGS 160A, Article 19 Part 3C:

- To undertake and maintain an inventory of properties of historical, pre-historical, architectural, and/or cultural significance.
- To recommend to the Town Council areas to be designated by ordinance as "historic districts."
- To recommend to the Town Council that designation of any area as a historic district or part thereof, or designation of any building, structure, site, area, or object as a historic landmark, be revoked or removed for cause.
- To review and act upon proposals for alteration, demolition, or new construction within locally-designated historic districts.
- To prepare and recommend the official adoption of a historic preservation element as part of the town's comprehensive plan at the request of the Town Council.
- To enter, solely in performance of its official duties and only at reasonable times, upon private lands for examination or survey thereof. However, no member, employee or agent of the commission may enter any private building or structure without the express consent of the owner or occupant thereof.
- To conduct educational programs with respect to historic properties and districts.
- To negotiate at any time with the owner of a building, structure, site, area or object regarding its preservation when such action is reasonably necessary and appropriate.
- To prepare and adopt principles and guidelines for altering, restoring, moving, or demolishing properties, not inconsistent with NCGS 160A, Article 19 Part 3C, designated as landmarks or within historic districts.

Membership

The Historic Preservation Commission consists of seven commissioners, one of whom the Town Council designates as chairperson. Initial appointments to the newly-established commission are for two-, three- or four-year terms. Terms thereafter will be for three years, except where unexpired terms are being filled. Members must be qualified based on special interest or experience in history, architecture, archaeology, or a related field.

Goals/Work Plan

The Historic Preservation Commission shall hold quasi-judicial hearings (evidentiary hearings), and issue certificates of appropriateness based solely on the written and oral evidence presented for requests for major alterations or demolition of designated Cary Historic Landmarks, in a process described in Land Development Ordinance (LDO) Section 3.27.2.

In addition, the Historic Preservation Commission will act as an "involved party" in implementing recommendations of the [Historic Preservation Master Plan](#) as assigned in Chapter VI, "Plan Implementation."

Goals (2015)

Background & Rationale: Because the Cary Historic Preservation Commission is a new body, the intent of the 2015 commission goals is to ensure that the commission achieves a successful start and builds a sound foundation for the future. The 2015 goals focus on basic competencies and operations of the commission and should be achievable, consistent with the formation of a new commission; and valuable to the community.

Foundational Goals

- Adopt Rules of Procedure.
- Adopt Design Guidelines.
- Train members on the conduct of Town of Cary meetings, including public meeting, email and related requirements and guidelines.
- Train members on conducting quasi-judicial hearings.
- Become familiar with all statutes, laws, ordinances, and rules of procedure relating to historic designations.
- Become familiar with the Town of Cary Inventory of Historical Resources.

Procedural Goals

- Consider any historic landmark designation recommendations, historic district designations, or Certificate of Appropriateness requests that may come before the commission in a timely, thorough and impartial manner.

- Identify from the Town of Cary Inventory of Historical Resources potential future historic landmarks and potential future National Register of Historic Places candidates.
- Engage in outreach and educational activities in the community to promote awareness of historic preservation and the historic preservation commission.

Excellence Goals

- Comply with all relevant statutes, laws, ordinances, and rules of procedure
- Conduct all business in an open, positive, collaborative manner.
- Maintain open communication with the Council, Town Staff, related historic preservation organizations and the community.
- Strive for consistency with the Handbook for Historic Preservation Commissions in North Carolina (published by Preservation North Carolina and the State Historic Preservation Office), to enable future pursuit of the State Historic Preservation Office "Certified Local Government" designation for local historic preservation commissions.

The commission intends to review progress toward the following goals on a quarterly basis.

Meetings

The commission meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Conference Room #10035 (unless otherwise noted), 316 N. Academy Street in Cary, and requires approximately two hours per month for meetings. The Commission will on occasion need to hold quasi-judicial public hearings, and in such cases may need to spend several additional hours making site visits, reviewing reports and applications, and performing research prior to the meeting. Public notices will be prepared prior to any quasi-judicial hearing held by this board. Commission members may on occasion be asked to participate in meetings or training events outside their regularly scheduled meetings.

2015 Meeting Schedule

Wednesday, January 14
 Wednesday, February 11
 Wednesday, March 11
 Wednesday, April 8
 Wednesday, May 13
 Wednesday, June 10
 Wednesday, July 8
 Wednesday, August 12
 Wednesday, ~~September 23~~ – meeting date changed to September 2
 Tuesday, September 29 (joint meeting with council/boards/commissions); 5:30 p.m., Herb Young Community Center, 101 Wilkinson Ave., Cary, NC
 Wednesday, October 14
 Wednesday, November 4
 Wednesday, December 9, Room 21275, 316 N. Academy St., Cary, NC

All meetings of the Commission shall be open to the public and will adhere to the Open Meetings Law and Public Records law. Visit the Town's [web calendar](#) to see a monthly listing of all Town of Cary public meetings, agendas and to confirm meeting dates, times, and locations.

Electronic Participation in Meetings

Members may electronically participate in some meetings based on criteria in [Policy 150](#) (the general rules of order for appointed Town groups) and the HPC's Rules of Procedure.

Any member of the public wishing to electronically participate in meetings that meet requirements of Policy 150 and the HPC's Rules of Procedure should contact the town clerk at 919-469-4011 at least by noon on the day of the meeting to obtain more information.

View the Best Practices guidelines for [Board members](#) and [members of the public](#) for electronically participating in meetings to help ensure a pleasant meeting experience for all participants.

Questions about the Historic Preservation Commission should be directed to the Planning Department by emailing anna.reading@townofcary.org or by calling at 919-469-4084.

How Do I Apply?

Applications are accepted from May 1 through June 30. Applicants must live within Cary's Corporate Limits. Current Town of Cary employees are not eligible to volunteer. Questions about the application process should be directed to the Town Clerk's office by e-mailing Karen.gray@townofcary.org or by calling (919) 319-4508.



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Hi Kris----

On the 22nd I returned home to MO after a glorious 16 days doing family history research in NC. I want to thank you and Cousin Michael Edwards for the time you took as we did the oral history in the historic Page-Walker Hotel on the 15th, Also, I enjoyed our later visit when I dropped by. Thank you for the Cary ETJ map which will be very useful. We are moving ahead to open the Allied Families Facility on Kildaire Farm Road on January 1,2016 as soon as I complete discussion with our Board. In the meantime I enclose our draft of the first eight projects to be launched. I think these are designed to be of interest to the volunteers and for the families we have or will enroll under the banner of Allied Families. Also, they should be of special interest to the town of Cary. I have six volunteers lined up so far.

The future looks bright for collaboration between the Town of Cary and Allied Families. Please do let me have suggestions at any time. I'll look forward to staying in touch

Best~

Phil Upchurch , President and Manager of Upchurch and Allied Families Association, Inc.

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15 OCT 2014

9:30 - 11:30 Met in Page-Walker Hotel

CHRIS CARMICHAEL and J. Michael Edwards

Chris is manager of the Page-Walker Hotel

↓ an employee of the Town of Cary & in charge of historic projects. Michael is a member of AF

and a double citizen of RPH. I was given a Page-Walker document. Note that the new part is a new but compatible addition

I had been invited to attend a P-W Associates Meeting and give a talk but no slot was available during my visit so I was invited to give an oral history which I did. see pg 20 for the notes from which I talked. Joe Enness recently gave a similar talk which was acclaimed.

PAGE WALKER HOTEL

Kris Carmichael
Supervisor
Page-Walker Arts & History Center
Parks, Recreation & Cultural Resources



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NOTES RE ORAL HISTORY
15 OCT 2015

(Given by RPU at Page-Walker Hotel)

1. My involvement in the Area

2. My Family history in the Area

3. Settlement of the Wake County & nearby County

a. 1710-1740 era - Tuscarora Indian

b. Area opened 1740 on

c. Intermarriage with Indian

4. Given Factors that Influenced Settlement

a. Streams

i. Navigation

ii. Grind Mills

c. Ridge Trail

i. From antiquity - Trail

ii. Western Wake Trail

Hillsboro - Emory - 95+ Railroad

d. Improved Subsistence Level

i. Transportation Issues

a. Need to commercialize goods

i. whiskey

ii. Turpentine - Naval use

(F) Long leaf pine

iii. Cotton Gin

b. Railroads - 1830-1860

John Mills

5. Migration to Area - Example w/ Carter H, Sr.

NOTE

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on a future visit to P-W Hotel I am invited to tell about my life growing up in the area.

Hi Phil,

Yes I did receive your email and we would be glad to discuss the move and preservation of the Upchurch House and assist in any way we can with your history of the Upchurch family. I have forwarded your email to Anna Reading who is the Town's Historic Preservation Planner and Kris Carmichael, who the Supervisor of the Page Walker Art and History Museum. Anna just completed the Historic Preservation Master Plan and Kris oversees our most complete library on Cary's history. I am sure both Anna and Kris would be excited to talk to you about the Upchurch family as well. I may be reached at the phone number below and Anna and Kris can be reached as follows:

△
Anna Reading HISTORIC PRESERVATION
anna.readling@townofcary.org PLANNER
(919) 469-4084

△
Kris Carmichael - SUPERVISOR - PAGE-WALKER
kris.carmichael@townofcary.org ART & HISTORY
(919) 460-4971 MUSEUM

I look forward to hearing from you. Good luck with your family research!

△
Philip E Smith, Planning Manager
Town of Cary Planning Department
316 N. Academy Street, 3rd Floor
Cary, NC. 27513
P.O. Box 8005, 27512-8005
(919) 469-4029 (office)

CROSSFILE - [△]CARY, NC
AND OTHER [△]'S

RECAP - 31 AUG 2014 - RPH
I had intended to write
an article for Cary on the
G.E.U. I have more time to do so
now, saved time to do so
Maybe someday?

Join us in planning for Cary's next 25 years! The Town of Cary has launched an unprecedented multi-year effort to prepare a new community plan. "Imagine Cary" is an opportunity for everyone who cares about the Town to assess our community today, understand choices for the future, and create policies to match the vision.

Navigate to the project website by clicking on the logo below to find out more about the project, upcoming events, and how you can participate!



or visit us on the web at www.townofcary.org

Mr. Upchurch –

I'm sorry you're having trouble getting an email through to Phil Smith. I've included him in this email in the hopes that hitting "reply to all" will help.

For your convenience, his direct phone number is 919-469-4029.

Feel free to contact me again if I can be of further assistance.

Thank you,

Teri Peralta

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In a 15JUL2009 Email Ken also reported that

Dr James M. Templeton, Sr who died 1932 had been for 6 years Master of Cary Lodge No 198. He lost his 2670 Acre farm to the Bank of Hudsons after his death.

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- △ James E. Allen
- △ R. H. Jones
- △ Wyatt J. Holleman
- △ Alvin Betts
- △ W. Brent Allen
- △ Dr James M. Templeton, Sr.

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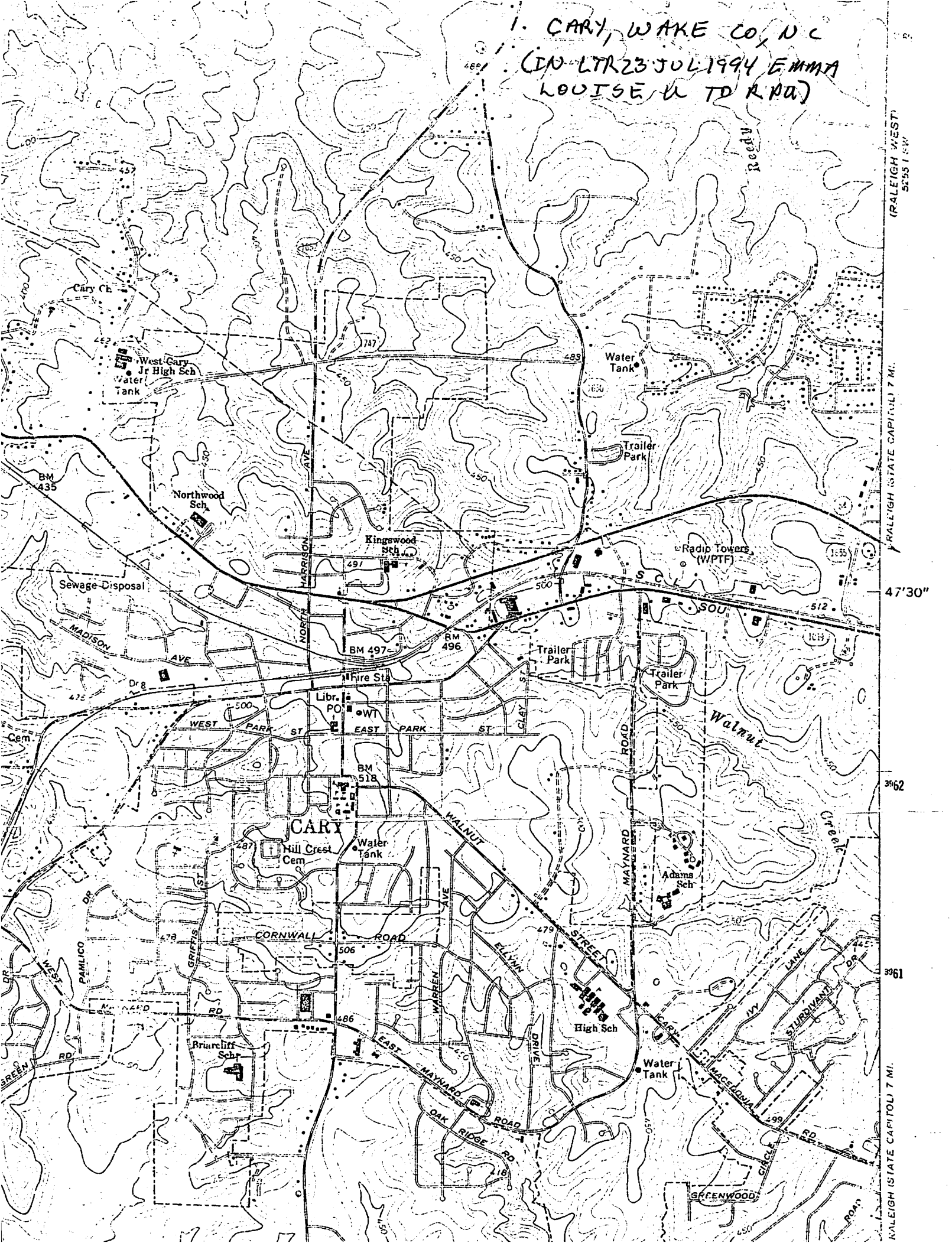
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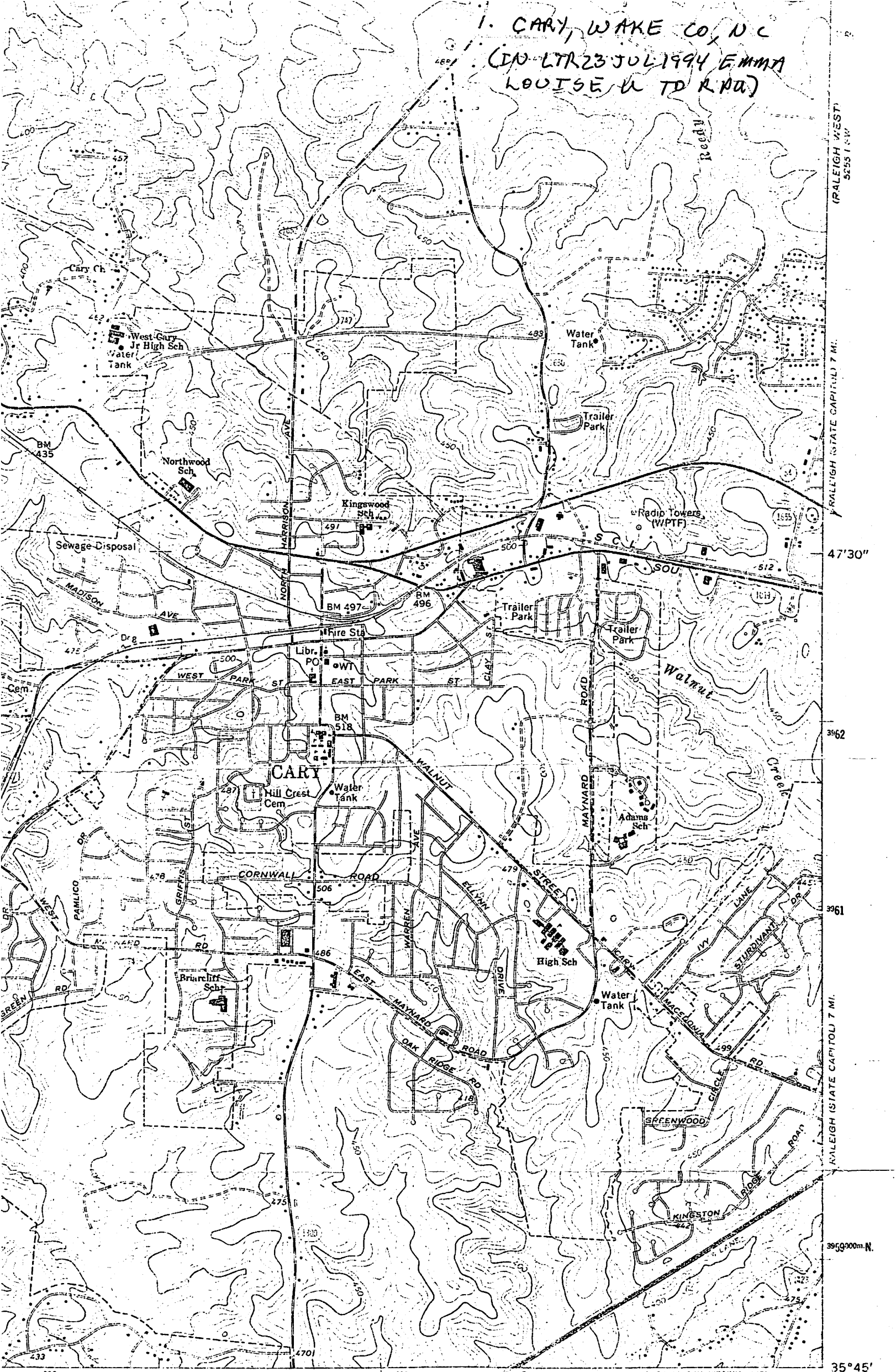
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Times change as Cary schools move ahead

Seed planted by Adolphus Jones flowers at Cary Elementary

By LYNN PEARSALL
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Staff Writer

Much has changed in the 120 years since a log school building was first constructed at Page's Turnout by boys in the community.

Today the place is Cary, with nine schools that will grow by at least three more by the turn of the century.

But what evolved in education in the course of those 120 years provided Cary with a certain amount of renown — long before IBM, Research Triangle Park and American Airlines.

What has not changed in the course of 120 years is the community pride and a deep-seated concern for education.

It all started from that seed planted by Adolphus Jones and the boys in the community of 1867.

Three years later, the community pride and zeal for education led Frank Page Sr. and Rufus Jones to build a two-story frame school building with four rooms on the present site of Cary Elementary School, located at the south end of Academy Street.

"THESE MEN decided to give their children better advantages than the log schoolhouse afforded," wrote former Cary High School principal Marcus B. Dry in a 1935 article on the history of education in Cary.

First called Cary Academy but later changed to Cary High School, Dry said the facility rapidly staked a reputation for itself as an excellent school.

In those early years, Walter Hines Page, later to become the U.S. ambassador to Great Britain under President Woodrow Wilson, passed through the classrooms as a student.

While boarding students were at first placed in the homes of Cary residents, by 1900 the school had been enlarged with a dormitory and additional classrooms.

According to Dry, "a new era dawned for the school when E.L. Middleton took charge in 1896.

Dry describes him as "a born teacher, full of energy and enthusiasm, a tireless worker, always on the job from early morn till late at night, drumming for students in the vacation, attending picnics, associations, Sunday school conventions, rallies of all sorts, never letting an opportunity pass to put in a word for Cary High School."

CARY RESIDENT Esther Ivey, 97, attended Cary High School from the time she was eight until she graduated at 16.

She remembers Middleton's constant efforts to recruit students:

"We had more boarders at that time than we had day students. We felt like the boarders got more attention than we did. You would not have boarders if you did not treat them nice," she said with a laugh.

Miss Ivey said the school had its version of the PTA — then called the Betterment Association. The school also had debating clubs, and she belonged to the Browning Society.

"Friday afternoons we had debates and recitations and things of that sort," she said. Boarders left for home Friday night and returned to school Monday morning.

"Our principal, Mr. E.L. Middleton, saw that we had studied what we had to have — so far as Latin and math, and so on, to graduate. I studied Latin under him and he was good," she said.

"As seniors we had to write an essay and I was happy to get the prize on that," Miss Ivey said. "My mother made me copy it over four times" because of spelling errors. Tired of copying, Miss Ivey did not show the paper to her mother a fifth time, "and sure enough I had a

misspelled word on my paper. I was so embarrassed."

MISS IVEY went on to Guilford College, later teaching and serving as bookkeeper for the Baptist State Convention in Raleigh.

In the year after Miss Ivey left Cary High School, 1907, the North Carolina General Assembly approved a plan for a system of state high schools.

Dry, in his article, said the schools were to be called state high schools and supported in part by the state. Middleton and the school's board of trustees lost no time in offering their school for state status.

In a letter addressed to the Wake County Board of Education that year, Middleton and the trustees listed reasons why their school should be a state high school. The original draft of that letter is now on display at Cary Elementary School.

Among the reasons listed was that Cary High School was the largest boarding school, successfully maintained, in Wake County, and that "the community stands loyally by the cause of

education.”

The state quickly accepted the offer, and Cary High School became the first public high school in the state. Middleton remained at Cary Public High School until the next year, leaving to go work with the Baptist State Convention.

At this point, Dry, principal of Wingate High School in Union County for 12 years, took over.

IN THE 1909 school catalogue, descriptions of the ideal students are included:

“Boys who realize that mental force is superior to physical force. Boys of good habits who want an education and who are willing to work for it. Boys who see the great possibilities lying before men of the rising generation.

“Girls who realize the true nobility of womanhood. Girls who are willing to live in woman’s sphere and work faithfully to prepare themselves for the noble callings now open to women. Girls who prefer well-stored brains and countenances beaming with intelligence to servile obedience to the whims of fashion.”

The school had departments in Latin, English, mathematics, history, science and French,

with music and elocution, or public speaking, as special departments.

Tuition, per term, was \$12 for grammar grades, \$14 for freshman and sophomore years and \$16 for the junior and senior years.

Half-hour music lessons were \$11.25; use of the piano for practice, one hour daily, \$2.25; and lessons in elocution, \$11.25 in private, \$6.25 in classes of two.

BOARDING FOR BOYS ranged from \$7 to \$8 per month, and for girls, who stayed at Browning Hall under the direction of Mrs. Lynn, was \$9.25. If students stayed with private families, board was \$9.25.

If the prices marked the times, so did the rules. Boys could not “loaf on streets, in stores, or at railway depots.”

Girls had to keep off the streets, “except for necessary exercise, and then in approved

places and under proper chaperonage.”

No written communication was allowed between boarding girls and the boys of the school or village, and girls were not allowed “to have the company of young men in walks or at boarding places.”

In a letter addressed to the Wake County school board and dated Feb. 25, 1913, Dry requested a new school building that would have an auditorium, heat-

ing plant, modern equipment, and departments in domesticated science, agriculture and manual training.

“Cary deserves a better building,” Dry wrote in the letter. “It is a source of pride to us all that Cary Public High School has a larger enrollment ... than any other of the more than 200 state high schools now in operation.”

THE LETTER worked. Dry got his new building.

In 1913-1914, a new brick building was built to replace the wood frame school.

“This...was considered by educational leaders and experts the best high school building in the state at that time,” Dry wrote in his 1935 article.

“This building was followed in the next few years by numerous high school buildings in all parts of the state many of which were modeled after the building at Cary.”

The year 1917 marked the beginning of the farm-life department at Cary High, which officially became known as the Cary Public High School and E.L. Middleton Farm Life School. In a September 3, 1917 account of the farm life school, 38 boys were enrolled in the agriculture program and 62 girls in home economics.

Dry saw five more buildings added to the Cary High campus: the Frank Page girls dormitory, a boys dormitory housing up to 200 students, the Walter Hines Page vocational education building, the Dr. J.M. Templeton physical education building, and the Marcus Dry classroom building.

Of those, the physical education building and the Dry building are still in use today, the Templeton building now used as a music room.

DURING THE presence of Dry at Cary High School, R.S. “Dad” Dunham came to Cary High in 1929 after graduating from State College.

“I came here in 1929 to teach agriculture for part of the year,” he said. “I stayed 40 years.”

His wife, the former Rachel E. Eaton of Davie County, came to Cary High School as a student in 1920.

She and her sister arrived too late that year to get a spot in the dormitories so they took a room in the Walker Hotel for the year. (“We called it Walker Hotel back then,” she said. “The Page came later.”)

“We came here because we wanted home economics and this was about the only school in the state that had it,” she said.

Mrs. Dunham finished school and went on to Western Caro-

lina. Afterwards, she returned to Cary.

“I always thought the best thing I could ever do was come back and work with Mr. Dry,” said Mrs. Dunham. She taught second grade for 32 years at the school.

“The students back in the 1920s would come from all over the county and they would go home on the weekends on the train,” Mrs. Dunham remembers. “We had a bell boy which would ring the bell at the change of classes.”

DUNHAM TOLD the story of how he took a group of 30 boys to the 1938 World’s Fair in New York City. Most of the boys had never been out of Wake County.

“We could go to the fair for a dime, I think,” said Dunham. “Some of the men liked to hear the Southern boys talk,” and took them to supper one night.

Dunham said when the boys got back, they told him of their experience, wondering about the action of one man:

“‘He left 35-cents on the table. We don’t know why he did it, but when he turned his back we took it.’ So the waitress that night never got her tip,” Dunham said with a chuckle.

Transportation to New York and back cost each boy \$3, and “some of them went up there and back on less than \$20,” Dunham said.

By 1933, Morrisville, Mt. Hermon, Sorrell's Grove, Reedy Creek, Mt. Vernon, Goodwin schools were consolidated into Cary High, and Cary, Mt. Vernon-Goodwin and Swift Creek schools were placed into the Cary Consolidated District No. 1.

Also in 1933, Cary High was closed to boarders, because as Dry wrote, "the big consolidated schools ... cut off most of the boarding patronage." The dormitories were then made into apartments for the teachers.

By 1938, the main building was torn down and replaced with the present Cary Elementary building now seen at the south end of Academy Street. Dunham indicated this new building used the same foundations of the former building.

DRY LEFT Cary Public High

School in 1942 and was succeeded by two principals in a short interim. They were followed by Paul W. Cooper.

"When Mr. Cooper came he was a good school man. He and Mr. Dry were the best school men I've ever known," said Dunham. "Mr. Cooper, if he were out at a meeting at night, he'd never go home without stopping by the school first. "For most of the 40 years, I was with good school men," said Dunham. "No school is any better than the principal, in my book."

Cooper led the school into a number of firsts, according to a May, 1971 article that appeared

in *The Cary News*, written by Clare Johnson Marley and Peggy J. Thomas.

IN ACADEMICS, the school offered the only gifted and talented high school English course in Wake County, the first high school course for retarded children, the first health careers vocational course in the state, and the first distributive education course in the county.

Cooper also led the school in athletic and band achievements. Cary High had the first high school marching band in the county, and it was during Cooper's era that Band Day was started.

Cary High was conference champs for five consecutive years in football and for three

consecutive years in basketball. They were also in the top ten in wrestling — the only 3-A team in a 4-A-dominated list.

In 1960, Cooper moved with the high school to its present location on Walnut Street, leaving the elementary and junior high schools intact on the Cary Elementary site with Carl A. Mills Jr. as principal. E.B. Comer took the helm at Cary Elementary in 1968.

According to Cary Elementary Principal Maude Reese, school population as a elementary and junior high school swelled at one time to 1800 students.

From 1964, when she first joined the Cary Elementary staff as a seventh and eighth grade teacher, new schools

were built to accommodate the growth in Cary: Northwoods and Briarcliff in 1967, Henry Adams in 1968, Farmington Woods in 1978, and in 1975, East Cary Junior High School.

THE YEAR before the junior high students moved out of Cary Elementary, Mrs. Reese took over as principal after serving as assistant principal for six year. In 1977-78, the school received extensive renovation.

"It was all wooden floors with lights hanging from the ceilings," Ms. Reese said. The school auditorium was also converted into a media center, and the school's PTA funded the wiring of a close-circuit TV system for all buildings on the campus.

In the next few years, more renovation — including a replacement of the main building, is slated for the campus.

According to a history of Cary Elementary School in the school's handbook, "Cary Elementary is a living history. It is a barometer of change, for we can easily see elements of the past in what is here now. We can appreciate the efforts of men in generations past who have also valued education and have made every effort to provide young people with many opportunities."

(Editor's note: Materials and information that made this article possible were by Mary Lib Trent, Mr. and Mrs. R.S. Dunham and Cary Elementary School.)

Things haven't changed

Student problems same now as ever

By LYNN PEARSALL WILLIAMS
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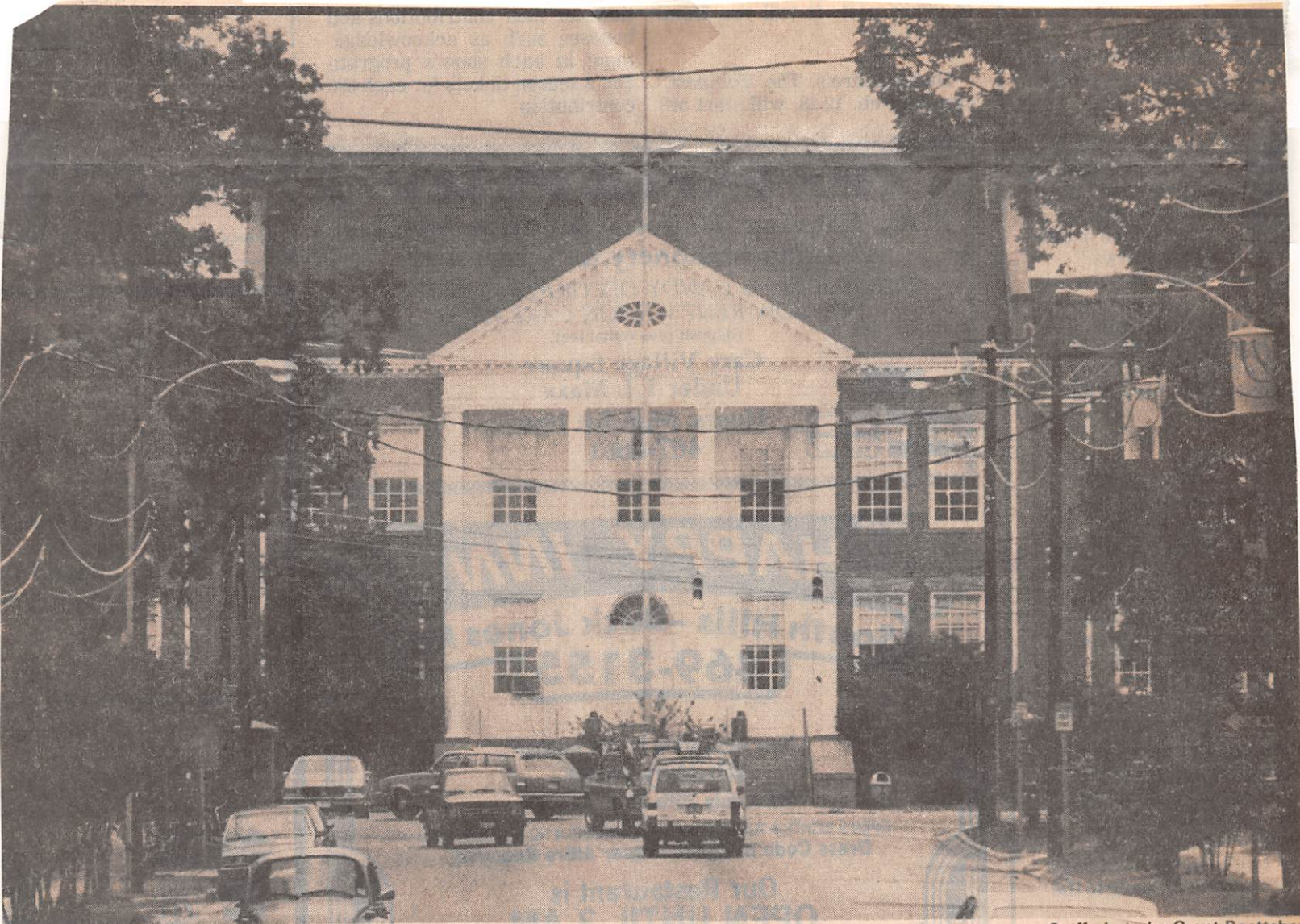
Some things never change.

• On display at Cary Elementary School is a list of fads among the students in 1918. The list, in part, reads as follows:

Stealing pears, strapping freshmen, skipping classes, writing notes, claiming an Apex girl, going to Raleigh, flirting, smoking cigarettes, basketball and baseball.

• Principal Marcus Dry wrote these comments in an issue of the 1939 school newspaper:

"This has been a year to try the patience of teachers and pupils. With 400 high school pupils crowded into one small building with almost no space for parking buses or for children to play, all have cooperated to keep the school machinery running as smoothly as could be possible."



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Cary Elementary School, the third school building on the site, was built in 1938.



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Miss Esther Ivey, 97, of Cary attended Cary High School from the time she was eight years old until she graduated at 16.



Frank Page, Sr. and Rufus Jones in 1870 built this two-story school on the site of Cary Elementary replacing a log building constructed by Adolphus Jones.



The second floor of the school built by Frank Page Sr. and Rufus Jones served as dormitory space for boys attending Cary High School.

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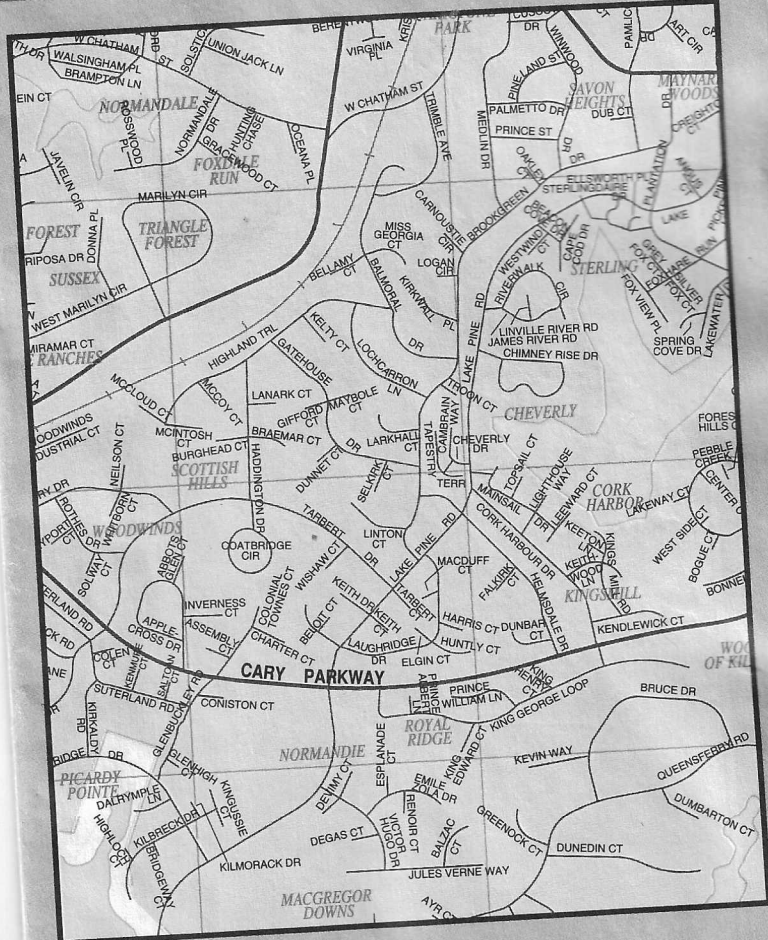


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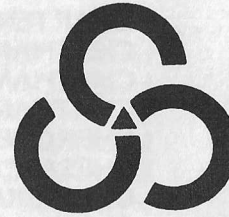


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