

# Farming primary 1850 occupation

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monished them to bring clean wool and included in his ad the following instructions:

**"FILL A LARGE KETTLE** with water, bring to near a boiling heat, add salt to make it a strong brine, put in some of the wool, not so much as to crowd the kettle, stir gently 3 or 4 minutes, take out the wool and rinse in clean water, do not empty the kettle, keep up the heat, keep it filled with water, adding a little more salt."

Another businessman, A. Helton, operated a grist mill. In his advertisement he boasted of "Having in our employ men of experience and skill, and having the most approved machinery, we flatter ourselves that we are able to give general satisfaction both as to quality and quantity."

**HELTON'S AD ALSO STATED** that he would "grind either for toll, or exchange flour for wheat" at the rate of exchange of 38 pounds of flour for white wheat and 36 for red wheat and a half bushel of bran for each "merchantable bushel of wheat."

Another group of Monroe Countians indicated by the 1850 census were 25 professional persons, who were teachers, clerks, physicians, lawyers, clergymen and a dentist.

The remaining category of persons counted by the census takers in 1850 were students at the university. According to the tally in district 132, there were 33 of them spread over several townships. IU graduated 12 young men that year, including four by the name of Wise, who came from Accomack County, Va.