

*Sleep Tight*

*Arthur Neal Scott, Sr.*

*and the*

Origins of Kingsdown



(1876-1948)

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A. N. Scott, Sr.,  
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## A Wedding!

In 1871, the Rev.  
Anderson  
Greene Hughes  
officiated at the  
wedding of  
Samuel Kerr  
Scott and  
Leonora Graves.



# Sam and Nora

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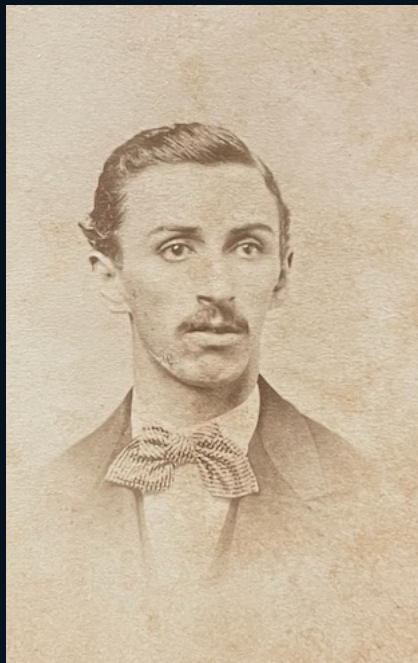




Sam's  
parents,  
Margaret and  
Henderson  
Scott were  
married 22  
years earlier  
by the same  
minister.







Samuel Kerr Scott Leonora Graves Scott their son Walter as a baby and adult

Arthur Neal Scott's father, Samuel Kerr Scott, married Leonora Graves in 1871. They had one child, Walter Henderson Scott, who was born in 1872. Nora died in 1873.

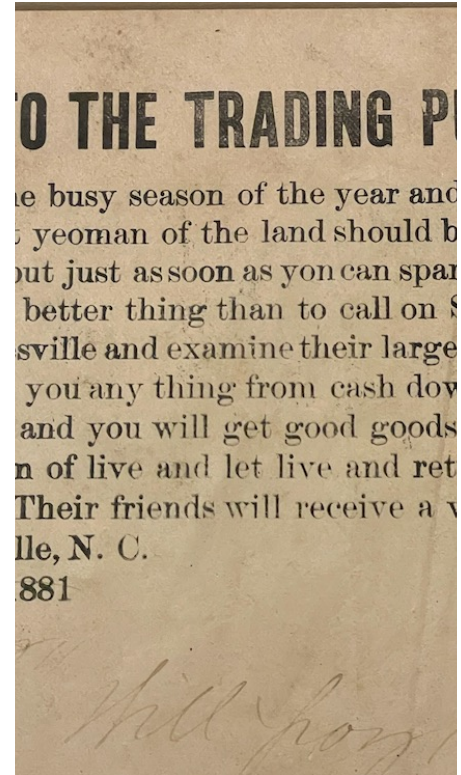
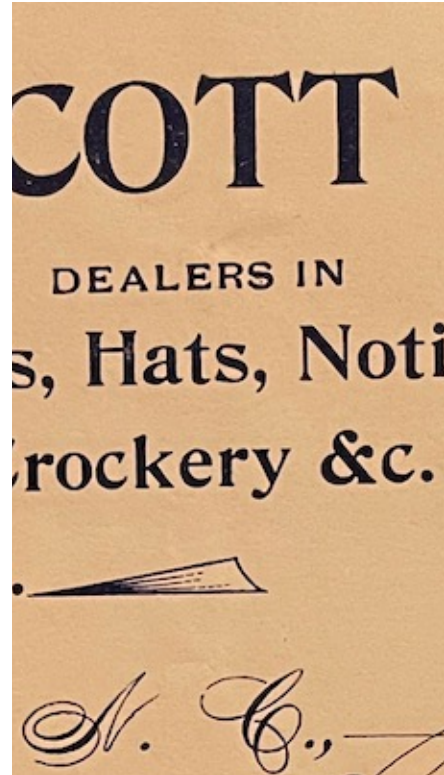


Sam and Nora  
looked after  
Sam's younger  
brothers when  
they were at the  
Bingham School  
in Mebane.



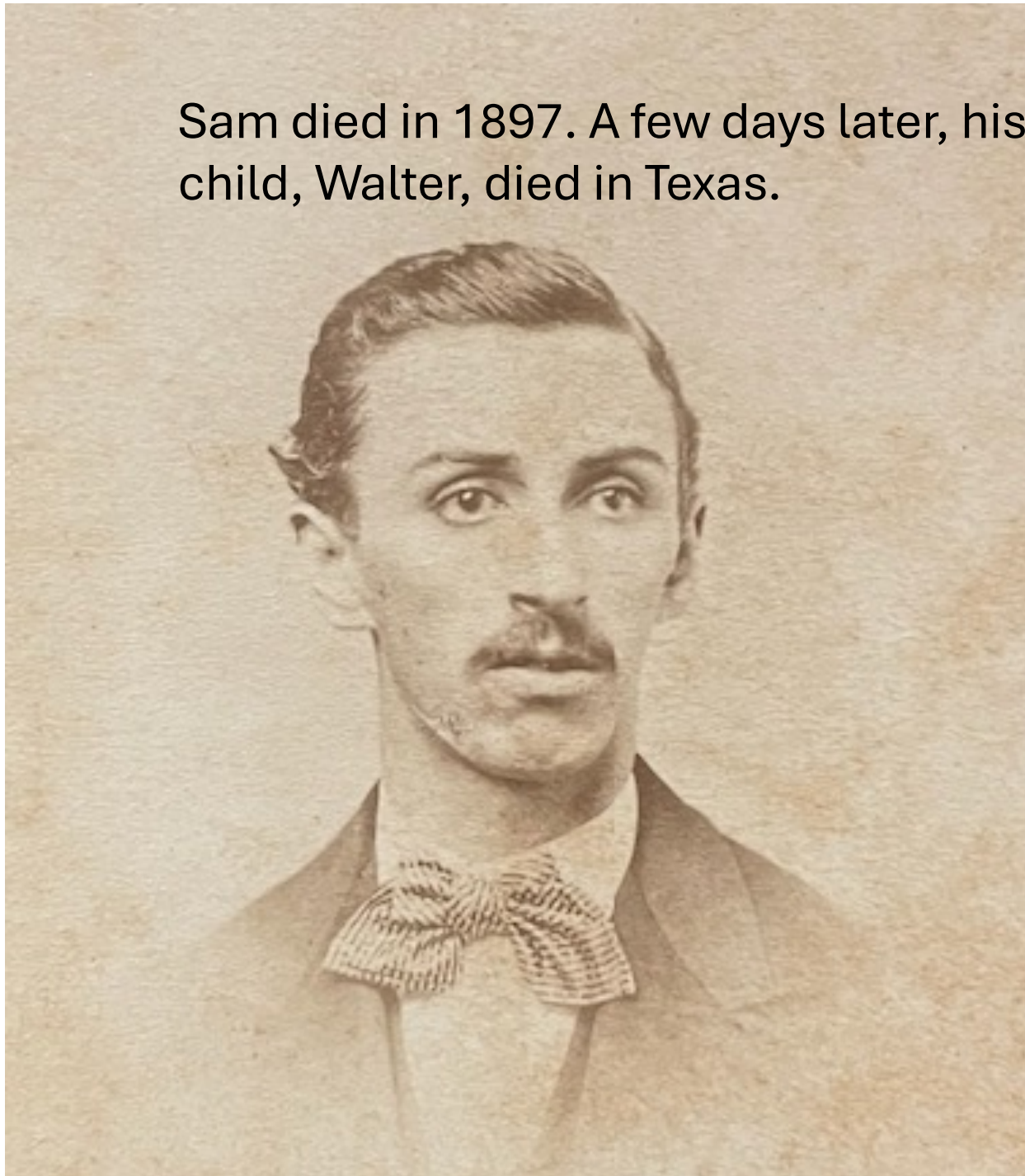


Sam sold all sorts of items in his store and even traded in food, clothing, scrap metal, and tobacco.





Sam died in 1897. A few days later, his first child, Walter, died in Texas.





W. W. Corbett and A. N. Scott, Sr.

In 1904,  
Arthur Neal  
Scott went  
into business  
with his friend  
William  
Warren  
Corbett.  
These photos  
were taken  
long after the  
company was  
founded.



We are told that the Mebane Bedding Company, now known as Kingsdown, started making mattresses and box springs in the loft of Cook's Mill, north of Mebane.

The ticking was sewn from flour sacks sourced from the mill.



Cook's Mill, North of Mebane, NC  
Photo taken around 1904, the same year the Cook brothers bought the building from L. Banks Holt.



Flour sack fabrics were made of very durable fabric. They were often repurposed after the flour they contained was used up.



By 1906, The Mebane Bedding Company had become a significant presence in downtown Mebane. Buildings were added as the company grew. It grew rapidly and became a major employer.





Arthur Neal Scott married in 1906. His first wife, Carrie Pickett, died only two years after the wedding which took place at the bride's home in Efland.

**A Wedding Announcement.**  
Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pickett invite you to be present at the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Carrie Elizabeth, to Mr. **Arthur Neal Scott**, Thursday morning, June the twenty-eighth. nineteen hundred and six, at eight-thirty o'clock. At home, Efland, N. C.

Their daughter, Rubie Pickett Scott was born on April 27, 1907. She was just a baby when her mother passed away.





Arthur Neal and Carrie had one child, Rubie Pickett Scott.



The company experienced significant growth after winning the Blue Ribbon in 1912 at the North Carolina State Fair.

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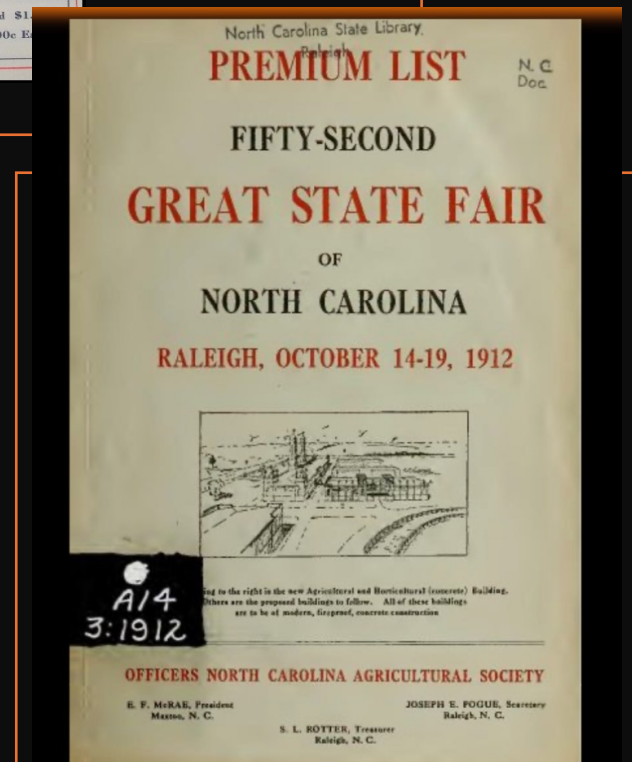
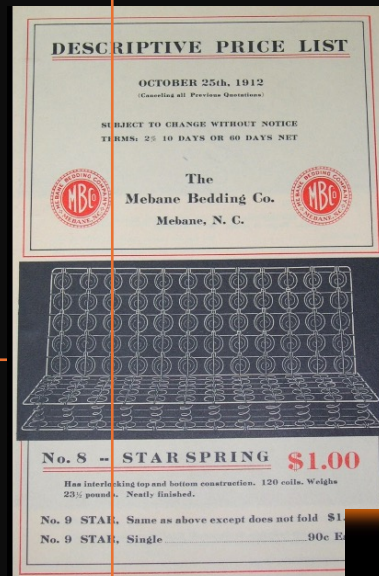




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Mebane Bedding bought several other companies in the 1920s. In 1928, they changed their name to the Mebane-Royall Company.

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In the late 1940s, the name was changed to the  
Mebane Company.

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The Mebane Company became Kingsdown in the 1970s. A new facility was constructed along the I85/40 corridor in Mebane, NC. The old facility is being repurposed.



The corporate center is part of Kingsdown's complex in downtown Mebane, North Carolina, where the company got its start in 1904.



This Kingsdown facility, on the I-85/I-40 corridor in Mebane, carries the company's Sleep To Live tagline, promoting the importance of sleep.

<https://bedtimesmagazine.com/2022/03/kingsdown-finds-new-life/>

Arthur Neal Scott's second wife, Maude Mebane, was from Halifax, VA. She is pictured here with her sister Myrtle (right) and brother Frank (seated).



Maude studied music at Greensboro College. She met A. N. Scott at church. They married in 1914 in South Boston, Virginia at the bride's home church.



Arthur Neal and  
Maude had three  
children.

- Myrtle Mebane  
Scott (1914-1914)
- Arthur Neal Scott,  
Jr. (1916-1957)
- Maude Elizabeth  
“Lib” Scott (1918-  
2002)



**Family** of Arthur Neal Scott, Sr. who were associated with the company:

**brother:** Samuel Kerr Scott, Jr. (1886-1946)  
salesman located in Mebane

**son:** Arthur Neal Scott, Jr. (1916-1957)  
managed the Rocky Mount division

**son-in-law:** Albert K. Pearson, Jr., (1913- 1994)  
member of board of directors

**grandson:** William Scott Pearson, (1944- )  
member of board of directors until the company was sold



Arthur Neal Scott, Sr., grandchildren William Scott Pearson and Mary Neal Scott Ackiss recall visiting him on his small farm in Mebane.

They both remember visiting the barn and trying to milk a cow.



1942

Hettie Neal Scott,  
her son, Arthur  
Neal Scott, Sr.,  
Arthur Neal Scott,  
Jr., and Mary Neal  
Scott (Ackiss) (held  
in Hettie's lap).





Business leaders were expected to be active in local civic organizations. Arthur Neal Scott, Sr. was a 32<sup>nd</sup> degree Mason, a deacon in his church, a member of the Shriners and also the Civitan Club. He was also on the first Board of Directors of the Mebane Home Builders Association.

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The population of Mebane increased due to employment opportunities at the White Furniture Company and the Mebane Bedding Company. Local families wished to own rather than rent.





A group of local businessmen met in 1909, to find a way to provide mortgages. Some of the Founders of the Mebane Home Builders Association included:

W. Y. Malone  
W. W. Corbett  
and  
J. Sam White



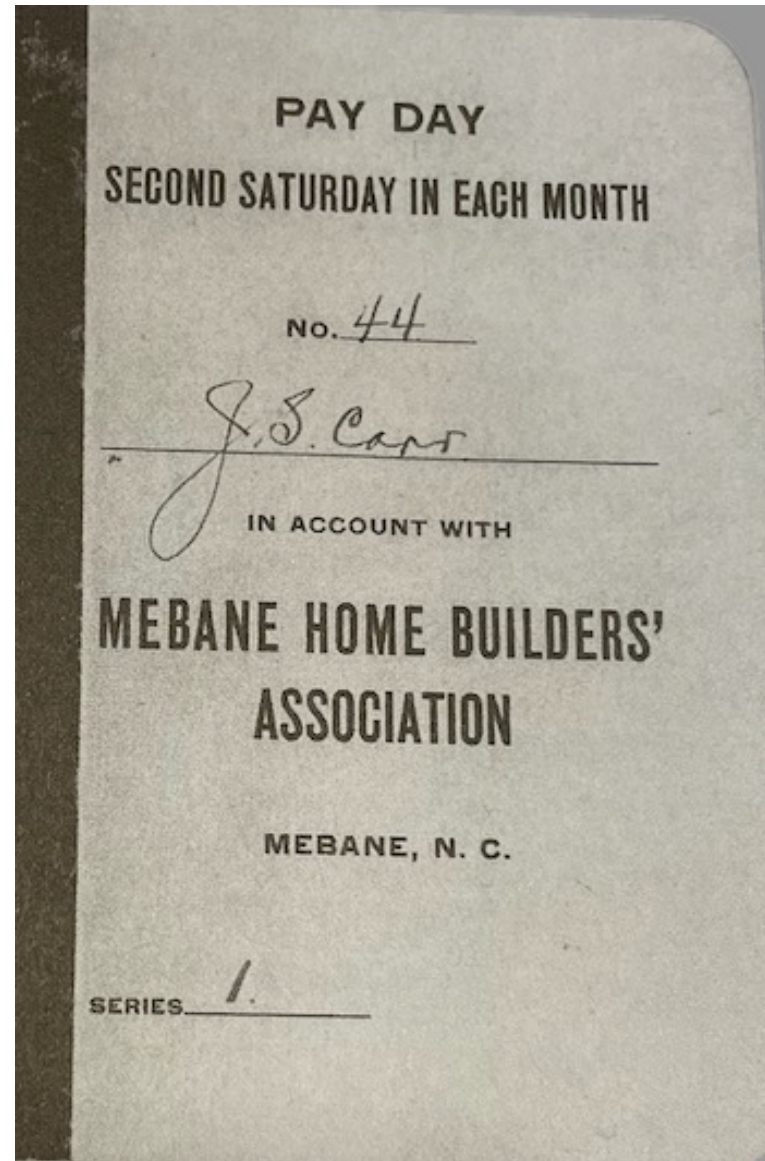
# The First Board of Directors Included:

James Shaw Vincent  
Dave White  
and  
A. N. Scott





Mebane Home  
Builders  
generated the  
money for  
mortgages by  
issuing what  
were effectively  
certificates of  
deposit.



Mebane Home Builders did not have their own building until 1952.

Many of their business transactions took place at the White Furniture Company, the Reliable Furniture Company or in the board members homes.

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Former Location of the Reliable Furniture Company





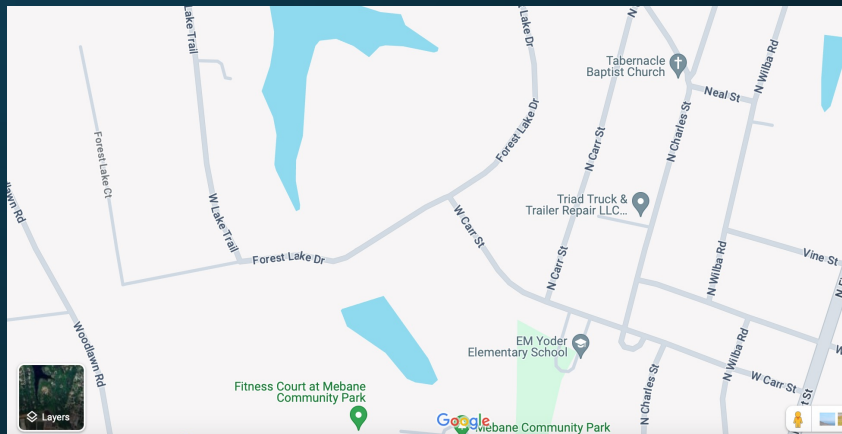
Mebane First Savings and Loan Today

Arthur Neal Scott, Sr. retired in 1946, the year his mother passed away. He died two years later, in 1948.



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As time went by, A. N. Scott's land was sold and then developed for housing and E. M. Yoder Elementary School.

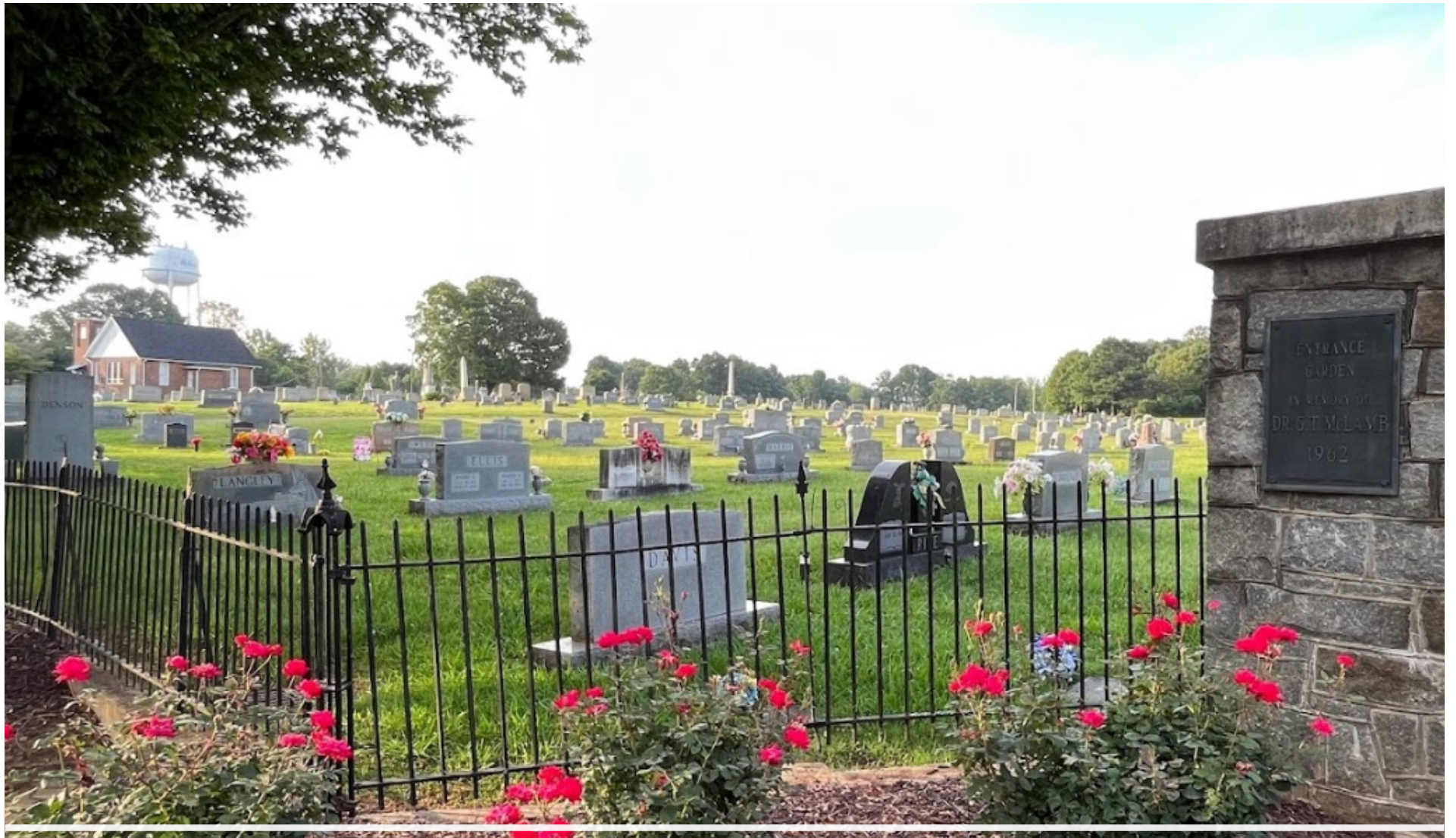


Forest Lake is north and west of A. N. Scott's former home.

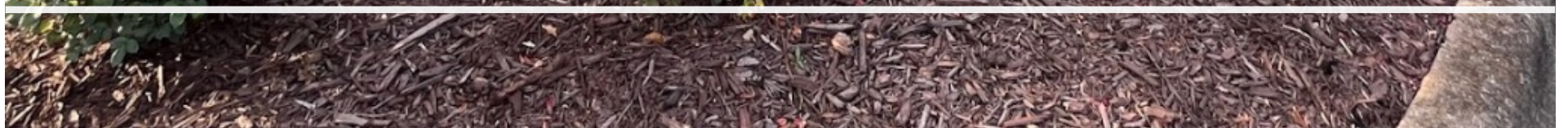


E. M. Yoder Elementary School





Arthur Neal Scott, Sr. and his second wife Maude Mebane Scott are both buried at Oakwood Cemetery in Mebane, North Carolina.



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