

N.C. CENTRAL PRISON - WAKE CO., NC

FROM THE BIOFILE OF W<sup>M</sup> JACKSON NICKS  
- ENTRY 18 JUL 2016 BY RPH

BACKGROUND:

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△ WARREN P. HARVEY A G/O GUY JONES, SR
2. WJH MOVED TO RALEIGH, NC ABOUT 1854  
△ & THERE IN 1878 MD (?) JULIA LOUISE HARRISON
3. WJH WAS HUGEY SUCCESSFUL. SOME EXCERPTS<sup>△</sup>
  - A. CONSTRUCTED/EQUIPPED THE NEUSE MFG  
CO. PAPER MILL AT THE FALLS OF THE  
NEUSE, WAKE CO., NC - DURING THE CIVIL  
WAR HE TURNED THE MILL INTO A POWDER  
MILL
  - B. AFTER THE WAR HE WAS ASSOCIATED WITH  
△△ THOMAS H. BRIGGS, SR & JAMES DODD IN THE  
CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS
  - C. IN 1869 TOOK OVER AS SUPERINTENDANT OF  
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PRISON. COMPLETED 1881. BECAME "STATE ARCHITECT"
  - D. BUILT EXECUTIVE MANSION, HOLLADAY HALL, ETC  
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CARDENAS TELEPHONE CO., WAKE CO., NC

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WAKE CO, NC  
SCHOOLS

Cardenas. In 1899, a year after local Spanish-American War hero Worth Bagley was killed at Cardenas, Cuba, in 1898, this Raleigh & Cape Fear Railroad station and post office were named in his honor. Rufus R. Sexton became the first postmaster, followed by William L. Johnson, and then Lena E. Sexton, who served for twenty years before the office closed in 1925.<sup>18</sup>

Kemp B. Johnson erected telephone poles for a line from his home at Cardenas to Caraleigh Mill in Raleigh in 1896; in 1907 the area got its own exchange when Dr. James M. Judd, A. C. Burt, Ed H. Ballentine, and other local residents formed Cardenas Telephone Company. Mrs. Sexton operated the switchboard at her home near the railroad depot. A. N. Johnson had a general store at the depot. Dr. Judd lived nearby and carried on a medical practice covering Wake, Harnett, Johnston, and Chatham counties. Dr. H. H. Utley also practiced there in the early 1900s. In about 1895 Irene Johnson Cook built a small private school, which later became a public school for white children until the county school board authorized a new building, completed in about 1910. Kemp Johnson assembled a large lumber business. Dr. Judd's daughter, Edith Judd Parker, recalled that Johnson had a "music hall" near his home and allowed the community to use it for special speakers and events such as school Christmas programs. The area's earliest moving pictures were also shown there. Other businesses and industries included sawmills and cotton gins owned by W. M. Ballentine and W. Z. ("Zeb") Atkinson, and J. L. Brown's grocery. J. H. Hinesley's blacksmith shop was located there in the 1910s.<sup>19</sup>