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SCANDALS

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1775-1975

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**To the two people whose previous
research helped make this book possible**

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PREFACE

The future is a mountain
Cloud-shadowed, dim, and steep.
The present dies each instant.
The past is ours to keep.
—Salibelle Royster.

This feeling, aptly expressed by Miss Royster, is the reason for this book. As a librarian, I have seen school children searching for a few meager facts about our county's history and often failing to find them. Too often, these children grow into adults who think they "hate history" because they found the reading difficult or the search frustrating.

I was urged "to bring Starling up to date" and certainly much has happened in the 90 years since his book was printed, but my intent is to present a readable narrative of the full two centuries, believing that continuity makes for interest. All data has been checked for accuracy, as far as possible, and sources are listed, by chapters, in the Appendix, along with additional lists of names and statistics.

My determination to finish the book in the Bicentennial Year made it necessary to categorically limit the scope. Too many of my friends have collected material for years, never organized or published it, and now it is lost. To avoid this, I stopped research to write. A complete history of Henderson County would require 20 years of research and at least three volumes! I have used four years and one volume.

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