

Wednesday August 5 - 1903 -

a statement of the history and present financial condition of the college. By Rev. W. P. Cline Ph. D.

a contract was entered into between J. G. Hall, Trustee of Highland School, Hickory N. C. and Revs. J. C. Moser,

R. A. Yoder, A. L. Crouse and W. P. Cline.

on January 2, 1892. At that time certain obligations were assumed by the parties of the second part in the above contract.

This was the founding of Lenoir College. J. G. Hall the sole Trustee of Highland School property, which property was a bequest of the late W. W. Lenoir, had presented several propositions to the Ev. Lutheran,

Tennessee Synod with a view of transferring the above property to the Synod, provided that the Synod would agree to make certain improvements on the property.

The property at that time consisted, the present college grounds, a <sup>lot</sup> portion of land of 18 acres large avenue's extending around said grounds, and 31. acres of town lots. The whole plat amounted to 56. acres.

Also there were on the grounds a substantial frame building worth \$1500.00. The whole property at that time was estimated to be worth

\$10,000. Mr. Hall asked that the Synod raise a fund of \$10,000, with which to improve the property, and if this proposition be accepted he would transfer all the property to the Synod.

The Synod met in call session on Dec. 26, 1890 to consider Mr. Hall's proposition, and after two days deliberation, in which much heated controversy took place on the school question, the synod failed to accept Mr. Hall's proposition.

Then in order that our church might not lose the property, a contract was entered into between Mr. Hall and Revs. Yoder, Moser, Crouse, and Cline, and the above parties of the second part gave their bonds well secured for the sum of \$10,000.

These bonds were as follows: one bond of \$1,000, payable one day after date Jan. 1, 1892, signed by J. C. Moser, M. L. Cline and S. E. Killian  
 1. Bond Jan. 1, 1892, due July 1, 1892, of \$1,500, signed by also by J. C. Moser, M. L. Cline and S. E. Killian.

one bond Jan. 1, 1892, due Jan. 1  
 1893, of \$ 2,500, signed by  
 R. A. Yoder, Silas Smyre and George  
 W. Kabb; 1 bond Jan. 1-1892  
 due July 1, 1893 of \$ 2,500 signed  
 by W. R. Cline, B. A. Whitener and  
 Wm. B. Yoder; 1 bond Jan. 1-1892,  
 due July 1, 1894, of \$ 2,500, signed  
 by A. L. Crouse, W. S. Fry, S. E. ~~Kittan~~  
 Spencer, A. G. Sigmon, Marcus Eckard  
 and P. C. Hahn

These bonds were liquidated by  
 donations and money borrowed in  
 the construction of the College Building.

During the summer and fall of  
 1892, the present college building  
 was erected. Only ten rooms were  
 finished at that time. The cost of  
 the building as far as finished  
 was \$ 13,435.11. Since then all the  
 rooms have been finished except  
 the Library Hall on third story.  
 The North Carolina Conference has  
 been canvassed several times  
 by the agents of the college for funds.  
 Also the Virginia and South  
 Carolina Conferences have been  
 canvassed one time.

Since the erection of the main building, Highland Hall has been converted into a dormitory and boarding hall. Last year Oakview Home for girls was erected on the college grounds by the friends of the institution.

The following is a summary of all the funds gathered from several sources for the benefit of the college.

Donations collected within the boundary of the North Carolina Conference

Donations collected \$ 14,350.68

Within the Virginia Conference 507.89

Donations collected within the South Carolina Conference 289.45

Sum Total donations \$ 15,148.02

Amount collected from rents, 60.65

Income from sale of lots 4,885.19

Estimated amount expended by literary societies on their Halls. 600.00

Total \$ 20,393.86

Money borrowed at various times - - - - - 5,500.00

Interest on \$ 5,500.00 for 10 yrs at 6 per cent 3,300.00

Amount expended on the college from 1892 to 1903 - - - \$ 22,593.86

(The above rents do not include rents of 1901-1902-1902-1903)

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### Estimated value of property

College grounds	\$ 4,500.00
Old Highland Hall -	1,500.00
Above amount expended.	22,593.86
Oak View Home	5,000.00
Equipment Oak View Home	300.00

Total value \$ 33,893.86

### Present liabilities

Principal and interest \$ 5,693.00

The association, organized in 1902, spent \$ 5,000.00 on Oak View Home for which amount the Board of Trustees is not responsible, so is not classed as a debt against the College.

The above statement gives the present financial condition of the college, but it does not in any sense give the self sacrifice and labor of those who have had the management of the institution.

# Early History of Highland Academy.

On Oct. 16, 1796, Lewis Beard was given a grant for one-thousand-nine hundred and ten acres of Land located on the east side of the "Hickory Tavern Tract" where Lenoir Rhyme College now is located, this grant bears the no. 858, what period of time Capt. Walter W. Lenoir acquired a portion of this grant is not known;

Dec. 7, 1881, H. C. Dixon and family of Wallas N. C. arrived at the home of J. F. Murrills

Piedmont Press H. Tomlinson Editor  
Sat. Feb. 18, 1882, The Highland School (Classical, Mathematical & English) Hickory N. C. Spring Session of this school for boys over 9 years of age will open in Cline House on Monday Jan. 22 1882, Tuition per month payable in advance \$2.00 to \$4.00. Board per month from \$10.00 to \$12.00. For particulars apply for circulars to H. C. Dixon Pres. Dec. 22 - 1881.

Feb 6 - 1882 Hands commence working on Lenoir College Grounds by direction of J. S. Hall and Capt. Walter W. Lenoir.

Piedmont Press of Sat. Feb 18, 1882 Sealed bids will be received March 4, 1882 to build Highland Academy.

March 21, 1882, Prof. Shlott and daughter gave a concert, the proceeds for Highland School  
March 25, 1882, Corner Stone of Highland School Academy was laid at 4 o'clock P. M. today. Founders. Chas. Wall & Capt. W. W. Lenoir

- July 24, 1882, H. C. Dixon opened school at Highland Academy with 23 pupils
- Jan. 8-1883, H. C. Dixon opened school at Highland Academy with 16 pupils,
- June 3, 1883, H. C. Dixon ~~resigned~~ <sup>as Pres.</sup> school at Highland Academy, to take work with Piedmont Wagon Company.

Highland School Academy,

Sat. July 21, 1883, Highland School for boys and young men. Rev. J. H. Thurston a. m. President 3rd Session of School opens Monday Sept 17, 1883. Tuition \$1.50 to \$4.00 payable in advance.

March 23, 1884, Mr. R. K. Bryon takes charge of Highland Academy with 16 pupils

Feb-23, 1888, at Shuford Hall Prof. S. J. Ford of New York under the auspices of Highland School gave a series of readings, R. K. Mead Principal J. G. Hall Trustee

Aug. 6, 1891, Pres + Caroline, Highland Academy are greatly improved by clearing up the grounds.

Sept. 1, 1891, Highland Academy was opened Tuesday with 61 enrolled, and more expected since Highland has passed to its present custonions (and later named Lenoir College). It was an auspicious opening with 149 students - (over) enrolled.

On January 4, 1892 the  
new institution was  
Chartered with the name  
of Lenoir College, which it  
continued to carry until 1923  
when the name was changed  
to Lenoir Rhyne College.



Walter a Hahn

Bowie Texas

aug 22-1897

Jesse Hahn bought the

Highland ave. home

July 29, 1897-

B A-Hahn bought the  
back tract from

B R. Thomlinson

July 29-1897