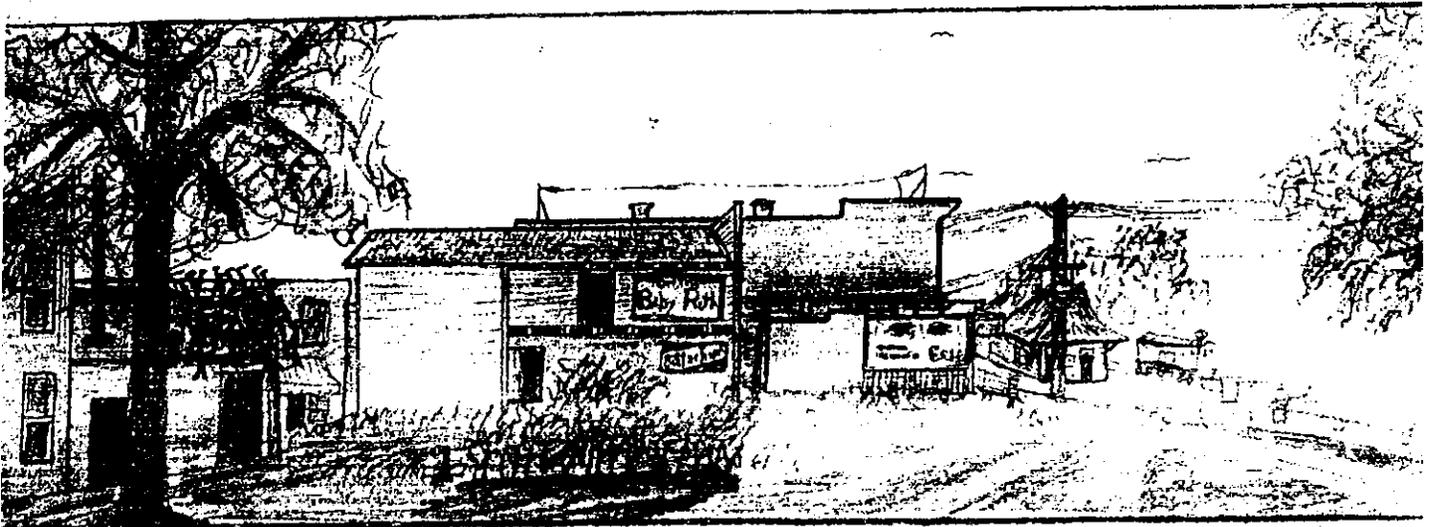


TROUTMAN

A SHORT HISTORY



J. TROUTMAN JR. 1931

JIMMY ALLEY

THE COVER: The cover is from a pencil drawing by William Troutman Jr. in 1931. To the left and behind the tree, is the barber shop in the Suther-Lytton building. To the right of the tree is the pressing club. In the background is the J. F. Brown building (Upper). The next building is the J. W. Johnston building with the Baby Ruth sign on side. Next is the W. D. Troutman building used as a cafe and bank. The tall building beyond that building is the Albert Johnston building. Behind the light post is the Depot with a rail car on the tracks. Not in sight, is the W. D. Troutman Fertilizer building and loading platform on right side of drawing.

*To a good
friend
Jim alley*

This book was written at the request of the Centennial Committee of the Town of Troutman. I have been as factual as possible in doing so. I may have erred in some places, but results of such errors were unintentional. I may have left out a few items, this also was unintentional. My sources, some long gone, may also have erred in passing along items years before. Other item sources are from the Statesville papers, Register of Deeds, and my memory. The latter of which may have slipped unbeknownst to me.

When I started this book, I wanted to set the record straight on when the Town was settled and of whom it was named. This, I am sure, will cause some mixed feeling as some of the dates past down years before, are not factual. Some few have expressed their thoughts on this already. Asking, "What difference does it make if dates are off several years"? When you start moving dates in history around, it creates problems to future historians. Say you moved your birthday back several years. This might not be much of a problem to you, but in later years could be embarrassing to your family.

Some may question the number of pages on Troutman Schools. If I had taken out some of the items, it would have left a gap and not have giving the full history of the school. As far as I know, the history of the "Troutman School Committee" has never been published before. This coming from the papers of Mr. W. D. Troutman Sr. who was the Secretary for a number of years.

Looking back, I wish I would have had more time in preparing this book. Maybe in future years someone else with more knowledge than I can write a complete history of the Town of Troutman. For me, growing up in Troutman was a real enjoyment. Great town, Great folks.

Jimmy Alley

November 2005

TROUTMAN

The death of Jacob Troutman-the pioneer-in 1846 triggered the start of the Town of Troutman 10 years later in 1856. As Anne the widow of Jacob Troutman Jr., who died in 1831, was living on land owned by Jacob Sr. it became necessary that she move. This move probably after June 1847, the date the Commissioners met "to divide the lands of the heirs of Jacob Troutman deceased." Jacob Sr. in his will disinherited his daughter in law and his five grandchildren. At his death he owned 3,128 acres, denying even a homestead for his son's wife and children giving them "two dollars a piece so much for them." This not sitting well with Jacob Jr's. widow created some bitterness that lasted a number of years. Not one of Jacob Jr's. family is buried in the Troutman family graveyard. What caused Jacob Sr. to disinherit this family is purely conjecture. Some say Anne and her family went out in the fields and gathered the crops before the others, and this did not sit well with Jacob. I believe there is more to this story that has not been brought out.

On August 24, 1856, we bring into play another Jacob Troutman, son of Jacob Jr. deceased. Jacob Davidson Troutman called "little Jake" bought, for Three hundred and five dollars, forty three and one quarter acres from Jacob Thomas. His brother John Sidney Troutman at the same time bought forty eight acres from Jacob Thomas along side of Jacob Ds.' land. These two deeds being the first resulted in the naming of the Town of Troutman. The census of 1850 shows Anne living in what is now Barringer township, school district #61. John Sidney Troutman had already left, he being about 22 years old. He sold his land to Jacob D. in 1858 for \$480 keeping it only 2 years. Augustus Davidson

Troutman born in 1845, was the son of Margaret Melissa Troutman , sister of John S. and Jacob D. Troutman also lived in this household. According to tradition, John Sidney and Jacob D. Troutman, built a wagon shop on the left side of the road going to the river. This being in the forks of the road in what we now know as Troutman and being the first building in Troutman.

The First House In Troutman

The first house in Troutman would be the James Hammon's (Hammond) house. This house was on the right side of the Falls rd. going to the river. At present, the Troutman Drug Store is situated on this lot. The house set back from the road maybe twenty or thirty feet. This is the house that "Uncle Gus" lived in after buying from Hammons (Hammond) in 1866. A well was already there and "Uncle Gus" says it never ran out of water. It being dug in 1853. He later built the house that I remember about ten feet from the road, torn down in 1957. It is unclear when the second house was built. "Uncle Gus" says that "he and his uncle spent one winter in a house without any door using a cloth as a door and only a cloth partition to separate the room." This must have been the house close to the wagon shop on the left side of the road going to the river. The uncle must have been Jacob D. Troutman as John Sidney had already married in 1858.

A. T. & O Railroad

On February 1860, the surveyors reached the Troutman Shops. Having completed a survey on the road for the section of the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad between Charlotte and Statesville. The report says the road will be about 46 miles in length. This act had more to do with the naming of the Troutman than any other. As the actual

building of the railroad began soon after this survey. The workers called the place "Troutmans", for the shop the Troutman brothers ran. "Uncle Gus" states the first train from Charlotte to Statesville was in March 1861. It is unclear whether there was any house here, other than the Hammons house. Anne was still listed in School district # 61 in the 1860 census. In a diary, made into a book, Captain Henry Chambers states "On July 2nd, 1863 he boarded the train in Statesville for Troutman's station. Got off and walked five miles to his mother's house, who had remarried a Jones, living on the Catawba river." On July 4, 1863, "At three o'clock started for the station- had a very warm walk- got there too soon, had to wait till seven o'clock". Captain Chambers does not mention any house or family here in 1863. This doesn't mean there was none, but as meticulous as Captain Chambers was in his diary, it seems he would have mentioned it if indeed there was one here. The Hammon's (Hammond) house would of course been here, but James Hammons (Hammond) was in the service at this time. This being the midpoint of the War Between The States, and very few strangers passing thru, it seems that some person would have caught Captain Chamber's eye. On this date "Uncle Gus" was in the vicinity of Chambersburg Pa. as he wrote his mother on June 29, 1863.

PART OF A LETTER TO THE EDITOR AND SIGNED "TONY"

The old Atlantic, Tennessee, and Ohio Railroad, which ran from Charlotte to Statesville at that time was derailed during the Civil War and was rebuilt about 1868.

There was an old depot at this place. I do not know what the station was called, but I heard older people than myself call it "Hammonds Shop". (A muddy place in the road would have been an appropriate name.)

The late J. M. Patterson, Esq., who lost a leg in the Confederate army and after the close of the war went into the mercantile business at Amity Hill, moved his stock of goods to a building near this old depot. He got a post office established here and was the first post master. The post office was called "Troutmans Depot" which name stuck to it until about 1875, or until the arrival of Rev. J. B. Anthony pastor of St. Michael's church.

Rev. Anthony thought the name rather long so he petitioned the postal authorities and had the word "Depot" stricken from the name which remains Troutmans the name of the post office to this day.

When the town was incorporated someone who was too lazy to put the "s" to the name wrote the charter so the town was incorporated as Troutman.

The omission of the "s" has caused trouble on several occasions to those who omitted it. Once a postmaster needing a new dating stamp ordered the same from the P. O. D. He omitted the "s" and got the stamp all right, but when he made his quarterly report which must carry the imprint of the dating stamp, that imprint failed to have the "s" and they made that postmaster smell sulphur besides making him make and send in an entire new set of reports.

Old Tony
July 28, 1934

The Village Grew Slowly

After the war ended in 1865. "Uncle Gus" came home with nothing. He had lost two horses in the war. In service he no doubt ran into James Hammons,(Hammond) who owned the land across the "road to the Catawba river" from Jacob and John Sidney's wagon shop. James wanted to go west, tried to sell his land containing 51 acres, but

finding no one with any money, he offered it to "Uncle Gus" with the understanding that "he could pay for it a little at a time". "Uncle Gus" bought the land in 1866 and built a blacksmith shop across from the Troutman's wagon shop. The blacksmith shop was close to the road where the dentist office is now located. Later, another blacksmith shop was built behind this one.

In 1868, "Uncle Gus" married Martha Plyler. He began selling lots to people who wanted to live here. He sold the land cheap, for he said "he would rather have good neighbors than money" and Troutman began to grow.

Troutman's Schools

In September of 1893, Rev. D. W. Michael secured a plot of land, most beautifully situated on a nice elevation in a grove of natural forest and which he proposes to erect an Academy 40 X 20 and 22 feet high. The Academy was completed in November of 1893 and situated on the West side of Academy street, just about in the middle of the block. This site being the lot of the first High School for Troutman.

By the fall of 1901 the academy was deserted and Worth Williamson was teaching in the old public school. During the winter of 1902 the Landmark carried references to disturbances in the school but little else. Brady's almanac list the teachers as two well-known women, Misses Maggie Howard and Lulu Rickert.

The public school, across the Perth road from the academy and closer to the present school, had been established as Troutman first began to sense that it might become more than a station on the A. T. & O. railroad and grow into a center for that section of the

county. In the fall of 1879 James Scroggs sold a lot for a school to J. M. Patterson and B. H. Culberth as the school committee of the 88th district of Iredell County public schools--newly created.

That was some seven years after the A. T. & O had been rebuilt and the old Fallstown post office re-established at the station there and renamed Troutman. It was also just about the same time that Mt. Carmel Methodist Church was moved from the country to the railroad station.

During the 1880s Landmark correspondents mentioned the school there fairly often--once with Prof. T. Smithdeal as the teacher, and in 1888, both spring and fall, the teacher was Robert Davidson. In February of 1889 Miss Maggie MacMahan was teaching and expecting to keep school open all summer.

1895

ADVERTISEMENT: Fall term opens Tuesday, August 20th. A rare opportunity is open at this school for boys and girls desiring a high school education or wishing to prepare for college. The location is pleasant-arid healthy, instruction thorough and rates low. Tuition from \$1 to \$3.50. Board at very reasonable cost. For catalogue or other information, address, Jas. L. Bost Principal. Troutman's. July

Prof. J. L. Bost returned home this morning for a few days in behalf of his school. Mr. Bost has a very flattering prospect for a large school. We feel sure that he is the right man in the right place. July 31

Played Its Part

That was the public school that was sold when M. T. Hinshaw came to Troutman in

1903. It had played its part in the establishment of a school there, as had the academy which took its place during the 1890s. But it was Hinshaw's new combination of public school and academy that grew into the state high school in 1911.

Hinshaw was brought to Troutman by Rev. A. J. Burrus, pastor of the Troutman Methodist Circuit. Melvin Hinshaw was himself a local Methodist minister and was assigned by the conference to the Troutman Circuit one year while he was teaching there. He was a native of Yadkin County, and soon after he left Troutman in 1909, he became president of Rutherford College, a Methodist junior college in Burke County.

He was principal at Troutman with the exception of one year when he went to Guilford College to complete his education, for the next six years, giving Troutman a continuity it had not had before. Assistant teachers were taken on as needed--Miss Fannie Patterson and Miss Nena Troutman, daughters of the leading citizens of the town, among them.

In the academies of the day there was no hard and fast line between the academy and the free school. Those living in the school district were permitted to attend without tuition.

It was nearly four years before Troutman became the third state high school in Iredell. In the meantime R. A. Frye taught his year as principal, with Miss Nena Troutman as his assistant; M. T. Hinshaw returned and taught a year before leaving for Rutherford College; Miss Mamie E. Crooks from Newberry, S. C., became principal for a year with Miss Maggie Howard as assistant along with Miss Ada Smith of Davidson 2nd assistant.

TROUTMAN WATER WORKS

The first water works for Troutman, was a well in the forks of the road at Charlotte

Highway and Wagner Street. The well was punched in 1909. It is to be used for the "convenience for the town people and the public in general". The well set very close to the present highway, about where the sidewalk is now.

From the minutes of April 1923: Bonds of the Town of Troutman are hereby authorized to be issued under the Municipal Finance Act for the purpose of paying for the installation of a Water Supply System for the Town of Troutman. The maximum aggregate principal amount of the said bonds is \$15,000 and a tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest thereof shall be annually levied and collected. The assessed valuation of the property subject to taxation for the year 1922 is \$364,644. That the debt outstanding, authorized or to be authorized is nothing.

On October of 1923 at the Town meeting, an option to buy a lot owned by Mr. Z. B. Brown and wife for \$450 for this lot, provided the State Board of Health will O. K. same for a well for the Town of Troutman.

At the November 1923 meeting, A vote moved seconded and carried that the Chicago Bridge and Iron Works be awarded the order for the Water Tanks and Tower for \$4,000. This tank was situated on the Avery Alley property, directly across the street from Morgan Street. At the January 1925 meeting a motion heard, seconded and carried to give Avery S. Alley his water free until settlement is made with him for the tank lot.

At the May 1924 meeting to hire Clyde A. Alley to look after putting in town water meters and any other work the town may want done. And he to be paid 40 cents per hour, according to written contract.

A motion carried to make water rate fifty cents per 1000 gallons, from 1000 to 1500

sixty five cents, from 1500 to 2000 gallons seventy five cents and from 2000 up, thirty cents per thousand gallons. The water tank situated behind the Pantry Convenience store was removed in November 2003 after being abandoned in 1974. This costing around \$12,000 was shared by the owner Vernon Overcash and the Town of Troutman. On September 1973 two new water tanks were built with capacity of 300,000 gallons each. These are on the old County Home Property on Old Murdock road. In 1997, Troutman signed an agreement with the City of Statesville for water.

TROUTMAN BUS SERVICE

Troutman had bus service starting in January of 1941. This was a much needed service, as the war had started and gasoline and tires were in short supply. The buses ran four or five times daily and the fare was something like 10 cents. It was owned by Mr. Moody White of Statesville and operated out of that town. Operated until late 1940's or early 50's..

Medicine Shows and Other Peculiar Characters of Troutman

In the mid to late 30's, the Medicine shows made their rounds. These were really nothing but hustlers. They claimed to have a medicine called "snake oil", which was mostly alcohol and sold from 50 cents to a dollar a bottle. They were usually in a wagon, closed in, and had a platform at the back where they performed their act. Usually a colored woman of "buxom build" and loud voice. One I remember had a saying which she would shout out to the crowd, "Who dat say who dat, when I say who dat?" and the crowd would roar with laughter. The ones I remember were held at the vacant lot between the Neilson building and the service station on the corner of South Church st. and the Charlotte highway. They would last maybe an hour to an hour and a half. Depending on how large the crowd was and how much money they spent was the main factor. There would be about two of these every year.

THE VAGABONDS

Another group of vultures descending on Troutman, were the vagabonds or "hobos". This group made up of one or two would steal rides on the train and jump off just before the train stopped at the station. They would appear at your back door and ask for food mostly. Once you gave them food, they usually would be back in a week or so, or send their buddy. They knew who was a good mark and who wasn't. I remember the "train conductor", a long legged gent, would walk back from the passenger car to the freight cars to check on these bums. As soon as he spotted one, they would take flight but very seldom caught. They caused no harm as far as I can remember.

THE GYPSIES

This group would usually be made up of five to maybe seven or more. Dark skinned and black headed they would take anything that was not tied down and some that was. A woman would appear at the front door and occupy you while three or more would come in the back and ransack your house. They were very talkative and belligerent. The word no, was not in their vocabulary. They traveled in automobiles and went from town to town. Houses were not the only places they plied their trade. They would come into a business and scatter like mice. While one would begin talking to the clerk, the others filled their bags or pockets. This group came about two or three times a year.

THE HILLS

This group, consisting of Ralph Hill and his "secretary" or "nurse" as he called her named Ruth. What Ruth's last name was, I never knew. I guess this was Troutman's first "live in". Ralph was tall slender built and Ruth short and "roly poly". This group never caused any harm to anyone as I ever knew. They staid to themselves. The children of the town were very scarred of them. They resided at the corner of Mills avenue and the Charlotte highway. This being the old office of Dr. R. W. Mills and owned by the Klutz family. When they came to Troutman, I do not remember. Ralph was here in 1933. This house was beside my grandmother's house and I can remember them back to the mid, to late thirties. Ralph had a number of old automobiles. Probably seven or eight as well as I remember. One was large with a large motor and of which he cut the top and extended the top with wood about a foot or so. This gave him room to walk around in. He called

this his "airplane carrier". Their dress was very peculiar. He wore what I thought was "boxer shorts", down to midway the knees, and then cheese cloth from there on down. The knees and legs being visible through the cheese cloth. Ruth wore mostly white "sheeting" with no belt. They caused heads to turn everywhere they went. On a Saturday afternoon, downtown Statesville would usually get a visit from the Hills. Most people would turn around and stare as the couple walked by. He being very erect and her "waddling" along beside him. It was believed that Ralph was "shell shocked" in World War 1. Most every summer, they would leave Troutman for Myrtle Beach, where they would stay at an abandoned Army barracks. During World War 11, while they were at the beach, a group of FBI agents and law enforcement came to the house after some "well meaning person" had informed them that they were "German spies". Nothing more was ever heard of this after their visit. I remember them coming and checking the house. What started this rumor was that Ralph had wires running inside the house which was thought to be antennae for short wave radio, but nothing was found to be such. Ralph died in the Veteran's Hospital in Salisbury in late sixties or early seventies. What happened to Ruth, no one here knew.

SOME OF THE OLDER HOUSES OF TROUTMAN

The oldest house in Troutman at this time is the J. S. Leonard former home. This house is the second house north of East Church St. on North Eastway Dr. This property was sold by Jacob D. Troutman to J. S. Leonard on July 5, 1875. The property at that time amounted to 4 acres. It took in the whole block up to Morgan St. Joseph S. Leonard was listed in the 1870 census as a school teacher and at that time was listed as being 27 years old. He was also a music teacher. He left Troutman and moved to Statesville and opened a Music store.

The second oldest house in Troutman at this time, is the C. M. Wagner house. This house is the first house on the right, south of the Town parking lot on Wagner St.

Other old houses beside the Jacob and Augustus Troutman houses were the Dr. R. W. Mills house. This land bought from Augustus Troutman in 1873 was situated on the corner of Mills Ave. and Charlotte Highway. This being the house where Dr. Mills started his practice in Troutman. He later built a house north of this one and made the earlier house into a Doctors office. The last house Dr. Mills built was where the Pantry is at this time. This house was bought by Avery S. Alley in 1913 and was occupied in 1914 by his family until it was sold in 1971-72 and was then demolished to build the Pantry.

The James Patterson house where the Troutman Elementary School is now located, was sold by Jacob Thomas's widow. This being about 1873-74. Patterson being the first mayor of Troutman in 1905. Patterson was also the first merchant for the town of Troutman.

SOME EARLY ROADS NEAR TROUTMAN

The earliest road I find comes from the pen of Rev. E. F. Rockwell a Presbyterian minister and a great Iredell County historian. "Coming up from Charlotte, the old public road formerly turned to the right about half a mile below Troutman's near the St. Michael's church, and came by the residence of 'Squire' Joe Murdock, which is still standing (or was, a few years ago 1908) with it's eight-foot wide fireplace. 'Squire' Murdock is said to have married 100 couples of the sparse population in the days of his official service. This public road entered the West prong of I. L. Creek on the South side, some 250 or 300 yards West of 'Squire' Murdock's residence, and followed in the channel of the stream for 100 yards or more before it left it on the North side. It continued on North passing with the poor house on the left. (Note: At this time the poor house was about where the Iredell County Workshop is now located.)

FOLLOWING IS FROM THE PLEAS AND QUARTERS IREDELL COURT

Jury laid off Road from Statesville to Mrs. Torrence as follows: From Statesville to Scrogg's Mill then with old road past William Youngs and over stumpy branch there along ridge road to William Falls, past John Kerrs. Then leading (?) road to Mrs. Torrence, crossing Davidson Creek below the ford to General William Davidson's house. William Fall overseer from opposite John Edmonds to Mrs. Torrence , Andrew McHenry from Statesville opposite John Edmonds. 24 Feb. 1792

FROM THE DIVISION OF PROPERTY OF DR. R. W. MILLS

This plat shows how the road was about 1910-12. The road is called "The Statesville Public road". Traveling North from about Talley Street.. The road leaves the railroad and

veers to the left. After passing the alley across from the Town Hall, it veers more and continues behind the houses that are at present located there. Coming up to the Old Mountain Road it turns to the West and then turns North on Barium Circle and on through Barium Springs until it strikes Moose Lodge road, continuing on Moose Lodge road then to Kestler's bridge on into Statesville.

FROM THE IREDELL COUNTY MAP OF 1917

On this map, the road coming North, crosses at the Southern end of South Eastway Drive. Continues on this road until opposite Rumble Street, it crosses where the present Highway 21 is now.

FROM THE RECORD AND LANDMARK 1922

ROAD WORK UNDERWAY HERE: A road construction camp and a section of the hard surface road from Statesville to Charlotte looks more like a certainty to Statesville people.

This section of the road force, consisting of a large number of men and road grading machinery, together with about 40 teams, have already graded over one mile of road, starting at the edge of the city limits on Boulevard.

The survey of the road follows the stop from the end of Boulevard, around by Evan's swimming pool, the road being graded this far and passes within ten feet of the pool. From the pool, the survey follows the small stream to Third Creek, where it crosses the creek above Kestler's bridge and strikes the present road at the top of the hill, thus eliminating the curves on the grade that are in the road used now.

This part of the force belong to the Graham Construction Co. of Salisbury and is
working under the Hudson Construction Co. January 19

Concrete construction of the highway has progressed to a point midway between here
and Barium Springs, with material coming in rather more plentiful. Asphalt is being
poured on the Eastern extreme. By November, it is hoped that both concrete and asphalt
will have been completed to the point beyond Barium Springs September 21

MARCH 5, 1923

The R. M. Hudson Construction Co. has come out of winter quarters and is today
pouring concrete on the stretch of road between Barium Springs and Third Creek. Within
a few more weeks the section will have been completed and thus on to Statesville.

OCCUPANTS OF SOME OF THE OLDER BUILDINGS

Lippard Building (also called "Farmer's Union Storehouse) M. L. Lippard builder.

The Hinshaw Brothers of Yadkinville opened a grocery store in this building in 1904. Bought by Charles L. Neilson in 1920. This was a two story building with a cafe in the basement. Burned down in March of 1937. Rebuilt in September 1937 as a cafe and barber shop. Occupied by Herman Neilson later used as a residence. These buildings were located just South of the Fire Department.

A. A. Murdock Building situated on the N.W. corner of N. Main St. and West Church

St. by A. A. Murdock and his brother John W. Murdock as a general mercantile store. J.

L. Hunter moved into this building in 1901 and carried a line of general merchandise.

The Post Office was also in this building moved to the Patterson building in 1904. After

moving the Post Office, Hunter opened a meat market. J. Berry Waugh opened a line of

merchandise in this building in 1903 keeping Mr. Hunter as a salesman and running the

Post office. Later, Mr. Waugh sold caskets in this building. Surveyor Worth W.

Williamson leased this building in 1913 to be used in various ways. This was a two story

building also. Unknown when torn down. The building was there in 1918-19. A garage-

service station was built on this lot and occupied by E. O. Winecoff Sr., Luther J.

Harrington, Rob Reinhart and others. Gus Martin ran a shoe shop there for awhile in the

late 30's or early 40's.

Patterson Store Building built by Jacob Davidson Troutman for James M. Patterson.

This building built in late 1870's was the first store building. It stood on the S.W.

corner of N. Main St. and West Church St. It was a two story building. Patterson had the

Post Office in this building for a while. Mr. W. N. Hunter of Davie Co. was running a general mercantile business in this store in 1883. In 1887 Messrs. Charlie Wagner and Cicero Hunter were doing a general merchandising business in the house which was formerly occupied by Jacob D. Troutman. Mr. George Young and Miss Cora Klutz bought this building in 1901. Miss Klutz's father, Edmond E. Klutz had his doctors office up stairs and Mr. Young, a drug store on the ground floor. Mr. W. Guy Ostwalt acquired this building in the mid to late 30's and ran a grocery store. In the late 30's he rented it to Tom Neill and his brother Bill as a grocery store for many years. Sometime in the late 1930's, the upstairs was removed and the front changed, W. G. Ostwalt Jr. acquired this building as heir from his father. He selling it to the author in late 1970's. I selling it to Vernon Overcash, who tore it down in early 1980's. Now site of the Red Light Cafe.

Brawley Building built by Mr. Espy Brawley. The Post Office was in this building for a while. On the North side, J. F. Orren and wife had a cafe. This was a two story building. It set very close to the Patterson building. Mr. Craig Belk opened a cafe in the South end in the mid 1940.s. Foy Murdock and his wife ran a cafe after Belk left and soon afterward the building was demolished for another cafe run by the Murdocks. Mrs. Frances Cannon was heir to this building. The above buildings, with the exception of the Patterson building, were all built on similar plans.

R. F. & J. C. Murdock Building was completed in 1923 on property obtained from A. D. Troutman. The building was leased to J. Locke Arthurs for a awhile as a general merchandise store. The Murdocks opened a grocery store in the building for a while. In 1926 they added an extension to the back side. In 1932 the building caught fire and charred the back interior. Considerable damage to both the building and the stock of

goods, the amount not determined. On October 19, 1932 it was sold to Fred L. Murdock. In August 1937, Fred sold to his son, Lake W. Murdock. On July 8th 1943, Lake Murdock sold to J. Boyce Brown and wife Wilma. They keeping it a short while and selling to Vance L. Wagner. Mr. Wagner moved and ran his hardware store in this building until January 1966, the author buying the stock but not the building at that time. I changed the name from Wagner Hardware to Troutman Hardware. I stayed in this building until 2 September, 1968, moving across the street into the old Albert Johnston building. Mr. Wagner sold this building to his son-in-law John Simpson in early 1968. A pet store moved into this building after I left and stayed for about 18 months. The building was then used as a store room for the Dart Department store. Sometime in the 1980's it was sold to Vernon Overcash and is now used as a Carpet Shop. This building was situated on the right hand side of Wagner St. and about 300 feet from the intersection of N. Main St. and Wagner St. It was the second brick building in Troutman. and was two story.

The Brown Brothers Building was situated on the south side of the above Murdock building. L. Noscar and brother C. Henry Brown ran a general merchandise store here. Later Henry left and J. T. Smith associated with Mr. Brown and called Smith & Brown. This was the second store building on this lot. The first store owned by the Brown Bros. burned June 1898 after being broken into. All contents and building were destroyed. The Post Office was in this building at that time, Milas Holtshouser Post Master. This lot was where A. D. (Gus) Troutman had his blacksmith shop. This second building was a two story wood frame building. It was also similar to the Lippard, Murdock, and Brawley

building. This building was built prior to 1900 as F. K. Ostwalt bought out the goods of Brown Brothers in March of 1900. In 1906 Ostwalt moved his inventory to Bell Cross Roads. Smith (J. T.) and Brown (L. N.) were operating as a general mercantile store.

There was a building attached to this building on the South side. This building was smaller than the main building and was the home of Troutman Light and Power Co.. Mr. Mason Brown, son of Henry Brown, operated this company. The town election was held in this building of Mason Brown's in 1923. In January of 1919, Mr. Herman Brown bought out J. T. Smith and the name was changed to Brown and Son. In July 1920, L. N. Brown sold his stock of goods to J. Locke Arthurs. In 1923, Arthurs moved next door into the Murdock building. In 1935, R. W. Neill and three of his sons, moved the broom factory in this building from the building on South East Way. It operated as such for a number of years. Becoming vacant in early 1940's. Purchased by Vance Wagner, it was demolished and a two story brick building built on the site. This was used as a furniture store. The building was built mostly by Vance's son Homer.

J. F. Brown Buildings. The next building below the Brown Brothers building was built by J. F. Brown in 1924. It was a two story brick building and had a common wall with the building built earlier in 1920. This being the first brick building in Troutman, built by J. F. Brown for a hardware store. What this building was used for until 1925 when Vance Wagner and J. M. Haithcox opened a hardware store in the first building, I do not know. In 1927 the name was changed to Wagner Hardware. Mr. Haithcox having retired. Sometime after this, Vance Wagner knocked a hole in the wall and connected the two buildings by a door. The upper building was used for furniture. This same building,(upper) was used for the Troutman Banking in 1928. The Post Office was

in this building until 1938, when they moved across the street into the old Troutman Bank building. Frank Brown ran a furniture store in this building after the war.

In 1957, Duke Power Co. and the Town of Troutman shared this building. The lower or (south) building was occupied by Poole's 5-10 cent store until 1966, when Oscar Poole sold the store inventory to Marvin Sentell. Sentell staying there several years and a clothing store called the "Clothes Hanger" owned by Peggy Griffin and ran by her daughter Alice Simpson, and Cathy McKnight. After this it was a Florist shop ran by the Henline family. At present it is owned and operated by the Womack family.

CROSSING THE STREET OF WAGNER ON THE SOUTHEAST

The first building in the V of Wagner and South Main St. was a garage built by A. G. Brown in 1919. Collier Ostwalt is believed to have ran this garage. In 1923, Mr. Brown moved this building across the railroad beside the shirt factory. Building a brick service station on the lot in the V. Collier Ostwalt operated this station for several years. About 1918-19, Arnette Rankin took over and operated it until Hazel Neill took over in 1934. In 1937, this service station was remodeled and was leased to Standard Oil Co. with Hazel Neill operating. Neill operating this station until in the 60's. Others operating in this building were: E. O. Winecoff Jr., Pete and Gene Honeycutt, Robert Bradburn, George Redding and perhaps others. The last business in this building was a pizza cafe.

The A. G. Brown Building. This building, a two story brick building attached to the service station building above, was built in 1924 by A. G. Brown. In August it was leased to Miller Drug Co. of Mooresville. The second story shaped for a Dentist parlor. In September of the same year, E & M Drug company took over the interest of the Miller

Drug Co. and consolidated it with the Troutman Drug Co. The same name that is now still used, although in a different building. Troutman Drug Co was bought out by W. Russell Harris in 1940-41 and in 1957, moved across Wagner St. on the old A. D. (Gus) Troutman lot. Campbell Cafe opened in this building after the Drug store moved. Mrs. Hazel Campbell was the operator. This was in the late 50's or early 60's. In the mid 1960's a Launderette moved into this building and is still operated as such.

Albert Johnson Building. This building was built in 1926 on Southeast side of the A. G. Brown building. It was opened as a grocery store and later adding pianos. This was a two story brick building. In 1936, the Smithey Chain opened a general mercantile business in this building. In 1938, Lynn W. Hostetler purchased the building from Albert Johnson. He ran it as a grocery store for eight years selling the building and stock to J. Boyce Brown and wife Wilma in 1946. Boyce (Bud) ran a grocery store there until his death in 1961. Gordon Mayfield managed the grocery store until about 1966-67. Mel's Appliance was in this building in early 1968. The author buying the building in Sept. 1968 from Boyce Brown's widow Wilma, and running Troutman Hardware from this building until 1986 selling stock and building to Henry Trent. Trent ran the Hardware for about two years in this building and selling to Vernon Overcash, the present owner. A pawn shop is now in this building.

W. D. Troutman Building. This building built by W. D. Troutman for a cafe, situated southeast side of the Johnson building. This is a one story brick building. Date of the building is unknown, but it was there in 1933. J. F. Orren believed to have had a cafe in this building as the Statesville paper says in it's June issue: "Mr. J. F. Orren has moved his cafe from the Drug Store Block, to the building across from the depot, and next to J.

Wesley Ervin's shoe shop. (Brawley Building). In October of 1940 Pauline Troutman, daughter of the owner, opened a cafe in this building. This operation lasted less than a year when David Simpson took over. How long he lasted is uncertain. R. F. (Jack) Loftin opened a clothing store in the building in the mid 1940's. Robert Bradburn was the manager. Robert operated it for a short while, with Mr. Gus Martin running a shoe shop in the back part of the building. The North Carolina National Bank moved into the building in the 1952. The name change from the different mergers with North Carolina National Bank being the name when it was moved north of town. Donnie Poole bought the building and opened a used car lot on this property. In the mid to late 1980's, Poole sold the building to the Bank of Iredell. They operated there for several years and selling to Vernon Overcash in the late 80's early 90's. It is used as pawn shop at present.

J. W. Johnston Building. Built by J. W. Johnston prior to 1905. This was a two story frame building situated where the present parking lot of the above bank building. It faced South Main St. and sit back from the street about 50 or so feet with the back close to Wagner St. This was a general mercantile store with a millinery department ran by his wife. Hard times from crop failures due to drought in the community caused Johnston to declare bankruptcy in 1912. He continued in this building until 1916. Johnston sold his mercantile business to Mr. J. Locke Arthurs who took charge in the same building. Arthurs worked for Johnston before moving to Bells Cross Roads and opened a mercantile store there. Mr. W. S. Harwell located in this building in 1919 and manufactured medium and light harness. In 1923, the Town of Troutman were holding their meetings in this building. W. S. Harwell being the town clerk. What happened to

this building is not known. It was still there in 1931.

Suther and Lytton Building. This building was built by P. W. Suther as a pressing club in 1923. It was a one story brick building and was situated facing Wagner St. being on the east side. The primary purpose of this pressing club was to press the entire output of shirts of the Troutman Shirt Co. In 1938 Sid Lytton died. Suther operated the pressing club and cleaners with his son Kenneth. Sometime in the early to mid 40's. James Campbell and his wife took over the operation of the cleaners. This was Troutman's first black business man. If there was ever any controversy over this, I have never heard any. They operated here for a number of years, moving about 120 yards south into a new building. At the time of building this building, Suther also built a two story brick building attached to the smaller brick building. This was used as a barber shop for many years. Mr. P. W. Suther and son Kenneth barbers. The upstairs was used for a period of time by the Town of Troutman. The Masons used the upstairs for meetings. After the war, Kenneth Suther opened a radio and later a Television repair shop in the back of the barber shop. After James Campbell moved the cleaners, Kenneth moved his radio and t.v. repair shop into this first building and adding appliances. The first building has been used as a real estate office, bakery, and now is bakery for dogs. The second building is now used as a beauty parlor.

Troutman Bank Building. This building a two story brick structure is situated south of the Suther building. It was bought by J. Carl Murdock from W. T. Allison. Carl Murdock sold to Troutman Banking for \$2550, 22nd April 1921. Troutman banking was started in August of 1919, with a capital of \$12,500. Mr. C. H. Brown was elected president, Messrs. A. S. Alley and J. C. Brookshire first and second vice president.

Herman Brown was the cashier. They were in the upper Brown building when started. Moving in the new building in 1921. This enterprise closed during the depression of 1929. The Patriotic Sons Of America had their meeting hall upstairs in this building in 1925. In 1935 the Troutman Post Office moved into this building. The Post Office occupied this building for number of years, moving in the 1950's to it's present building on the North East corner of West Ave. and Wagner St. The building staying vacant for several years.

Settlemeier Building. This building , a two story brick, was built for Mrs. Ellen Settlemeier on her lot joining the bank building. Started in 1923, it was leased to W. S. Harwell who stocked it with hardware and leather goods. The upper story was used as a residence for Mrs. Settlemeier. In October 1924, the Town of Troutman rented from Harwell for \$12.00 a year, to hold the town meetings in his store. This building was later used as a sheet metal shop. At present it is used as an apartment .

W. D. Troutman Fertilizer Building. This building was situated beside the side tracks on the right-of-way of the railroad company. Just a little north of the present replica of the depot. It was of wood frame and had a loading platform running with the side tracks

Southern Railroad Hand Car Building. This was a small building situated south of the above Fertilizer building. It was used as a storage for the railroad's hand car. It was of wood frame about 10' X 10'. The car had no roof and the motor was very small. Two people usually rode on this car. It was used to inspect the rails and ties. Each person sitting on opposite sides of the motor, which was in the middle. Elmore Bailey was the inspector for many years.

THIS IS THE END OF DOWNTOWN TROUTMAN

Matheson Building. This building was built and operated by Baines Matheson under name of Troutman Table Co. in 1935. It was situated on the North West corner of North Avenue and East Church Street. Matheson manufactured kitchen tables, and cabinets. It was a two story building. How long Matheson operated this company or when the building was demolished is unknown.

Barringer Building. This building was built by Cliff Barringer for an automobile repair shop. It was of tin and was situated on Brooks Avenue on the North side. It was used as a residence for a number of years by the P.A. Barringer family. When torn down is unknown. It was there in 1930-40's.

Wagner & Winecoff Cotton Gin When this building was built is unknown. It burned in 1893. It was situated on West Avenue on the North Side about 150 feet from Wagner Street. C. M. Wagner was one owner. Mr. Tom Winecoff was possible the other owner. What year it was rebuilt is unknown. It was sold to A. G. Brown in Sept. 1906. Sometime later his brother C. H. Brown bought into the business.. The last owner was C. L. Brown. Unknown year when torn down.

Troutman Buggy Co. This company owned by John Truelove and W. H. Hinshaw was a buggy repair shop and manufactured new buggies. It was situated on the North side of South East Way across from the Elementary School. Built in 1907. In July 1910 it burned with all it's contents. In 1913, Charles Hartline purchased this property. He operated a repair and blacksmith shop. Whether Truelove or Hartline built the new building is unknown. It was a two story frame building, sitting very close to the road. Probably torn

lown in late 40's or early 50's.

A. S. Alley Fertilizer Building. This building situated on Lytton Street on the West side about in the middle of the block of the Methodist Church block. It was used as a fertilizer sales for a number of years and then used as a storage building for Pine State Yarn Mills. It was built about 1919. The author acquiring it in 1971. I selling it to Troutman Chair Co. in late 1970's. It was torn down in 1993-94.

R. V. ALLEY SERVICE STATION This service station built by Ross V. Alley in early 1920's. It was situated on North Main Street across from, and a little North of Morgan Street. It was later sold to F. J. Alley and a pool hall was added. This building is still on this property. It being moved to the back of the lot. Year unknown.

F. J. ALLEY SERVICE STATION This service station built in late 1920's, was situated on North Main street, across from and a little North of the Troutman Town Hall. It was operated by Floyd J. Alley. It was moved in early to mid 1930's to the North West corner of Old Mountain Road and North Main Street. Later called "Doodlums".

A. S. ALLEY SERVICE STATION. This service station built by A. S. Alley in the early to mid 1920's. A garage was in the back of this station. It was situated on the South West Corner of Talley Street and North Main Street. It was operated by a number of men, some of the first being: F. J. Alley, E. O. Winecoff Sr., Carl Pope, Ted Compton, George Rogers and Tommy Boger. It was torn down in early 2000's.

JONES BUILDING. This building was situated on South Eastway next to the Troutman Baptist Church about where the parking lot entrance behind the church. It was owned by Linton C. Jones. It was a general mercantile store. What year built is unknown.

SIDEWALKS FOR THE TOWN OF TROUTMAN

At the April 1923 meeting of the Town Commissioners a resolution was introduced to create a Sidewalk Improvement District. That said work provided for by this resolution shall be done under the authority conferred on the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Troutman by Article 9 of Chapter 56 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina, and that when said work shall have been completed, one-half of the cost of the sidewalk in each Improvement District above laid out shall be assessed on the real estate abutting on the sidewalk in each Improvement District in the manner and way provided for by said Article 9. Chapter 56 of the Consolidated Statutes of North Carolina. Bonds authorized of \$15,000.

“AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUE OF BONDS TO A MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF \$6,000 FOR IMPROVING THE SIDEWALKS OF THE TOWN OF TROUTMAN”

AUGUST 2ND 1926

Bonds of the Town of Troutman are hereby authorized to be issued under the Municipal Finance Act for the purpose of constructing certain sidewalks, curbs and gutters of concrete. The maximum principal amount of said issue shall be \$6,000. A tax sufficient to pay the principal and interest of said bonds shall be levied and collected annually. The Eastway Streetscape project was started in September of 2003 and finished early 2004. This is the sidewalk on the old A. T. & O. Railroad bed. The Pavilion (replica of the depot) was completed in 2004.

TROUTMAN'S POLICE FORCE

At the May 1925 meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Troutman a motion was made, seconded and carried to appoint L. J. Harrington for Chief of Police

and S. V. Long for assistant police chief. Over the years, the sheriff's department took over the duties of the police of Troutman. Deputy Marshal Maness, a resident of Troutman being one. In 1977, \$30,000 was earmarked for the Troutman Police Department. There are now seven full time officers, one part time officer and two reserve officers. Eric Henderson is the Chief of Police.

TELEPHONES IN TROUTMAN

Mr. F. C. Drumwright, of Eufola, has charge of the construction of the new telephone line between Statesville and Mooresville, and has completed a line to Diamond Hill, the new suburb, East of the city of Statesville.

August 18, 1908

The town is soon to have a telephone switch-board installed at the home of Miss Jennie Allison. Hands are now working on the wire and it is hoped when this system is completed, our people will get better service.

Nov. 13, 1914

Miss Lillian Haithcox has taken over the operation of the Central Office after the death of Miss Jennie Allison on March 1917.

At the Troutman Town Board meeting for March 1925 an Ordinance was passed on the first reading authorizing the Southern bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. to use the public streets of the Town of Troutman, for the purpose of placing poles and electrical conductors thereon was introduced.

At his same meeting a motion was duly made, seconded and carried to grant the Postal Telegraph Cable Co. the right to go through the Town of Troutman with a line of poles and wires, provided said Company will conform with present ordinance, or any future reasonable ordinance that may be past later.

The Southern Bell Telephone Co. which has had headquarters at the home of Mr. John Haithcox, has leased the J. D. Cook property and established their Central Station there.

The Misses Mitchell who have operated the central station for a couple of years, have returned to their home in the county. Miss Mamie Stevenson, also of the county, now has charge of the central office.

August 29, 1927

In March of 1938, Southern Bell Telephone Co. purchased from A. D. Troutman a lot for their central station. This is the lot the telephone company is now located.

TROUTMAN'S FIRE DEPARTMENT

At the June 1924 meeting of the Town Commissioners, a motion heard, seconded and a vote taken and carried to appoint Mr. Percy Troutman as Chief of Fire Department, and J. F. Orren as assistant chief.

At the February 2, 1925 meeting of the Town commissioners, a motion heard seconded and carried to build a shed for the fire hose and reels. This shed was situated on West Church Street behind the Red Light Cafe. It was a wood frame building used for many years, when a larger brick building was built on the same site.

At the April meeting, the Town Board: a motion was made, seconded and carried that no one shall use town ladders in any case, except in case of fire. One dollar fine will be put on any one who may move these ladders for any purpose except in case of fire. At this same meeting, Mr. C. H. Brown was paid \$20.04 for labor and commission on the Reel house and Rack.

At the September 28, 1927 meeting to pay R. B. Butler of Taylorsville, N. C. \$125 for

Federal Siren of the Fire Department.

There are over thirty volunteers in the department at present. The Fire Chief is Allen Church and the Rescue Chief is Gerald Clodfelter. All these men have done a great job and the people of the community owe them a hearty thanks.

Some of the past Fire Chiefs being Percy Troutman, Hazel Neill, Walter Mills, Pete Honeycutt, Ronnie Clodfelter, Rick Wilson and others.

TROUTMAN LIGHT AND POWER COMPANY

TROUTMAN TO HAVE LIGHTS

A charter has been granted the Troutman Light and Power Co. of Troutman. The company, in which Messrs. J. S. Wright, Mason E. Brown, J. B. Waugh and others are stockholders, propose to have electric light in Troutman within 60 days. Connect on will be made at the Barium Springs plant at the County Home. The authorized capital of the company is \$50,000; with \$2,000 subscribed. March 8, 1919

The latest addition to the business firms here, is an electrical supply and contracting company. This firm is composed of Messrs. H. E. Cain, C. N. Ostwalt, M. E. Brown and E. D. Sargent. They begin business with a capital of \$5,000. Judging from the personnel of the firm, they will doubtless make a success of the enterprise. August 26, 1919

The Troutman Light and Power Company have declared a dividend of 6 percent.

January 5, 1925

Troutman Line, No. 12.
 Barium Springs Orphanage 1 long
 Rev. A. S. Caldwell 2 shorts
 J. B. Waugh 3 shorts
 Dr. E. E. Klutz 4 shorts
 Capt. J. M. Patterson 6 shorts
 Smith & Brown 5 shorts
 F. A. Troutman 1 long, 2 shorts
 F. K. Ostwalt 7 shorts

Long Island Line, No. 13.
 Long Island Cotton Mill 2 short
 Monbo Cotton Mill 3 shorts
 G. M. Shook's store 4 shorts
 J. B. Waugh, store 1 long, 1 short

Clio Line, No. 22.
 Switchboard Exchange 2 shorts
 Oak Forest Line, No. 24
 1 long, 1 short
 1 long, 2 short
 2 longs
 2 short, 1 long
 1 short, 1 long
 3 longs
 4 shorts

John Q. Carter 2 shorts
 Wm. J. Shoemaker 1 long, 1 short
 John W. Webb 1 long, 2 short
 J. A. Gunn, Sr. 2 longs
 Fred R. Sills 2 short, 1 long
 Robert C. Bell 1 short, 1 long
 Will A. Murdock 3 longs
 Ollie G. Sills 4 shorts

Cool Spring Line, No. 25
 Dr. J. R. Lowery 2 short
 Dr. J. R. Lowery 4 short, 1 long
 D. P. Sartin 3 short
 J. R. Abernathy 1 long, 1 short
 J. L. Abernathy 4 short
 J. B. Parks 2 long, 1 short
 E. M. Montgomery 2 longs, 2 shorts

Eufola Line, No. 32
 J. J. Brawley 1 long, 1 short
 W. S. Brawley 1 long, 2 shorts
 F. G. Drumwright 4 shorts
 M. F. Nash 2 longs
 E. F. Stewart 3 shorts
 Chas Stewart 2 longs, 1 short

OTHER BUSINESS OF TROUTMAN

Z. B. Brown Saw Mill and Lumber Company. This company was formed in 1919, taking over the building recently vacated by C. L. Clark. I am not certain where this building was. Brown sold dried, and dressed lumber and also made handles for picks and hammers. In 1920, Brown started a new lumber plant. This is believed to be on Lytton Street, on the west side about 200 yards south of Goodman Road. Later that year, Oscar Murdock and Brown, formed the company of Brown and Murdock Lumber Co. Unknown when Murdock left the company, but was prior to 1935. Brown operated on this site until 1945. That year, he sold to Lynn Hostetler. A fire destroyed this plant in late 1940's.

Hostetler Lumber Co. This company formed from the above Z. B. Brown Co. in 1945. It operated as a saw mill, planing mill, manufacturing broom and mop handles and selling lumber and building materials. Also caring a full line of Sherwin-Williams paint and some hardware. It burned in late 1940's and was rebuilt in the 50's. Moving a barn about two hundred and fifty feet north west of the site, this being the nucleus for the rest of the plant. This barn is on this site at present. About 1956, Hostetler began making aluminum frame screens. In 1964 the lumber business was phased out and the company began making only aluminum products. The name was changed to Quality Aluminum Works in 1968. Hostetler selling to Franklin Clontz in late 1960's.

Blanton & Moore Millworks. This company started in 1946 by Lawrence Blanton and Thomas Moore. The site for this company was off of Goodman Street in the barn now situated on the above site of Hostetler Lumber Co. on Lytton Street. The company building a plant north of the fair grounds in early to mid 1950's. The company

manufactured architectural millworks, custom made to meet architect's specifications, such as library furniture and college dorm furniture. No assembly line productions. This company was sold by Blanton after Moore retired. Year unknown. Still operating as Blanton & Moore at present.

Ostwalt Concrete Products. This company operated in the early 1940's at the site of the Lytton Blacksmith Shop off Wagner Street. Owner was Blume Ostwalt, with his son, Sam, after returning from service in 1946. They manufactured cement blocks, Drain pipes, sills, lintels and vaults. Manufacturing the nationally known Norwalk Vault. The company also operated a modern and well equipped blacksmith shop, doing horseshoeing, electric welding, any process of wagon building except hubs, and general repair work. Sometime in the 1950's, this company moved to the south east corner of East Church Street and South East Way Drive, on the former site of the Setzer Handle Works, changing the name to Ostwalt-Norwalk Vault Co. Around the early 1960's, Walter Hensley, a son-in-law of Ostwalt's, joined the company. After being sold, this company moved south east of South East Way Drive.

Bernhardt Furniture Company. This company built on the site of the old County Home property. This the first of large industries coming to Troutman. This was plant #8 and was started in 1973 and manufactured dining room furniture and bookcases. This site is on the south east corner of Murdock Road and North Main Street. It being sold to Pallister Furniture Company. Year unknown.

Rockbestos. This the second large industry to move to Troutman, was owned by the Marman Group. This being a group from the New England area. The produced insulated

copper cables for use by large electric utilities. Contrary to the name, no asbestos was used in the manufacturing of their products. They operated in the 1970's. Closing in late 1970' or early 1980's. The equipment shipped to China. Thomasville Furniture now operates on this site. Situated on part of the County Home property, on Old Murdock Road.

Sylvania-A Division of GTE. This plant situated off of Old Murdock Road on the former Nesbitt property was built 70-80 era. They extracted the metals tungsten and molybdenum. The tungsten was used for strengthening metal and the molybdenum was used for the metal part of spark plugs. This company is now called Engineered Sintered Components.

Gannett Industries, Inc. This company opened in 1977 in the old Pine State Yarn Mill site. Owner was Donnie Poole and wife Sylvia. The company manufactured upholstered sleepers.

Pine State Yarn Mill. This company moved into the old bowling alley and skating rink building around late 1940's. It was owned by Oscar and Jack Crews. The company made mops from waste cotton. They operated for about ten years.

Sherrill Machinery Co This company started in 1935 by Gaither Sherrill in his back yard on the corner of Perry Road and South Main Street. In 1939, the first building was built across Perry Road. Another building was built in 1955, a 100 square foot addition was built in 1979, which houses the office, shipping department and pattern department. Sherrill died in 1961 and the company was taken over by his son-in-law, Arthur Sigmon. Another son-in-law, Donald Bolton joined soon after. This company originally made parts for farm machinery, then switching to parts for woodworking machinery, with a few

textile parts being produced. The company switched to only parts for textile machinery. They supplied companies that included, Burlington Mills, J. P. Stevens, Cannon Mills, Stowe Mills and Pharr Yarns. This company closed in late 1980's or early 1990's.

Quality Aluminum Co. This company was acquired from Lynn Hostetler in the 1960's. They made aluminum screen frames and carport covers and awnings. It was owned and operated by Franklin Clontz, wife Jennie and son Jamie. They operating until the 1990's. The site was on Lytton Street close to Goodman Road.

Schafer Manufacturing Company. This is one of two companies that have operated at the same site since opening. The company owned by John R. Schafer and wife Carlene, was formed in 1955 in Statesville. They acquired the Car-Ral Cafe building in 1964. This site is on the west side of North Main Street across from the Food Lion shopping center. It started manufacturing fiberglass pleasure and fishing boats.. Later making church steeples and baptistries. The business is now operated by the sons of John and Carlene.

Public Oil Company. This is another company that has operated on the same site since opening. This company was founded in 1945 by K. L. Raymer Sr. and K. L. Raymer Jr. In 1947 Ray D. Raymer and Pete D Raymer joined the firm. In 1948 Public Oil became Cities Service distributor for Iredell and Alexander Counties. Public Transport was formed on the same site in 1954. This site on the south west corner of Old Mountain Road and North Main Street.

Brown Millworks. This company formed in early sixties or late fifties by Gene Brown. The company made cabinets. It was situated on the east side of Lytton Street about the

middle of the block. It was sold to a Tennessee firm and was destroyed by fire in 1966.

Polydrain This company is situated on Murdock Road at the intersection of Old Murdock Road. The company makes concrete trench drains and components. Believed to have opened in the 1970's.

Troutman Super Market. This company owned by W. C. Kelly opened in April of 1947. The building started in 1946, was delayed for a while after the north wall collapsed. Roger Parker was the manager and George Kennedy clerk. It lasted less than 18 months, being converted into the Roxie Theatre. It was situated on the west side of North Main Street a few hundred feet north of West Church Street. It was of concrete block 1 story with basement.

Troutman Sheet Metal This company started in the Settlemyer Building and moved to South East Way Drive across from the Elementary School into the old Hartline House. It was owned by Lathan Ostwalt. They made duct work and sold and installed furnace and air conditioners. Ostwalt sold out 2004-05.

Ball Piano Company This company started in Statesville in the 1940's, moved to North Main Street just south of Barium Loop, on the west side. It was owned and operated by Hugh G. Ball. Ball sold and tuned pianos.

MORROW FURNITURE: This company was formed in the mid to late 1940's to early 1950's. It was situated in the Troutman Super Market building. Harold Morrow and his brother ran this for a short period of time.

BELK FURNITURE: This company taking over the above Morrow Furniture in early to mid 1950's. Craig Belk was the owner. It lasted to late 1950's to early 1960's.

J. H. HILDERBRAND STORE. This store situated on the North West corner of Rumble Street and South Main Street. Built in late 1920's to early 1930's. This was a grocery store also selling gas. Unknown when demolished. Was there in the 1940's.

C. L. BROWN BUILDING. This store was situated on the North West corner of Wagner Street and West Avenue. It was also a grocery store, selling gas. It was built by C. L. Brown, known as "Doodlum". When built unknown, but probably in the early 1950's. W. A. Gibson and wife opened a clothing store in the 1960's. Also used as an egg store, a doctor's office, and antique store. Vacant at present.

GLENWOOD BUILDING. This building was used as clothing outlet. It was ran by Jack Massey. Unknown date of building. It was used later as a repair shop for Troutman Industries. Later sold to Donnie and Sylvia Poole and used as an upholstering shop. It was also used as a home decoration shop. It is located on the North West Corner of New Street and South East Way Drive.

FALLSTOWN TOWNSHIP Census Year begins June 1, 1879

NO.	NAME	COLOR	SEX	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	OCCUP.
1	Troutman, A.D.	W	M	34		Carpenter
	-----Martha W.	W	F	30	Wife	keeping house
	-----Margaret	W	F	52	Mother	keeping house
	-----Minnie	W	F	11	Daughter	keeping house
	-----Mary D.	W	F	8	Daughter	keeping house
	-----Certie	W	F	4	Daughter	in house
2	Wagner, Charles	W	M	28		Carpenter
	-----Mary A.	W	F	19	Wife	keeping house
3	Troutman, Jacob D	W	M	48		Grocer
	-----Margaret C	W	F	38	Wife	keeping house
	-----Charlotte	W	F	12	Daughter	at home
	-----Maggie	W	F	11	Daughter	at home
	-----Ella	W	F	9	Daughter	at home
	-----Willie	W	M	7	Son	at home
	-----Leela	W	F	4	Daughter	at home
	-----Allace	W	F	3	Daughter	at home
4	Glover, David	W	M	23		Dry Goods Merch.
	-----Charlotte	W	F	15	Wife	keeping house
5	Leonard, James	W	M	37		Grocer
	-----Martha	W	F	33	Wife	keeping house
	-----Maggie	W	F	5	Daughter	at home
	-----Wade	W	M	3	Son	at home
	-----Florence	W	F	0	Daughter	at home
	Smith, Mary	B	F	16	Servant	cook dem.
	Ramsey, Marshall	W	M	27	Boarder	Clerk Store
6	Anthony, John B	W	M	71		Minister
	-----Nancy	W	F	57	Wife	keeping house
7	Mills, R.W.	W	M	56		Physician
	-----Mary	W	F	43	Wife	keeping house
	Long, Lavenia	W	F	36	Boarder	keeping house
8	Kerr, George W	W	M	32		Section Master
	-----Margaret	W	F	26	Wife	keeping house
	Benfield, Mary	W	F	28	Sister in law	"
	Alexander, Joe	B	M	23	Boarder	Sec. Hand RR
	Potts, John	B	M	30	Boarder	Sec. Hand RR
9	Brown, Homer	W	M	27		Carpenter
	-----Rachel	W	F	29	Wife	keeping house
	-----Burton	W	M	6	Son	at home
	-----Isada	W	F	4	Daughter	at home
	-----Marvin	W	M	2	Son	at home
	-----Elizabeth	W	F	68	Mother	keeping house
10	Porter, Levine	W	F	40		keeping house
	-----John	W	M	16	Son	work on farm
	-----Albert	W	M	8	Son	work on farm
	-----Robert	W	M	5	Son	at home
11	Steele, James	W	M	40		Carpenter
	-----Dora	W	F	27	Wife	keeping house
	-----Clarence	W	M	7	Son	at home
	-----Osker	W	M	5	Son	at home
	-----Alexes	W	M	3	Son	at home
	-----S. Press	W	M	33	Brother	Work saw mill

NO	NAME	COLOR	SEX	AGE	RELATIONSHIP	OCCU.
2	Patterson, Thomas	W	M	32		farmer
	-----Matilda	W	F	27	Wife	keeping house
	-----Coty	W	F	0	Daughter	at home
	Waugh, Elizabeth	W	F	4	Niece	at home
	Mills, Tom	B	M	7	Servant	
13	Murdock, Albert	W	M	27		Grocer
	-----Mary	W	F	19	Wife	Keeping house
14	Patterson, James	W	M	38		Dry Goods Str
	Jane	W	F	28	Wife	keeping house
	-----Fannie	W	F	7	Daughter	at home
	-----Allace	W	F	5	Daughter	at home
	-----Leem	W	M	3	Son	at home
	-----Thomas	W	M	75	Father	at home
	Pinebarier, Molly	W	F	22	servant	Cooks, dom.
	Phelps, Willie	W	M	21	Boarder	Clerks in str
15	Falls, John	B	M	22		works on farm
	-----Loida	B	F	24	Wife	Keeps house
	Allison, Delia	B	F	21	Boarder	works on farm

THIS FINISHES TROUTMAN'S, A VILLAGE ON THE ATLANTIC, TENNESSEE & OHIO RAILROAD

STREET NAMES IN TROUTMAN

- Brooks Street:** Formerly Brookshire Avenue and then changed to Union Avenue. This last change made at the May 1926 meeting. No name change to Brooks found in Town minutes.
- Brown Street:** Named for Mr. L. Nascar Brown, father of Herman Brown, who started Troutman Chair Co.
- Calvin Street:** Unknown
- Church Street:** Named for Methodist Church which was East of Eastway Drive first named Academy Street. Unknown reason for change. According to the 1923 minutes, this street was called College Street.
- Era Street:** Named for Era Holtshouser who owned the land and development.
- Elliott Street:** Possibly named for Sam Elliott Jr. The only Elliott in Troutman
- Georgie Street:** Named after Georgie Brown, Mother of Leon Brown, owner of of Troutman Shirt Co.
- Gibson Street:** Unknown.
- Goodman Rd:** Milo Goodman was a farmer. He was an avid churchgoer.
- Johnson Street:** This street is probably misspelled as J. O. Johnston lived on the corner of North Eastway and Johnson Street.
- Klutz Street:** Named for Dr. E. E. Klutz who became the town doctor when Dr. R. W. Mills retired.
- Leon Street:** Named for Leon Brown Sr. former Mayor of Troutman
- Lytton Street:** Named for Hub Lytton who ran a blacksmith shop and lived north of the town.

- Massey Street:** Named for Jack Massey former mayor of Troutman.
- Mills Avenue:** Dr. R. W. Mills, Troutmans first doctor and large landowner.
- Morgan Street:** For Rev. J. L. Morgan former pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.
- Murdock Road:** Named for John Carl Murdock who was a farmer and former Chairman
Of Iredell County school board.
- New Street:** Unknown unless it was one of the newer streets.
- North Avenue:** Unknown reason for this name.
- Patterson Street:** Named for James M. Patterson, first mayor of Troutman and local
merchant.
- Perry Road:** Despite the first name. Judge Avery Perry was a farmer.
- Powell Street:** Named for Loren Powell, longtime mayor of Troutman.
- Rimmer Farm Road:** Thomas Alvin Rimmer was a farmer as well as a rural mail
carrier for Troutman.
- Rumple Street:** Named for Lester Rumple was a farmer
- Scroggs Street:** Named for Miss Althea Scroggs. Was a large landowner. Own the
land at one time which the Troutman Town hall now sits.
- Sherrills Court:** This street probably named for Elam Sherrill who owned a large farm
North of town.
- Talley Street:** Named for Dr. J. Sam Talley, local doctor. Julia's Talley House was
home of Dr. Talley
- Thomas Street:** Probably named for Elenor Thomas, wife of Jacob Thomas, who
owned much of what is now "downtown Troutman". This street first called Ervin Street.

Wagner Street: Charles M. Wagner came to Troutman around 1875-76. Was a large land owner. His house still stands in Down town Troutman. This street, according to the town minutes of April 1923, was first called South Main Street.

Winecoff Street: Named for Tom Winecoff who lived at the end of this street.

INGLEWOOD SUB-DIVISION

On June 7, 1972 Allen Edmiston sold to the Fortis Enterprise Inc. of King , N. C. 107.42 acres for a sub-division. Most of this property was the L. N. Brown property west of the town of Troutman. Fortis built approximately 50 houses in the beginning, starting in 1973. Later adding more. At present there are over 100 houses. The streets of this sub-division are named after British streets and cities. This increased Troutman's population about double.

TROUTMAN BANKING

The first little banking institution for the village was organized here last Monday night. The bank will begin business with a paid in capital of \$12,500. Mr. C. H. Brown was elected president, Messrs. A. S. Alley and J. C. Brookshire first and second vice president. A board of fifteen directors was chosen from among the merchants and farmers of the community. The erection of a bank building will be in progress within a few days. Banking seems so different to even a dozen years ago. The farmers are getting more or less familiar with the financial world and practically every farmer, together with many of the farm women, now carry checking accounts.

August 6, 1919

Work will begin on the bank building this week. As soon as bank fixtures arrive, the bank will open for business in temporary quarters, pending the completion of a permanent home.

September 2, 1919

The Troutman Bank has declared their usual dividend of six percent. January 5, 1925

1928

TROUTMAN BANKING REPORT OF CONDITION AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DECEMBER 31, 1928

Resources:		Liabilities:	
		Capital Stock Paid in	\$21,000
Loan and Discount	\$68,821.51	Surplus Fund	3,000
Banking House	3,600.00	Undivided Profits	705
Furniture & Fixtures	2,100.00	Other Deposits Subject	
Cash in Vault & Ant.		To Check	36,669.27
Due From Depository		Savings Deposits (Due	

<u>Bank</u>	7,281.11	<u>On Or After 30 Days)</u>	13,008.12
	\$81,802.62	Un-invested Trust	
		Deposits	3,089.12
		<u>Bills Payable</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
			\$81,802.62

E. Greir Waugh Cashier of the Troutman Banking and Trust Co. Personally appeared before me this date, and being duly sworn, says that the foregoing report is true to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn and subscribed before me this the 15th day of January 1929.

Sgnd W.W. Williamson

Notary Public

E. Greir Waugh Cashier

A. S. Alley Director

J.T. Smith Director

TROUTMAN CHURCHES

Troutman Baptist: This church started in 1925 after acquiring property from the Patterson estate. It is situated on South East Way Drive and Perry Road. Trustees at the time, were J. B. Waugh, T. F. Bradburn, T. A. Kennedy and C. A. Lawing. A new building has since been built.

Troutman First Methodist: This church started in a brush arbor on Lytton Street, site of Old Brown & Murdock Saw mill. This about 1881. Later holding services in the Patterson building and then meeting in a school building. In the early 1880's, they purchased a lot from T. S. Shelton. This being part of the J. S. Leonard land. The church at this time was called Pleasant Grove. It was situated about 200 feet from the corner of Brooks Street and East Church Street, on the north side. In the early to mid 1930's, the church built on the corner of Mills Avenue and Lytton Street. It is still located at this site.

St Michael's Lutheran Church: This church started in early 1800's called Cambridge and then New Pearth. This site being near the North end of Flower House Loop. They moved later a mile south of Troutman at the cemetery. In 1886 they moved into the town of Troutman. The corner stone for the new church was laid in 1886. The first service held on April 8, 1887. In 1924 St. Michael's Church and St. Martin's Church merged and changed the name to Holy Trinity Lutheran. It is located on the corner of Morgan and Brooks Street.

A. R. P. CHURCH: This church was formed many years ago, meeting about a mile south on the Perth Church Road. Moving to Troutman after buying the old Presbyterian Church and repairing it in 1919. The church has been added to and remodeled and is

situated on the south west corner of Rumble Street and West Avenue.

ZION WESLEY A.M.E. ZION CHURCH: This church was formed for the colored race. Unknown when formed. It too has been added to and remodeled. It is situated West of Zion Wesley Road.

TROUTMAN CHURCH OF GOD: Unknown when this church was formed. It is situated on the West side of South Main Street about 200 feet North of Autumn Leaf Road.

TROUTMAN MAYORS

James M. Patterson.....	1905-1909
D. Walt Whitener.....	1910-1914
L. Nascar Brown.....	1915-1917
J. Berry Waugh.....	1918-1920
Leon A. Brown Sr.....	1925-1926
J. T. Smith.....	1927
Tom Neill.....	1941-1946
John Wesley Ervin.....	1947-1952
Jack U. Massey.....	1953-1966
Loren Q. Powell.....	1967-1982
Ernest E. "Buddy" Sides.....	1983-1987
Loren Q. Powell.....	1988-1998
Elbert H. Richardson.....	1999-present

TROUTMAN POSTMASTERS

J. M. Patterson	1870's
W. G. Brown	Prior to 1882
P. A. Barringer	1882
Mrs. Lottie Glover	1885
C. M. Wagner	1887- 1888
Milas Holtshouser	1889-1892
Benjamin Turner	1893
Elizabeth A. Waugh	1894
Milas Holtshouser	1895-1898
Elma Holtshouser	1899-1902
John L. Hunter	1902-1911
Edward Matheson	1911-1914
Worth Williamson	1914-1920
Thomas A. Kennedy	1924-1934
Carl G. Smith	1934-1935
William A. Allison	1937
J. F. Orren	1938-1942
R. F. Loftin	1942
Mrs. R. F. Loftin	1975-1987
Ron Funderburke	1987-2005
Pat Erickson	2005

HALL-KALE MANUFACTURING CO.

This corporation was formed July 27, 1922. The land for this company was purchased from J. C. Brookshire and C. M. Wagner, 59 and 26 acres respectively for \$10,902.50. It was situated south east of the town, on South East Way Drive. South of the Baptist Church. The equipment for the company was purchased from the Phoenix Mill of Phoenix, Maryland. The Phoenix Mill apparently went into bankruptcy as the Public Service Commission of the City of Baltimore selling the equipment to Hall-Kale for \$76,800.

The directors of Hall-Kale were J. B. Kale, W. T. Hall, J. Edward Kale, R. H. Kale, Franklin D'Olier and J. M. D. Clapper. This being a stock company, business was started with an issue of \$100,000. An additional \$25,000 was voted June 1924.

The construction of the mill was completed in February of 1923. An audit of January 1924, list the total assets of the company as \$342,828.62. The company manufactured yarn.

At a special meeting of the stockholders of Hall-Kale Manufacturing Company on the 14th day of May 1945, a motion was made and duly seconded that the Hall Kale Manf. Co. be dissolved and cease to exist. The property to be distributed in kind to the stockholders as follows: To Hampton Mills, Inc. in complete liquidation of its 790 shares of the capital stock of the Hall-Kale Manufacturing Company; all the fixed assets including land, buildings, machinery and equipment; all the inventories on hand May 14, 1945; all of the post-war excess profits tax refund credits or bonds; all of the prepaid insurance and the sum of \$1,1218.09 in cash, subject however to the obligation of Hampton Mills, Inc.

to assume the liabilities of the Hall-Kale Manufacturing Company estimated to be approximately \$150,000.

(2) To J. Edward Kale, Jr. and Mrs. J. Edward Kale in complete liquidation for their 260 shares of common stock of Hall-Kale Manufacturing Company: all of the U. S. bonds having a total face value of \$95,000 and the remainder of the cash of the Company including the amounts to be realized by the Company from the collection of its accounts receivable.

In a report of the President of stockholders on January 1945, the reason for their liquidation was the antiquated of the plant and the machinery. The cost of replacing the machinery and adding air conditioning, would put a strain on the company.

AMERICAN THREAD COMPANY

This company moved into the above building late 1949 or early 1950. It operated into the 1960's and then sold the buildings to Troutman Industries.

TROUTMAN OLDER RESTAURANTS EARLY

Mrs. Charles Neilson had a Cafe in the basement floor of the Neilson building. This being the south side of the present Fire Department. Unknown date of opening but was there in mid 1920's. This building burned March 1937

Mr. J. F. Orren ran a Cafe in the building next to the present Pawn shop. He move into the Brawley building in 1933. He and his wife Callie ran this one for a short while. This Cafe was in the north side of this building.

In October 1940, Miss Pauline Troutman opened up a Cafe in the building vacated by J. F. Orren. This lasted less than 2 years. David Simpson operated it for about a year.

Mr. Craig Belk ran a Cafe in the Brawley building. This being in the south side of the building. This being in the mid 1940's.

Mr. and Mrs. Foy G. Murdock ran a Cafe in the same building after Mr. Belk left. This building was torn down and a brick structure was build on this site. This being in late 40's or early 50's. Mr. & Mrs. Murdock ran a cafe in this new building for a number of years.

Mrs. Hazel Campbell ran a cafe in the old Troutman Drug building in the 1950's, for a number of years.

TROUTMAN

From Postal Records: Year 1914 .

What People were reading

S. B. Brawley The Semi-Weekly Journal Atlanta Ga. \$1.00
D. F. Simpson and Vance Wagner Progressive Farmer 80 cents
Mrs. J. T. Hagler Peoples Home Journal New York N.Y. 50cents
Sam Gamble Statesville Landmark 50 cents.
R. E. Troutman Charlotte Observer \$1.00
A. M. Rankin Christian Herold New York \$2.00
R. S. Kyles Mail carrier. R.F.D. Washington D. C. \$1.00
William A. Sloop The Constitution Atlanta Ga. \$1.00
Morrison Troutman Lutheran Board of Publications Columbia S.C.
G. W. McAllister The Yellow Jacket Moravian Falls N. C. \$1.00
M. B. Blackwelder The Gentle Woman \$1.00
Helen Troutman The Farmer's Wife \$5.00
C. L. Clark The Biblical Recorder \$1.50
Miss Nellie Rowe Current Events Atlanta Ga. \$3.20
A. G. Compton Union Republican Winston Salem 50 cents
Dr. J. S. Talley Gener Automobile Supply Co. New York \$2.24

Dr. J. S. Talley Speciality Auto Parts New York All same day

Charles L. Neilson sent a registered parcel to the U.S. Patent Office Wash.

D.C. **May 20th 1905** Maybe "Cap" had invented something and was
sending a model.

Number of T. W. Wood Seed Co. Richmond Va.

Sears Roebuck and Montgomery Ward

These from Money Order records of Troutman Post Office

TROUTMAN FAIR

The first Troutman Fair was held in 1919. This Fair was the brainchild of W. D. Troutman Sr. who was the president, and James P. Gray who was the Secretary. Gray was the Editor of the Statesville Daily. According to Gray, they were not too sure Troutman was ready for a Fair. This from an article in 1934 about the first Fair. " Somehow we got things arranged and the judges decided the premium winners. The thing was such a smashing success that the folks, according to our recollection, decided to rest on their laurels for a few years. We had overplayed our hand on the publicity".

The Fair of 1934 was the next Fair held. This Fair was held at the Troutman School on South Main Street. It was billed as the "Biggest Fair Ever Held In The County." The Fair opened on Thursday October 18, 1934 continued though Friday and Friday night. This was also a successful Fair. The Fairs were held in Troutman for a number of years. It was then moved to the old Prison Camp North of Town, where it has been since that time.

THE HANDLE WORKS AT TROUTMAN

At the South East corner of East Church Street and South East Way, is the former site of the English Handle Manufacturing Company. This company made handles and spokes. The proprietors were Mr. G. M. Setzer of China Grove, N. C. and Mr. David Jackson, of Darlington England. The buildings extended from South East Way down to the bottom of the hill on East Church Street. It employed about 35 hands, and ran six days a week and often at night. The handles are made exclusively for the English trade. They are shipped by way of New York, and Liverpool, directly to Darlington, England. They are used in supplying the many mines of England and the thousands of hardware dealers. Some of these handles, of a form not seen in our stores, are made here. Most of the handles are made of hickory of which this area had an abundance. Some dogwood is used. This and the easy access to the railroad, were the main factors in building here. This firm ran from about 1882 until 1888. Setzer dying in 1889. What happened to the buildings and machinery is unknown.

THE ACADEMY SHOPS

This Company moved here from Eufola and was owned by J. O. Johnston and Son. The site of this plant was on South East Way 100 feet South of the intersection with Winecoff Street. This later was the site of the Troutman Chair Companies lower plant. They specialized in all kinds of iron and steel and molded all kinds of articles out of iron. They perfected a can sealer which they patented and manufactured. This company moved here in late 1919 and stayed about ten years. Hard times falling on the company, it

moved to Mooresville for a short period of time and going into bankruptcy, Johnston moved to St. Petersburg, Florida.

TROUTMAN BROOM WORKS

This company started by R. W. Neill and his sons in 1926 in the building that A. G. Brown moved from the V of Wagner and Main Street to South East Way. They operated in this building until 1935, when they moved to the Smith & Brown building on Wagner Street. A. G. Brown used the building vacated by Neill as a storage building for Troutman Shirt Co. This building is still standing. In 1938 they sold the broom factory and machinery to a Mr. Smith of Maxton and he moved the machinery there.

J. M. OSTWALT & SONS MILLING CO.

This Company moved into Troutman about 1919 from West of Town. It was situated on the West side of North Main Street a little North across from the Town Hall. John Michael Ostwalt and sons John Ivey and Floyd Ostwalt were owners operators. This was a two story frame building with several out buildings plus two grain silos. The company was sold in 1956 to M. H. Belk of Mooresville. It burned in September of 1957.

TROUTMAN CHAIR COMPANY

This company started by H. J. Murdock in 1920 was situated on the South West corner of Talley Street and Lytton Street. It was a two story frame building, fairly long. It operated only a short time. Murdock selling to L. N. and Herman Brown in 1924 and moving to Statesville to operate Built Rite Chair Co. The company made rocking chairs, ladder back chairs, foot stools, regular stools and porch swings. In early 1934, the company built a second plant on the west side of South East Way Drive. This called the lower plant. Part of these buildings burned in the 40's or 50's. Rebuilt, it operated on theses sites until 1989 and then moved North to the Old Shaver stool building where it is still in operation. It was sold in late 1990's. The original building was used as a training fire for the fire department in June 1994

LYTTON-CLODFELTER BLACKSMITH SHOP

This company was operated by C. A. (Hub) Lytton and possibly Cullen or Ira Clodfelter. It was situated behind the Smith-Brown building. This building was built in 1893 by A. D. Troutman. It was a frame one story building. This the second blacksmith shop for Mr. Troutman. The first being closer to the street about where the Smith-Brown building was. Lytton ran this company by himself for a number of years. He acquiring the nick name of Hub being expert on making wagon wheel hubs. Lytton died in 1954. Sometime prior to this the building was used by Blume Ostwalt as concrete block factory. Unknown the year it was torn down. It was still there in the mid 1950's.

TROUTMAN SHIRT COMPANY

On March of 1920, A charter was granted the Troutman Shirt Mills Co. of Troutman, with an authorized capital of \$100,000 and \$4,000 paid in. Stockholders were Messrs. C. H. Brown, Mason E. Brown, A. G. Brown and Leon Brown. The mill was installed in the building formerly occupied by the Walton Hosiery plant. When this plant was built (Walton) or how long it operated, is unknown. Work shirts were the article manufactured by Troutman Shirt. They employed about twenty people. The site of this plant is about three hundred feet South from the corner of East Church Street and on South East Way. This company carried many a family thru the long depression years. It has been added to and expanded with plants in several towns in North Carolina. In the 1980's, it was bought out by Vanity Fair. They finally closing it in mid 1980's.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTERS

Roxie Theatre. This theatre was situated on the west side of North Main Street about 200 feet north of West Church Street. It was owned by W. C. Kelly and opened about 1948-49. It was a block building and was the former building of the Troutman Super Market. It lasted less than 18 months. William Hope Brown was the projectionists.

Troutman Bowling Alley and Skating Rink. This was a combination bowling alley and skating rink in the same building. This building was of block and was situated about two hundred and fifty feet from the corner of Perry Road and South Main Street on the east side. It was owned by Arthur Brown and T. L. Winslow. It opened in the late 1940's and lasted less than two years.

TROUTMAN DOCTORS

Troutman's first doctor of course was Dr. Richard Washington Mills. Dr. Mills bought from Augustus D. Troutman for \$250 on July 25, 1873, six and one half acres. This being on the North corner of Mills Avenue and Charlotte highway. Dr. Mills died 1910.

Dr. Edmund E. Klutz came to Troutman June of 1885. He was a Rowan County resident. His house was on the South corner of Mills Avenue and Charlotte highway. Dr. Klutz was the first to have an automobile in Troutman. He opened his practice across the street from his house on Mills Avenue, later moving his practice over the Drug Store operated by George Young in the Patterson building. He died February 1914.

Dr. E. H. Rowe came to Troutman in May of 1924. What kind of doctor this man was, I can not say. If he ever practiced medicine, I can find no record of it. His home was the last house on the right side of East Church street.

Dr. J. S. Talley came to Troutman around 1917 from North of Statesville. He boarded at several homes before he bought 5.5 acres of the C. H. Brown property, June of 1922. Mr. Brown built this house on the North Corner of Talley street and Charlotte highway, September 1913. It was a single story house. In September of 1933 Dr. Talley added a second store to this house. It is now known as Julia's Talley house, a restaurant.

In March of 1935 Dr. A. B. Weathersbee of Columbia S. C., located here for the practice of his profession and will have an office in the Troutman Drug store. He rooms at the home of Mr. A. G. Brown. This is the last I heard of Dr. Weathersbee. How long he stayed is unknown.

Dr. G. B. Carter of Taylorsville was over the Drug store in Feb. 2, 1937. He was probably a dentist. Later moving back to Taylorsville.

Troutman was without a doctor for several years after the untimely death of Dr. Talley around 1944.

In January of 1949, Dr. Thomas R. Griffin came to Troutman from Forest City. His practice was over the Troutman Drug store. He stayed at this location until 1957 when he and Russell Harris built across Wagner street. Dr. Bill McLain having joined Dr. Griffin. Dr. McLain was from Statesville. Dr. Mac S. Bonner joined the staff of Dr. Griffin in the mid 1960's.

After the death of Dr. Griffin, another doctor located about 300 feet from the corner of Mills Avenue and Charlotte highway on the left side of the street. His name escapes me. He stayed only a year or so. We now have two Doctors, Dr. Lewis Tondo and Dr. Amrish Patel.

TROUTMAN DENTIST

At present we have two dentist, Dr. Dan Tedder an Dr. Angelita Lecras.

TEACHERS AROUND THE FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE IN TROUTMAN

I find the following named teachers that have lived within a block and a half of this first school building on the South East corner of Thomas St. and Wagner St. I may have missed some. This is truly a Magnet School. What attracted these teachers to live this close is unknown. There may be others.

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| 1. Mildred McLain Raymer | 10. Helen Upton | 19. Mary Gaddy |
| 2. Beulah Rankin Sherrill | 11. Bill Dulin | 20. Rosemary Rector |
| 3 Miss Mary Allison | 12. Jerry Ball | 21. Mary Lois Godfrey |
| 4. Jack Massey | 13. Ann Brown Bunch | 22. Inez Brown |
| 5. Helen McLain Massey | 14. Ken Sherrill | |
| 6. James Massey | 15. John Sims | Sue Barkley Brown Teacher aide |
| 7. Lois Mayfield | 16. Ruth Perry Brown | |
| 8. Leon Brown | 17. Mrs. John Sims | |
| 9. Dorothy Upton | 18. Jewell Brown | |

SOME OF THE BUSINESSES OF TROUTMAN IN THE 80's-90's

VERN'S PIZZA	104 SOUTH MAIN ST.
WOMACK'S LAUNDERETTE	114 SOUTH MAIN ST.
TROUTMAN HARDWARE	124 SOUTH MAIN ST.
BANK OF IREDELL (formerly NCNB)	134 SOUTH MAIN ST.
TRIANGLE INSURANCE	275 SOUTH MAIN ST.
TROUTMAN 66 SERVICE STATION	305 SOUTH MAIN ST.
ROGER'S MOTORS	315 SOUTH MAIN ST.
LITTLE FOLKS SCHOOL	335 SOUTH MAIN ST.
OVERCASH SHOPS	101 NORTH MAIN ST.
RANDY'S BAR-B-QUE	103 NORTH MAIN ST.
DART'S DEPARTMENT STORE	105 NORTH MAIN ST.
HONEYCUTT'S GULF	133 NORTH MAIN ST.
FAST PHILS # 5	155 NORTH MAIN ST.
LINCOLN BANK	205 NORTH MAIN ST.
THE PANTRY	225 NORTH MAIN ST.
B & G AMOCO	295 NORTH MAIN ST.
JULIA'S TALLEY HOUSE	305 NORTH MAIN ST.
TROUTMAN FUNERAL HOME	345 NORTH MAIN ST.
HAPPY DAYS EARLY LEARNING CENTER	439 NORTH MAIN ST.
NCNB NATIONAL BANK	539 NORTH MAIN ST.
PENNSYLVANIA HOUSE	550 NORTH MAIN ST.

SCHAFFER MANUFACTURING

RAYMER BROTHERS INC.

FOUR BROTHERS

SOUTHWINDS CAR WASH

TROUTMAN FOOD GALAXY

THE ROUND UP

ROGER'S SALES & SERVICE

ANIMAL HOSPITAL

KAT'S PATCH

GRAND PRIX #38

AUTO BUYERS MOPEL

NATIONWIDE INSURANCE

BROADWAY MOVIES

FLOWERS COMPANY

CUSTOM DRAPERY DESIGN

DELTA DISCOUNT CENTER

GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

CLASSIC RECORDS

FAT BOY'S BAR-B-QUE

RANDY'S FURNITURE GALLERY

BLANTON & MOORE INC.

CARIN STUDIOS

G T E PRODUCTS

551 NORTH MAIN ST.

579 NORTH MAIN ST.

605 NORTH MAIN ST.

609 NORTH MAIN ST.

611 NORTH MAIN ST.

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250 OLD MURDOCK RD.

GILLIAM FURNITURE	350 OLD MURDOCK RD.
MONDAY COMPANY	155 SOUTH EASTWAY DR.
DONNIE POOLE UPHOLSTERY	167 SOUTH EASTWAY DR.
TROUTMAN HARDWARE (after 1987)	221 SOUTH EASTWAY DR.
TROUTMAN SHEET METAL	235 SOUTH EASTWAY DR.
TROUTMAN CHAIR CO. (lower)	320 SOUTH EASTWAY DR.
SHAVER WOODWORKS	354 SOUTH EASTWAY DR.
TROUTMAN INDUSTRIES WAREHOUSE	450 SOUTH EASTWAY DR.
POLYDRAIN, INC.	103 IREDELL AVE.
OSTWALT VAULT CO.	344 FIELD ST.
TROUTMAN DRUG STORE	106 WAGNER ST.
TROUTMAN CLINIC	112 WAGNER ST.
DR. DAN TETTER	124 WAGNER ST.
DUKE POWER CO.	130 WAGNER ST.
NORTH POINT REALTY	135 WAGNER ST.
BETTY'S FLORIST	136 WAGNER ST.
HAIR EVENT	141 WAGNER ST.
PERCOLATOR	147 WAGNER ST.
CAMPBELL'S CLEANERS	171 WAGNER ST.
HOME FED. SAVING & LOAN	183 WAGNER ST.
THE EGG HOUSE	190 WAGNER ST.
QUALITY ALUMINUM	477 LYTTON ST.
TROUTMAN CHAIR CO. (upper)	211 TALLEY ST.

FASHION FLAIR BEAUTY SHOP

123 WEST CHURCH ST.

SOUTHERN BELL TELEPHONE CO.

133 WEST CHURCH ST.

**THE RECORD OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF DISTRICT NO. 4 FALLSTOWN
TOWNSHIP IREDELL COUNTY NORTH CAROLINA OF BOTH WHITE AND BLACK AT
TROUTMAN N. C. BEGINNING WITH JULY 1901**

JULY 8TH 1901

The Board of Education at their meeting in July 8th, appointed G. M. Young, C. M. Wagner and R. J. Williamson as committee of both White and Black schools at Troutmans in District No. 4 Fallstown township Iredell County N. C.

The above named men were qualified and met within 20 days of their appointment, and elected from their number, R. J. Williamson, chairman; and G. M. Young Secretary.

SEPTEMBER 28TH 1901

On September 28th, the committee met and legally advertised for teachers for said schools at Troutman (both White and Black). All applicants were requested to meet the Committee at Troutman, N. C. on October the 12th at 2: P.M. for the purpose of being considered in order that the teachers for said school may be selected and employed.

WHITE SCHOOL

Committee employed W. W. Williamson as teacher. School commenced November 25, 1901 and closed February 7, 1902, being 2 1/2 months..

DECEMBER 1901

An order was given to L. A. Dellinger for building two privies for school to amount of

\$7.00

JANUARY 1902

An order to W. A. Thomas and Co. for blinds furnished the school room amount \$7.00

FEBRUARY 7, 1902

And to W. W. Williamson for teaching 2 1/2 months amt. \$75

FEBRUARY 8, 1902

An order to C. M. Wagner on treasury :

For Wood-----	\$4.65
Hanging Blinds-----	.50
Bucket and Dippers-----	.25
Repairing Stove-----	.25
Taking Census-----	1.98
Amount to-----	\$7.63

On September the 9th, 1902, the committee met and advertised according to law for teachers (both White and Black) for said public schools at Troutmans N. C.

Applications to be considered at 2 o'clock P.M. for the Black race and at 3 o'clock for the White race on September the 20th, 1902.

An order to C. H. Brown four & 95/100 dollars for material and work for replacing floor in school buildings

This the 27 September 1902

According to notice previously given the committee met at Troutmans, N. C. on September 20th, at 3 o'clock P.M. 1902 and employed Miss Maggie Howard (As

Principal) to teach the Public School for said public school term at a salary of \$30 per school month said school to open November (blank) 1902

To an order W. A. Thomas and Co. for one and 25/100 for supplies for Public School use consisting of Slate Surface Paint brush and S Polish. This the 6th November 1902

An order to G. M. Young three & 85/100 dollars for Brooms, chairs and take census of district. This the 7th of February 1903.

An order J. M. Cavin 12 & 60/100 for 9 cords wood for school.
this the 27th February 1903

An order Miss Maggie Howard for One hundred and Twenty dollars for service as principal and teacher for school teacher. (4 months)

1903

According to notice previously given the Committee met at Troutmans, N. C. on October 22, 1903 for the purpose of employing a teacher for the public school for the White race in district No 4 of Fallstown Township, Iredell County N. C. And, as said committee could not agree, adjourned to meet October 24th at 7 o'clock P. M. for further consideration.

On October 24th, 1903 the said committee met according to agreement of adjourned meeting on October 22nd, 1903. And as they still could not agree on the terms of a teachers salary, adjourned to meet at 7 o'clock October 26th 1903 and taking up the matter of teachers and salary (or terms of salary) and as they still could not agree G. M. Young Sec. withdrew from the meeting and the said R. J. Williamson and C. M. Wagner employed M. T. Hinshaw as teacher, said school to begin on November 2, 1903. This the

26th day of October, 1903

G. M. Young Secretary.

Order to Evans Hardware Company for 2 stove pipings and 20 window lights Ten & 90/100. This January 15th, 1904

Order to C. H. Brown for finishing material and building 2 flues, patching roof, jacking up school house. Nine & 85/100 dollars. 1-5-04

Order to G. M. Young for lumber furnished and repair on 10 desks. One thumb latch and taking school census. 115 children. Three 80/100 dollars 1-15-04

Order to J. B. Lippard for furnishing eight cords 4 foot pine wood at (one & 50/100 dollars) \$12

1-15-1904

Order to C. H. Brown One dollar for repair on school house. 3-11-04 G. M, Young Sec.

Order to M. T. Hinshaw One hundred and five dollars (\$105) for 3 1/2 months salary as principal of school. 3-11-04 G. M. Young Sec.

Order to Miss Blanch Vickers Seventy Dollars for 3 1/2 months salary as assistant teacher 3-11-04 G. M. Young Sec.

The Board of Education at their meeting in September 1904 appointed W. M. Howard and C. H. Brown committee to fill out unexpired turn of R. J. Williamson and G. M. Young of both White and Black School at Troutmans, in district no 4 of the White race and District no 1 of the Black race of Fallstown township Iredell County N. C.

The above named men were qualified and met in 20 days of their appointment and elected from their number C. M. Wagner Chairman and W. M. Howard Secretary.

1904

According to notice previously given the committee met at Troutmans, N. C. on

November 5, 1904 for the purpose of employing teachers for the Public School for the White race in district No 4 Fallstown township, Iredell County, N. C. and employed M. T. Hinshaw principal to teach the public school and Miss Nena Troutman assistant teacher at Troutman, N. C. Said school to open November 21, 1904. W. M. Howard Secretary.

JANUARY 31, 1905

Amount appropriated by the county	\$123.41
Amount for seats for Black school	\$12.50
State appropriation	\$83.51
White School	January 31, 1905
Order to W. H. Dingler for building	\$8.54
Order to W. M. Howard for taking census	\$2.52
Order to B. P. Smith for wood	Order Feb. 17 \$7.25
Order to M. T. Kinshaw teachers salary (\$35 per)	\$128.00
Order to Nena Troutman teacher salary (\$20 per)	\$73.11

MISSING 1906 AND 1907

1908

At the meeting of the committee. M. T. Hinshaw was employed to teach public school at Troutmans District No. 4. School to begin September 14, 1908
Miss Edmonie Butler assistant teacher and commenced September 14, 1908 And Miss

Vera Brookshire second assistant and commenced December 8, 1908.

1909

DISBURSEMENTS FOR WHITE RACE JANUARY 16, 1909

Order to M. T. Hinshaw teacher \$60.00

Order to C. W. Hoover wood 19 cords \$25.43

January 16, 1909

FEBRUARY 12, 1909

Order Feb. 12 to M. T. Hinshaw Teacher \$60.00

Order Feb. 15 to M. V. Butler assistant \$60.00

Order Feb. 27 to Vera Brookshire 2 Months \$40.00

Order Apr. 3 to M. T. Hinshaw \$60.00

Order May 6 to M. V. Butler \$180.00

Order May 18 to C. M. Wagner \$7.80

Order May 18 to Vera Brookshire 2 months \$40.00

Order May 18 M. T. Hinshaw \$350.00

JULY 3RD, 1909

At a regularly appointed meeting of the school committee for the election of teachers for the ensuing term, Miss Mamie E. Crooks was elected principal at a salary of \$500.00 for a term of 8 school months. No definite date for the opening of the school was fixed at this meeting. For a lack enough well qualified applicants, the election of assistants was

omitted till the next meeting.

W. D. Troutman Sec. Pro Tem

JULY 17, 1909

At a regularly called meeting of the school committee for reorganization.

C. M. Wagner was elected to succeed himself as Chairman. W. D. Troutman was appointed to succeed J. T. Smith as Secretary and J. T. Smith was appointed to take the census. W. D. Troutman Secy.

AUGUST 10, 1909

At a regular meeting of the Board of Trustees, Miss Margaret Howard was elected to the position of assistant teacher for a term of 8 months at a salary of \$35.00 per month.

Miss Ada Smith of Davidson was elected as second assistant at a salary of \$20.00 per month and to be employed for whatever length of time her services were needed.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1909

The fall session of School began in White district # 4 on above date.

Miss Mamie E. Crooks Principal

Miss Margaret Howard Assistant

December 6, 1909 Miss Ada Smith began as 2nd assistant

The Spring census Black May 6, 1910

JULY 4TH 1911

After due notice the board met for the election of teachers for District # 4 .

Professor C. M. Bivins of Trinity College Durham, N. C. was elected principal at a salary of \$75.00 per month for a term of 8 months.

Miss Nellie Rowe was elected 1st assistant at a salary of \$37.50 for a term of 8 months.

Miss Kate Reid of Jackson was elected second assistant at a salary of \$37.50 for a term of 8 months.

The board was advised by Supt. L. O. White that State Supt. Joyner has provided for an apportion of \$300.00(?) to establish a State High School of the Troutman School.

It was ordered by the chair, that another meeting be held to arrange the school building in shape for the State High School and to transact such other business as might come up.

W. D. Troutman.

JULY 10, 1911

At a call meeting of the Board on the above date. It was ordered that some repairs be made on school building. L. W. Hicks was employed to do the work at 17 1/2 per hour.

SEPTEMBER 18, 1911

The fall term of school began on the above date..

J. S. Moffatt Principal Salary \$75.00 Per Month

Miss Nellie Rowe Teacher Intermediate \$37.50

Miss Kate Reid Teacher Primary \$37.50

Miss Myrtle Bradshaw began as assistant November 6, 1911 in Intermediate and

Primary grades at salary \$20.00

Spring term closes May 3, 1912

BLACK SCHOOL

The Committee employed Mamie F. Simmons as teacher of Black School, and began

teaching Nov. 1901. At the end of 1 1/2 months, on account of sickness, she was compelled to leave the school- Maggie Wood was secured to continue the school.

NOVEMBER 1901

An order to J. L. Hunter for work, repairs ect. for school room to amount of \$4.53.

JANUARY 3, 1902

An order to Mamie F. Simmons for teaching 1 1/2 months \$30.00

March 21st, 1902

To order on voucher for Maggie Wood for 2 1/2 months salary \$20.00 per school month \$50.00

SEPTEMBER 20, 1902

According to previous notice being given, The committee met at Troutmans, N. C. on Sept. 20, 1902 at 2 o'clock P.M. an engaged Maggie Wood to teach the public school for the Black race for said public school term. Said school to begin on November 10th, 1902 at \$20.00 per month.

NOVEMBER 7, 1902

To order on County Treasure for C. H. Brown for One & 55/100 dollars for material and building flue in school house.

G. M. Young Sec.

FEBRUARY 7, 1903

An order to G. M. Young on County Treasure for one & 92/100 dollars for axe and taking school census.

G. M. Young. Sec.

FEBRUARY 27, 1903

To order J. M. Cavin for Three & 75/100 dollars for 1/1/2 cords pine wood and 1 1/2

cords oak wood .

G. M. Young. Sec.

APRIL 1, 1903

An order to Maggie Woods on County Treasure for one hundred dollars for 5 months salary (the entire school term)

G. M. Young Sec.

OCTOBER 22, 1903

According to previous notice given, the committee met on the above date to consider for applications for a teacher of the Black race for District No1 Fallstown Township, Iredell County N. C. Troutmans, N. C. and employed Maggie Wood to teach the public school in said district said school to begin on November 16, 1903.

The said Maggie Wood to be allowed \$25.00 per school month for her service as teacher

G. M. Young Sec.

JANUARY 15, 1904

An order to J. B. Lippard for 5 cords 4 foot pine wood at \$1.40 per cord and One 1/2 cords 8 foot oak wood at \$1.00 per wood. Total amount Eight and 50/100 dollars.

JANUARY 26, 1904

District # 4 for White race Fallstown Township, Iredell County N. C. for one half of purchase money for 26 desks for school house. Amount \$12.50 G. M. Young.

FEBRUARY 17, 1904

On Order to Maggie Wood for teaching two & 17/20 months school (at \$20.00 month) fifty seven dollars. G. M. Young Sec.

MARCH 11, 1904

To order G. M. for taking school census and for wood screws for desk. One & 35/100

G. M. Young Sec.

BLACK SCHOOL 1904

According to previous notice the committee met at Troutmans, N. C. on November 1, 1904 and employed Alice E. Johnston to teach the public school for Black race for No 1 District Black race in said school to begin November 21, 1904. Salary \$22.00 per month. W. M. Howard Sec.

August 16, 1909

Miss Maggie Wood having been previously employed began a summer term of school at a salary of \$25.00 per month School close Sept.24

The winter term of school began Monday November 22 1909.

Salary of \$25.00 Closes Dec. 23. Began January 3, 1910

SEPTEMBER 29, 1910

After duly advertising for teachers for Black School District 1 and election was held and Maggie Hope of Statesville was elected at a salary of \$25.00 per month subject to terms of contract but with the provision that in case she handled the school without an assistant her salary was to be \$27.50 per month. School to begin at a date to be determined later

Appropriation \$135.00

GENERAL REMARKS

The high school course does not exactly conform to statute requirements, but, on my taking up the work here, I found that the pupils were so backward and illy prepared in some subjects, that I had to place an elementary textbook in a grade where it should not be as for example, 9th & 10th Latin!

Neither does the three-grade course comply with the ordinance which allows a one-teacher high school to teach only a two-year course. but there were some pupils here, who were farther advanced than 9th grade work and the state of whose finances would not allow them to go elsewhere so that, as a result, I was compelled to put in a tenth grade.

In making up the average attendance, I did not count 4 pupils who were included in the roll of students given herein, because of the fact that those students only entered about a week ago. While the total number of pupils enrolled is 31, I counted the average attendance on only those 26 who entered early in the term so that the average attendance to date would really be about 75-70.

(Signed)

J. S. Moffatt Jr. Principal
 Date: Nov 17, 1911

PRINCIPAL'S PRELIMINARY REPORT

OF
 PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL
 (SESSION 1911-1912).

Iredell COUNTY.
 Troutman PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL.
 Troutman, N.C. POSTOFFICE.

INSTRUCTIONS TO PRINCIPAL.

1. This report must be filled out in full at once and returned to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Raleigh, N. C.
2. The information asked for pertains only to the High School Department. Do not include any facts relating to the Elementary Grades (1-7) except the names and salaries of teachers as indicated.
3. File a copy of this report with your High School Committee.
4. Under the head of general remarks, on the fourth page of this report, please give any pertinent facts relating to the High School not specifically asked for, or make any explanation you may deem necessary.

TEACHERS OF HIGH SCHOOL BRANCHES AND SALARIES

NAME.	MONTHLY SALARY.*
J. S. Moffatt Jr. Prin.	\$75.00

TEACHERS OF ELEMENTARY BRANCHES AND SALARIES

NAME.	MONTHLY SALARY.
Nellie Rowe	\$37.50
Kate Reid	37.50
Myrtle Bradshaw	25.75

HIGH-SCHOOL FUNDS:

Amount Received from State,	\$ 300.00
Amount Received from County,	300.00
Amount Raised Locally, †	300.00
Total Amount,	600.00
Annual Salary of Principal,	\$ 600.00

Date of Opening Sep. 18, 1911
 Length of Term 8 months

HIGH-SCHOOL COMMITTEEMEN.

W. D. Troutman Troutman, N.C.
 J. J. Smith " "
 C. W. Wagner " "

*Include here only that part of an assistant's salary that is paid out of the High-school Fund.
 †State whether this is raised by local tax or by private donations.

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

THIRD YEAR

FOURTH YEAR

STUDIES PURSUED.	Number of Students.	Number of Recitation Periods Per Week.	Length of Recitation Period.	TEXT USED.	TEACHER.
English Gram. and Comp.	17	3	20-25	Buehler's Eng. Grammar	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
English Literature.	17	2	20-25	Whittier's Suburban	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
English History	17	3	20-30	Mrs. reading Facts of	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Arithmetic.	12	2	30-45	Wilson's Standard	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Algebra	15	3	30-45	W's. new school	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Latin	13	5	30	C. & P's. Beginner's Latin	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Science.	17	3	0-15	Holden's Plain Things in Nature	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
English Composition.	9	3	0-15	Buehler's	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
English Literature	9	2	20	Merchant of Venice	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
English History	9	3	20-25	Noyes	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Algebra	9	3	30-45	W's. new school	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Latin	9	5	30	C. & P's. Beginner's	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Science.	9	3	0-15	Tarver's new Phys.	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
English Composition.	5	3	0-15	Lockwood and Emerson's Comp. & Rhetoric	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
English Literature	5	2	20-25	Julius Caesar	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
English History	5	3	20-25	Noyes	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Algebra	5	3	30-45	W's. new school	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Geometry			30		
Latin	4	5	20-25	C. & P's. Beginner's	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Latin	1	5	30	W's. Latin	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
Science.	5	4	20-30	White's First Principles of Botany	J. S. Croffatt Jr.
English Compo. and Rhet.					
English Literature.					
English History.					
Algebra.					
Geometry.					
Latin					
Latin					
Science.					

SUMMARY

TOTAL NUMBER PURSUING THE STUDY OF—

English Gram. and Comp.	31
English Literature.	31
American History.	17
English History.	17
General History.	16
Arithmetic.	31
Algebra.	26
Geometry.	5
Latin.	5
Greek.	
French.	
German.	
Physical Geography.	4
Physics.	
Chemistry.	
Botany.	
Agriculture.	17
Nature	

ENROLLMENT AND ATTENDANCE TO DATE—

Number Enrolled in First Year of High School.	17
Number Enrolled in Second Year of High School.	9
Number Enrolled in Third Year of High School.	5
Number Enrolled in Fourth Year of High School.	31
Total.	5
Number Enrolled from Outside Local District.	3
Number of Boarding Students.	27
Average Daily Attendance in whole High School to date.	27

Does the Principal teach any branches below the High School Grades? *No*

Does every teacher of High School branches hold a High School Teacher's Certificate covering the branches taught? *Yes*

THE HIGH SCHOOL

During 1926 a new high school was completed. This site is about two blocks south of the old school building on Academy Street. The building faced South Main Street. It was of brick. The principal at this time was R. S. Shore. An athletic field was added in back of the school. Grades one to four remained in the old building on Academy Street while the remaining grades moved to the new building.

Under the principal ship of George Neel in 1928-29, Troutman High School voted the best kept building in Iredell County. Extensive improvement was made in the library.

Troutman again won first prize in 1929-30 for being the best kept school in the county. Perhaps the greatest achievement in the high school in 1930-31 was the addition of the agricultural courses.

R. S. Shore became principal for the second time in the fall of 1935. In addition to his work as principal he taught mathematics. During the year 1937-38 additional toilet rooms and equipment were put to the high school building. More adequate toilet facilities were also added to the elementary building and extensive repairs were made to the remainder of the building.

During the 19³9-41 year more improvements were made in the elementary building. Lights were improved, more books added, playground equipment provided and a duplicating machine added.

In the fall of 1941, H. C. Little became principal. When Little was called into the military service in November of the same year, R. E. Sigmon became principal. More library books, instructional material and playground equipment were added.

In 1942-43 a series of supplementary readers and additional library books, instructional material was added.

In 1942-43 the twelfth grade was added to the school curriculum. More read and instructional material was added.

Returning from military service, H. C. Little was again principal ~~and~~ during the year 1945-46. Quite a few new library books were bought during that year.

In December of 1946, Little resigned at which time Carl Litaker became principal. During the spring term special emphasis was placed upon athletics. Athletic equipment, typewriters, a bookkeeping machine, and other equipment was purchased.

One of the main project for 1947-48 was the remodeling of the Home Economics Department. Much needed equipment was purchased for the cafeteria, including a dishwasher, a hot water heater and gas stoves.

During the year 1948-49 the Commercial Department became the most modern in the state. In less than one year all new typewriter and adding machines were secured. An electric typewriter secured in the fall of 1949, keeps the commercial department up to date and makes it the only department in the county with such equipment.

The gift of the classes of 1948 and 1949 was an electric Score Clock for the gymnasium.

The biggest project for the year 1949-50 was the new elementary building which provides fifteen elementary classrooms. A cafeteria is to be built behind this building soon.

Thus you can see that through the years progress has been made at Troutman.

This building being built in 1950, was torn down in 2005, to make room for a newer

This building being built in 1950, was torn down in 2005, to make room for a newer building. Some of the principals of later years are: Ralph Sincliar, Leroy Campbell, Richard Mize, Jim Edmiston, James Meadows and R. A. Brown. The present principal for the Elementary School is Donna Sigmon. The principal for the Middle School is Jason Van Heukelum.

TROUTMAN BLACK SCHOOL

This was a Rosenwald School. This meaning that part of the cost was paid by the Rosenwald Foundation. Julius Rosenwald was CEO of Sears-Roebuck. Troutman School was located off Talley Street next to Zion Wesley AME Zion Church. On June 2, 1930, a Negro delegation went before the board to let them know they had raised their share for the Rosenwald Grant. On March 1, 1931, the school board went on record to start Troutman Rosenwald School as soon as possible since the group had raised \$500.00. The school closed in 1951 and the students and teachers were transferred to Amity School. Amity School had been closed for the white students and the board decided to transfer Black students to the school.

A SAIL OVER THE ATLANTIC ON A CLOUD

W. D. TROUTMAN SR.

One beautiful morning in May as I was strolling along the Carolina coast thinking how delightful it would be to sail away out over the great boundless ocean on a cloud. There came along, one of those beautiful fleecy clouds that are never seen off the coast. As it passed so near as to brush my clothes, I concluded to take a ride out over this great restless ocean. So I vaulted lightly upon a beautiful snow-white projection and was soon seated safely on top and in less time than it takes to tell, it was far out at sea. At first there was a great many things to attract my attention. There was the cities and villages far away in the distance. There was the immense forest and that incessant hum of civilization that characterizes the whole of the Atlantic coast. But all these things gradually and almost imperceptibly faded away. Now there was nothing save those boundless water to break the monotony of the occasion. All was quiet, calm and serene. A death like stillness pervaded everything and caused an indescribable feeling to come over me. All human efforts fail to describe that awe inspiring stillness that is encountered far at sea. No human sound, no signs of man whatever, not even a bird is seen to break the almost unbearable monotony. Just any sound would now be accepted with the highest appreciation. But Ah! this stillness is soon to be broken. There is a patch of dark clouds arising in the far west. They soon overspread the whole heavens. The distant thunder rolls and heaves as if it would swallow up the entire ocean. The lightning pops and flashes in lurid flames while ever an anon, it flies swiftly on down and strikes upon the surface of the ocean as if it would wreak a mighty vengeance upon the billows that are tumbling and seething and rolling mountain high. The waters now present the most

striking appearance as they tumble about in their mad fury. Quite a contrast to the smooth glasslike ocean of an hour before. The thunder draws nearer and nearer, the lightening flashes around me as if its fiery tongue would scorch my very brow. The thunder has now reached my cloud and with one mighty pop has riven it asunder. Human tongue is powerless to describe the terrible solemnity of this scene with the thunder and lightening not at a distance as we see it on land but all around us roaring, bellowing and tumbling the mighty clouds about as if in play, now pouring out a torrent of rain, now dashing the immense sheets of water hundreds of feet into the air. Ah! there is nothing so grand as a ride in an ocean storm.

I add this to show the writings of W. D. Troutman Sr., who for many years, wrote for the Statesville Record.

William Davidson Troutman Sr. probably wrote this on a slow day while on duty as depot agent for the Southern Railway in Troutman. Most likely in 1932.

DEPOT AGENTS FOR TROUTMAN DEPOT

The first depot agent at Troutman, was Jacob D. Troutman.

His son William Davidson Troutman was next and lasted until his death in 1935. He held this position for about 40 years. He was succeeded by S. P. Wright of Rockford, N. C. April 1935. If my memory serves me right, the next was Sarah Haire who came in early 1940's. The next Miss Cora Brimmer who came down from Alexander County. According to Mr. Henry Lewis, depot agent below, a Mr. Piatt, who commuted from another county, was next and probably did not last for more than a year.

The next was Fred Riggs, who later opened a hardware store in Statesville.

I may be wrong, but I believe the last one was Mr. Henry Lewis who now lives on Pine State road south of town.

The depot was purchased by a Mr. Compton and moved to the end of Compton Park Rd. staying there for a while and then acquired by the Troutman Family and moved to it's present location on Troutman Farm Road. The depot was moved from Troutman in late 1960's. The tracks from Mooresville to Troutman were taken up in January and February of 1984.