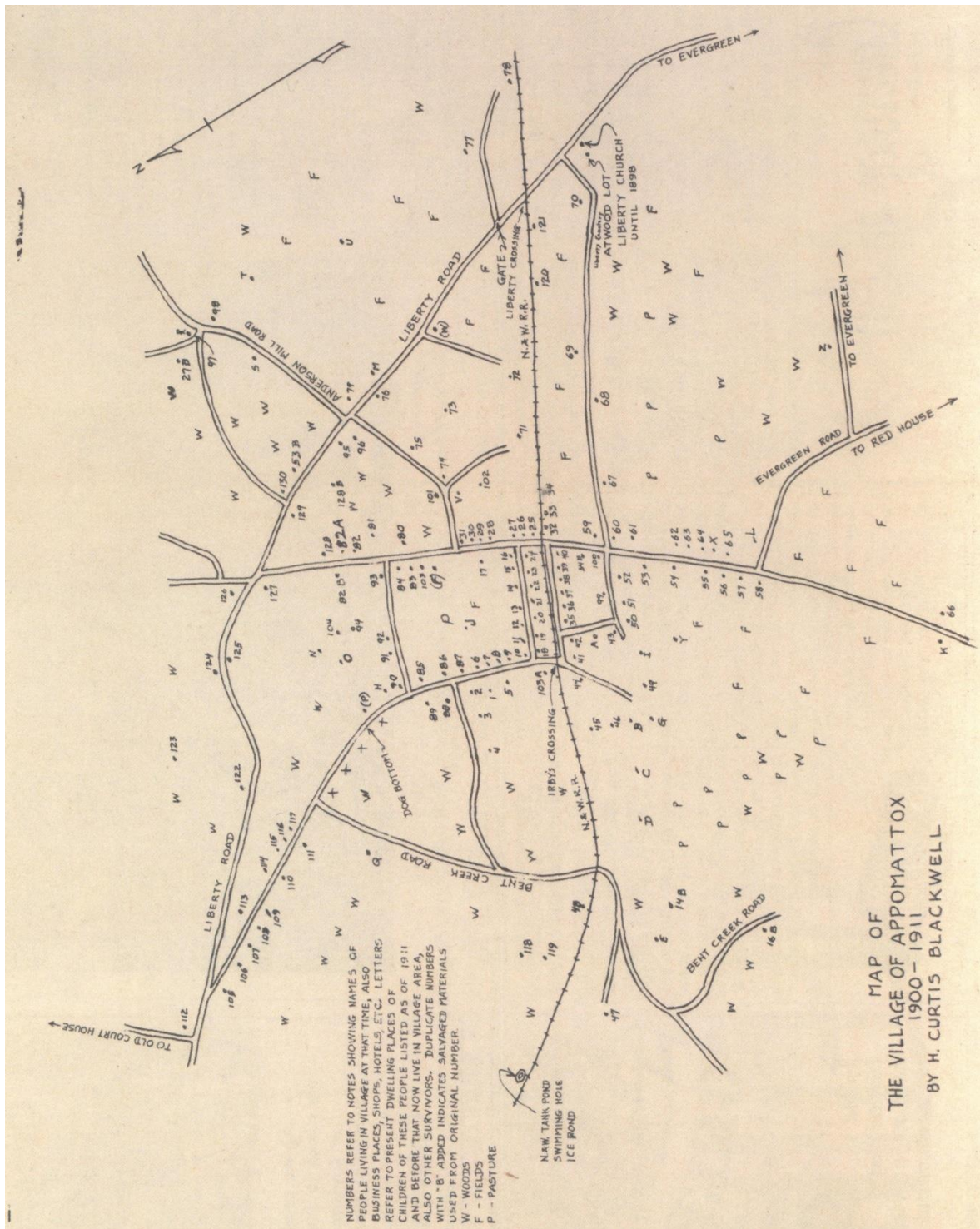


Appomattox At About The Turn Of The Century

Appomattox as it existed in 1900-1911 is portrayed on the following map by H. C. Blackwell. Only the heads of households are listed because of space limitations. Appreciation is expressed to the following persons for supplying and verifying information: Mrs. A. T. Inge, Mrs. C. W. Smith, Mrs. L. H. Wooldridge, Mrs. L. H. Godsey, John C. Caldwell, J. A. Burke, E. W. Blackwell, Hobart Watson, Julian Hamlet, and others.



1. Appomattox Courthouse - George J. Hundley, Judge; S. L. Ferguson, Commonwealth Attorney; Frank W. McKinney, Sheriff (H) Frankie McKinney H. Winston McKinney, Deputy Sheriff; H. D. Flood, Lawyer; Courtney Franklin, Lawyer; Jack Lee, Lawyer; J. P. L. Fleshman, Lawyer.
2. Clerk's Office - George T. Peers, Clerk until 1905; J. Rolfe Horsley, clerk; C. W. Smith, deputy.
3. Jail - Rod Childress, Jailer; W. J. (Bill) Paris, Jailer; W. T. (Bill) Davidson, Jailer.
4. School - Taught by Miss Alice Hubbard; Residence - Cliff Haga, carpenter.
5. C. W. (Charlie) Hunter, traveling shoe salesman; A. H. Clement; Knickerbocker Hotel, M. L. (Dooley) Earman, electrician, lived here when he first arrived in Appomattox and went to work with Appomattox Telephone Company.

6. Forbs Hotel - A. H. (Buck) Clement, lawyer, printer, real estate agent, operated printing press here. Herbert C. Pulliam stayed here and went to school. L. F. Ferguson also stayed here. (see 43) S. L. (Sam) Ferguson, lawyer, Sunday School Superintendent, extensive landowner. (J) Rachel F. Lawson.

In 1911 at this site almost joining old house, Mr. Claude Haga (see 51) started a new house here, later called Courtland. By that fall, he had house frame up, part of chimneys up, main roof about on and some outside finish work done, and probably other work not mentioned. The story is that one of Mr. Ferguson's friends said to him: "Sam, why did you start such a large house?" He said, "It is a monument to my ignorance."

At this time, for some reason, work on job was discontinued and W. R. (Bill) Burnham, leading architect of Lynchburg of this time, was employed to make finishing plans and supervise work.

At this time, E. Gilbert Blackwell (C) and Ben M. Blackwell as "Blackwell and Blackwell" was awarded contract to finish work which they did. Some workmen on job were: Bob Worley of near Concord, Lewis O'Brien of Buckingham, a Mr. Moss from Lynchburg, Earnest Mileton of Norfolk, Robert Mitchell, Frank Blackwell as a 16 year old boy worked on job some, Wiley Richardson of Pamplin, Flens Ranson and Cliff Watson. Roof deck by T. B. Dorning Adams Company of Lynchburg. Painting by Mr. Craig of Lynchburg. Ornamental plastering by Mr. Hughes and others. Curtis Blackwell as a boy cleaned brick that had earlier been worked in building and later used by B. F. Coleman to build columns at walk and drive. B. M. Blackwell was foreman on job. Courtland has now been torn down. Four houses marked X on map near Dogbottom were built from salvaged material from old Ferguson house and other buildings around house including Charlie Davis' house and some material that had been bought early and did not fit into final plans for Courtland.

The first house, the one near 89 was built by Cliff Haga who lived here and later built the other three houses. He had the following help on this work: John Harris, Doug Puckett, Everett W. Blackwell, Walter E. Durham.

7. Barroom operated by Rod Childress.
8. Barroom operated by George White.
9. Blacksmith shop operated by Gus Watson.
10. Page and Phelps Livery Stable - H. Winston McKinney Livery Stable.

11. N. & W. Section House occupied by Hunter Gallier, Section Foreman; Walter Booth, telegraph operator.
12. Appomattox Hotel - Operated in this period by Mr. and Mrs. Walter C. McGill, Mrs. Pomp Wooldridge, Katie, Dennis, and Harold, A. H. Clement & wife. People living here during this period - H. W. McKinney, Mr. and Mrs. Emmitt W. Taylor and Curtis, Mrs. Sally Reynolds, Charlie and Ann, Major and Mrs. J. W. Flood and Joel, Dr. D. N. Twyman and wife, Prof. L. Crawley and wife. Appomattox Telephone Company central office was here operated by Rosa Paris.
13. John Sherer Printing Office, Editor of Southside Virginian, Mr. Ware - printer.
14. Cleve Fuqua had handmade cigar factory here. See 14B. Dr. Julian H. Abbitt had office here. Jim Flood had shoe and harness shop on second floor (14B) - Rebuilt by Bill Davidson for L. E. Smith. Occupied by Luther Franklin for years.
15. Bank of Appomattox - J. R. Atwood, President; Operated by R. F. Burke, R. L. Burke and other members of family.
16. J. R. (Jack) Atwood General Merchandise Store. See 16B - Rebuilt by Tom Davis on Bent Creek Road South. In doing work here a few years ago, a brick retaining wall that protected back end of old store which was below grade was found. At this time, Mary Yancey Spencer made her foot print in concrete at location near old store's front door assisted by her father, H. Y. Spencer, and Curtis Mitchell.
17. J. R. Atwood Home - Mrs. Atwood's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Chenault was auctioneer and also worked in store. Others living here and working in store were Bob Harvey, Bill Lee. Mrs. Bessie James also worked in store. Lena Reeks boarded here and taught school at A.A.H.S.
18. Farmer Guano Store House.
19. A. H. Clements Printing Office, Editor of Times-Virginian; Jim Meadows, printer; A. H. Clements printing operations moved from 6 to 25 to 19. Doctor J. H. Vanzetti, Famous Indian Remedy Show on second floor.
20. Ferguson and Smith Store - Leslie F. Ferguson and E. LeRoy Smith operating a store handling fertilizer and other materials. (W) E. L. Smith
21. Jack Childress Barroom - Taylor & Taylor Ladieswear operated by Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Taylor; Smith & Anderson Ladieswear operated by Mrs. W. E. Smith and Mrs. B. G. Anderson.
22. T. A. Smith Undertaking, Furniture and Harness Shop - Carey D. Mitchell worked here.
23. L. E. Smith General Merchandise Store - People working in store not listed as living in L. E. Smith home (Not all at one time). L. F. Ferguson, Terry Durham, Dave Plunkett, Bill Marshall, Don Moses, Mary Hancock.
24. N & W. R.R. Station, John A. Sears, agent; John Edd Sears, telegraph operator, Walter Booth, telegraph operator; Clint Steele and others - Telegraph operators; John Johns, station hand.

25. Store and Post Office - S. Pat Coleman and John Sam Plunkett, A. H. Printing Office, Editor of Appomattox and Buckingham Times; General Merchandise Store, Homer G. Babcock, Weyland and Bradley Sweeney, nephews of Mr. Babcock, clerks; Probably H. M. Burge and others. Store moved back, later burned.
26. Livery Stable - H. W. McKinney. Tom Tibbs helped here.
27. John Lee Store, Vacant. 27B - Rebuilt by B. M. Blackwell for home. Now occupied by J. W. "Jack" Martin.
28. John Sherer, Editor.
29. W. E. (Bill) Smith, Miller (K) Willie S. Moses.
30. Mr. Ware, Printer at John Sherer's office; B. G. Anderson.
31. N. H. Gregory, N & W. R.R. pump operator at Evergreen; J. Dillard Morris, Merchant; (V) Thelma M. Dickerson. William Moore lives here now.
32. Farmers Alliance Store - Operated by Pomp Wooldridge; George Purdum and W. Ben Caldwell, traveling shoe salesmen, operating as Purdum and Caldwell with R. E. (Bob) Caldwell and Miss Maude Gregory staying in store. Miss Gregory later married Mr. Moore (see 31). Carey D. Mitchell had room on second floor.
33. L. E. Smith and Brother Mill - Operated by W. E. (Bill) Smith. Mr. Childress, Miller; M. F. Miff Davidson, stationery engine fireman; Lacy Burns also worked here.
34. Ten Pin Alley - Built and maintained by C. W. (Charlie) Hancock as Saturday night recreation for himself and friends. The only cost of playing here was to chip in to pay pinsetter. Some players were A. H. Clement, J. A. Sears, T. W. Moses, M. L. (Dooley) Earman, Rev. Robert C. Hubbard, and others. Curtis Blackwell was pinsetter and later joined game when some of the regulars did not show. (See 34B - Moved to new site).
35. R. F. (Dick) Burke Home - telegraph operator, N. & W. R.R. Agent at Appomattox. Organizer of Bank of Appomattox, also cashier; Promoter and Organizer of Appomattox Telephone Company and Appomattox Tobacco Warehouse. Some people living here in this period: H. D. (Hal) Flood, Congressman; J. Rolfe Horsely, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Ferguson and Virginia, Mr. and Mrs. Ben F. Oden and Vernie. Mr. Oden was secretary to Congressman H. D. Flood. (I) Jerry A. Burke. Mr. Jerry Sears, brother of Mrs. Burke, from Colorado visited here. Charles Hicks, President of Seaboard Air Line R.R. parked private car on side track in front of Burke home and with wife and daughter, Madaline, visited in Burke home on several occasions.
36. John D. Coleman Drug Store - John had rooms back of store. E. Gilbert Blackwell, carpenter, contractor lived on second floor. (C) Edd O. Blackwell. Swing on porch made from leftover material from Courtland by Curtis Blackwell five years later. (R) H. Curtis Blackwell.
37. Appomattox Telephone Building owned by R. F. Burke - First floor - Appomattox Hardware Store operated by A. R. Harwood Sr. and Walter M. Hancock. Later operated by Alison Inge and J. Dillard Morris as Inge and Morris.

Second Floor - Appomattox Telephone Company Central Office. Mrs. Earman and others were switchboard operators. Mr. and Mrs. Earman had rooms behind office. Third floor - Monroe Masonic Lodge No. 301 AF and AM.

38. L. E. Smith Storage House - WOW and IOOF Lodge Room on second floor.
39. J. B. (Doctor Jim) Abbitt M.D. Office. Also used some by W. H. (Doctor Buck) Abbitt, M.D. Building is Charles Sackett Law office. Moved from Old Appomattox Court House. It had only two rooms at that time.
40. T. A. (Tom) Smith Home Boarding House. People boarding here were: Wade E. McDonald, Principal A.H.S.; Dr. Winn, Presbyterian minister; George Peers, county clerk; Estelle Thornton and Ida Okeefe, teachers; Deloca Banton, Fanny Banton, Fanny Taylor, Neta Marshall, students, and others. Gene and Ned Grady, stepsons of Hunter Smith, spent summer vacations here. (G) Miss Lucy and Emma Smith also Lucy Caldwell. Lucy C. Pack now lives next door, west.
41. Robert (Bob) Irby Storage House - R. T. Rantucker Freshman Ice Cream Parlor, Cabell Moore tin shop.
42. Doc Coleman Store and Home - Father in law of Mr. Irby; Robert (Bob) Irby Home Store and Post Office. Mr. Coleman stayed in store. Miss Lula Irby worked in post office. She lives here now, (A) Mary L. Sears. Mail Carriers: Pitzer Gills, John Wright, F. L. (Fitz) Martin, Edd Coleman and Luther Morris.
43. J. B. (Doctor Jim) Abbitt Home. Garage built here using siding lift over from Courtland.
44. Gate, Hunters Pasture.
45. Baseball Diamond - E. W. Taylor manage team, others later. John B. Boatright managed Buckingham team. Some of the fans called them "Buckamites."
46. Showgrounds - Colonel J. C. O'Brien's famous Georgia Minstrel doing the cake walk in front of 14-15-16 to draw crowd for later show. Also Williams Stock Co. later taken over by Dick Lewis and others. Some of these shows would return year after year.
47. W. A. (Bill) Moses, county surveyor (E) Mary M. Inge
48. L. Hubie Godsey, carpenter (N) G. C. (Pat) Godsey, (O) Phyllis G. Thompson (U) Avis G. Gilbert (T) Mrs. L. H. Godsey and daughter, Delphia.
49. Len Franklin, special officer at times also worked with M. L. (Dooley) Earman some on telephone lines. Plurie Gunter, Assistant N & W section foreman.
50. R. L. (Little Dick) Burke, telegraph operator, train dispatcher at Crewe, banker. Mrs. Burke lives here now. (Q) Richard L. Burke, Jr. (Y) William W. Burke.
51. George Peers, county clerk, E. W. Taylor, Bookkeeper, merchant, Claude Haga, Builder and artist. Had son born in village probably at 88. B. G. Anderson, county agent. (B) Willie Guthrie A. McDearman. Lucille Guthrie from Texas lived with her aunt, Mrs. Anderson, and went to school.

52. Emmitt W. Taylor; Clem A. Hancock, contractor with C. W. Hancock & Son.
53. Liberty Baptist Church - Salvaged material used to build 53B...O. L. Davison home. Also used by R. M. Mitchell on Gallilee Church. Pastors - Dr. George Braxton Taylor, Rev. Hugh C. Smith, Rev. George S. Kernard and Rev. Robert C. Hubbard.
54. Appomattox High School - Principals, Wade E. McDonald, Prof. Lindsay Crawley; Teachers, Mrs. Sally Reynolds, Miss Emma Smith, Miss Estelle Thornton. Tom W. Moses, Tobacco farmer, warehouse manager.
55. C. A. Clem Hancock - Mrs. Ellie Paris-Rosa, Ben, Charlie (See 91, 97) Myrtle Thomas boarded with Mrs. Paris and went to school. Doug Puckett, Blacksmith and other work. Ellen Rogers boarded with her sister, Mrs. Puckett, and went to school.
56. George A. Walton, section foreman, N. & W. R.R. road master.
57. Thomas A. Walton, N. & W. R.R. conductor.
58. T. H. (Tom) Hancock, tin roofer.
59. George Austin, blacksmith shop.
60. George Austin and mother - Dr. D. N. Twyman home later building.
61. Baptist Parsonage - Rev. Robert C. Hubbard and Miss Alice Hubbard.
62. C. W. (Charlie) Hancock, carpenter, contractor, C. W. Hancock and Son, Abner H. Gegory, N. & W. R.R. brakeman.
63. C. W. Hancock former home - Rev. John C. Lepps, Presbyterian minister.
64. Walter M. Hancock, carpenter, partner in Appomattox Hardware Company (66) Corine H. Abbitt (L) Annie Hancock, (Z) Sue H. Scott (X) W. E. (Ned) Hancock.
65. Ernest E. Gills, traveling shoe salesman.
66. Walter Wooldridge, farmer, did hauling. Looked after Liberty Baptist Church, drove hearse. Corine H. Abbitt now lives in later building.
67. M. F. (Miff) Davidson, stationary engine fireman at Smith's Mill.
68. L. E. Smith Home, merchant, farmer, partner in L. E. Smith & Brother Mill. People living here and working store in addition to those listed at store were Allison T. Inge, Henry Inge, Sam Inge, Miss Myrtle Inge, J. D. Morris, L. J. Morris worked in store and carried mail. Mrs. Myrtle S. Scruggs and Mrs. Elizabeth (Bett) Reynolds now live here. (84) Verta S. Stanley (102) Marguerite S. O'Brien in later building.
69. John Fore, general work.
70. Lewis Woodson, carpenter.
71. J. A. Sears, telegraph operator N. & W. agent at Appomattox.

72. Jim Meadows, printer in A. H. Clement's office.
73. Methodist Parsonage - Rev. Dunkley, Rev. Murphy, Rev. Blankinship.
74. R. N. Wooldridge, farmer, general work.
75. J. H. (Doctor Julian) Abbitt, M.D. Home. Homer C. Babcock, Merchant, farmer, tobacco buyer auctioneer A. A. (Deb) Babcock now lives here. (90) Mary B. Murphy.
76. Mrs. Mollie Moore - son, Eddie, and Charlie Sale, nephew, taught private school, sold milk, butter and eggs.
77. J. P. L. Fleshman, lawyer, landowner, gentleman farmer.
78. Frank Green - Elbert Smith.
79. Josiah L. Foster Home - General Merchandising. Mrs. Bessie James boarded here.
80. Memorial Methodist Church (see 73).
81. Appomattox Agricultural High School. Prof. Lindsay Crawley, Principal. Some early teachers: Lena Reeks, Ida Okeefe, Pocahontas Wray, Estelle Thornton, Alice Hubbard and others. Bob Craig was janitor. He was a real diplomat nobody ever found fault with Bob.
82. Lennie T. Seay, painter, carpenter, paper hanger. House sold to county by E. G. Blackwell. It was used for years for Boys Dormitory and called Blackwell House. Moved and rebuilt at 82 B for S. L. Ferguson by B. M. Blackwell and A. F. Godsey. R. B. Hudgins lived here for years.
- 82A. Doug Pucket.
83. Cleveland (Cleve) Fuqua, salesman, manufacturer. Dr. Winn, Presbyterian minister boarded here. A. R. Harwood, Sr. Appomattox Hardware store manager (S) Alice H. Marshall Mrs. A. R. Harwood, Sr.
84. J. H. Stanley, N. & W. R.R. engineer. Frank Cale and Alfred Tweedy boarded here and went to school. Verta S. Stanley and Reggie Stanley now live here (P) Willie S. Burge.
85. Joe W. Smith, bricklayer, plasterer.
86. Rod Childress, operated barroom. Hudson Giles, worked for J. R. Atwood.
87. George White, operated barroom. Hudson Giles later lived here and moved to 86.
88. Roland Haga Shop - E. G. Blackwell employed. Joe Smith who made tobacco hogsheads here before arrangements were made to make them at warehouse. Cliff Haga worked on models for portable concrete forms here. Roland Haga had picture making arrangements on second floor. Oscar Haga lived in rooms on second floor and helped Roland some in shop. He was then or soon after a Methodist minister. Mr. Heineke had meat market on second floor.
89. Roland Haga Home, carpenter and shop work.

90. Appomattox Tobacco Warehouse - salvaged material used on F. L. Murphy farm. Mr. Murphy and wife, Mary B. Murphy, now live here in later building.
91. Mary Lizzy Paris Home and brother, George, from (55) also Mr. Bill Paris and sister, Miss Alice Paris. William Abbitt Coleman had rooms here. Mary Lizzy was secretary to S. L. Ferguson.
92. Mrs. Betty Clayton, Jack and Bernice. Mr. Paris of (91) married Mrs. Clayton and they lived here a short while. D. H. Mitchell had room here with E. G. Blackwell. (D) Clarence Mitchell and sister, Vera Wood. (M) Hollie M. Cawthorn.
93. Bocock burned house lot and out buildings. John Reed kept H. D. Flood's driving horses in stable. Here Punch and Judy.
94. Robert C. Blackwell, printer.
95. L. H. Wooldridge, N. & W. R.R. masonry foreman.
96. Josiah L. Foster Store General Merchandising. Salvaged material from store was used by R. M. Mitchell to build B. G. Anderson farm home.
97. Gate to P. Henry Wooldridge Cow Pasture - accommodating cows of village Charlie Paris (see 55) was main cow driver at 50 cents per head per month, morning and night. Pasture extended 1½ miles or more from gate. Cows were sometimes found at far end of pasture.
98. R. T. (Rantucker) Fleshman dwelling. Operated small business in village.
99. W. (Ben) Caldwell, traveling shoe salesman. (F) John C. Caldwell apartment.
100. Lelia B. Inge, millinery shop.
101. Presbyterian Church. Ministers: Dr. Winn, Rev. John C. Lepps.
102. L. H. Woodridge - N. & W. R.R. Marguerite S. O'Brien in later building.
103. Professor Lindsay Crawley, principal of Appomattox Agricultural High School.

Burned buildings - 12, 20, 21, 22 , 23, 24, 25. Later 37, 38, 72, 33. 33 burned second time and was rebuilt.

And the following colored families -

- 103A. N. & W. R.R House, occupied by John Reed, worked around N. & W. station.
104. Ada Wheeler
105. Nick Johnson
106. Fleming Ransom, helper for brick laying and plastering.
107. Gus Watson, blacksmith.

108. George Tibbs - looked after horses and did driving for J. B. Abbitt, M.D.
109. Jim Flood, shoemaker.
110. Saint Marys, later First Baptist Church. Pastor Rev. Carter.
111. Tom Sears - N. & W. R.R. Worker.
112. Judy Hood - Kept vicious dog.
113. Colored School - teacher, Miss Patterson.
114. Albert Walker, general work.
115. Tom Tibbs - worked at stable for H. W. McKinney.
116. Spiller Trent - Packed shumac for J. R. Atwood.
117. Rafe Wright - Hobart Watson now lives here.
118. Ezra Hamlet, general work.
119. Pink McKinney
120. Frank Green
121. Tom Tibbs Sr., masonry and plasterer helper.
122. Taylor Wright.
123. John Reed
124. Jim Flood - not shoemaker.
125. Rena Isbell - owner of considerable village land.
126. Dow B. Delaney - concrete worker, carpenter, etc.
127. Lacy Burns - worked at Smith's mill.
128. Doug Watkins - N. & W. R.R. - See 128 B - moved.
129. John Conner - sexton, Memorial Methodist Church.
130. Bob Craig - Janitor A.A.H.S. Dave Tibbs had room near 40.

NOTE - Children now living in this area (A - Z) are from in their forties to their nineties.