

100 Years Ago

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**Winnsboro's Progress in Five
Years**

In this day of business progress men are prone to overlook the improvement going on immediately around them and the progress made by them. This is true, not only of individuals, but villages, cities and communities. It is always a matter of interest to know the progress made by any section of the country, and to do this it is necessary to select a certain period of years and note the improvements made within this time.

It will probably be of interest to the people of Winnsboro and of the county generally to know what progress and improvements have been made at the county seat in the last five years. Of course this improvement has been gradual, and at no one time has it attracted more than ordinary attention, but when we come to consider it as a whole and note the amount of money expended we get some idea of the progressive spirit abroad and in town.

In 1880, if we are not mistaken, Evans street was opened and a number of lots sold off, which seemed to be the beginning of a building boom which has continued every since, and spread itself over every section of town. Below we give the list of new buildings put up in the last five years with a rough estimate of their cost:

Rev. J.T. Chalmers, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$3,000.

J.H. Cummings, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$3,000.

J.E. McDonald, two new dwellings and outbuildings, \$6,500.

C.M. Chandler, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$2,500.

W.L. Timmons, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$2,500.

S.S. Gibson, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$1,500.

T.K. Elliott, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$3,000.

G.H. McMaster, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$3,500.

W.G. Jordan, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$3,000.

J.Q. Davis, new dwelling and outbuilding, \$2,000.

W.C. Rion, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$3,000.

G.B. Dunn, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$3,000.

R.C. Gooding, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$2,500.

Mrs. Gaillard, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$1,500.

J.N. Center, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$2,000.

D.V. Walker, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$3,500.

Mrs. Chaplin, new dwelling and outbuildings, \$1,500.

Mrs. Owens, new dwellings and outbuildings, \$1,500.

A. Williford, new stables, \$2,500.

J.J. Neil, new office, \$500.

Turner & Co., new store, \$800.

J.O. Boag, opera house, \$1,500.

Mrs. Duval, improving hotel, \$1,500.

D.J. Macaulay, dwelling improved, \$700.

J.P. Caldwell, dwelling improved, \$300.

Black Presbyterian church, \$1,500.

Black Methodist church, \$1,500.

Connor & Chandler, new store, \$1,000.

Besides the improvements above named there have been quite a number of dwellings repainted and repaired. Both Presbyterian churches repaired, and a handsome iron fence has been placed around the Associate Reformed Presbyterian graveyard. Making an aggregate expenditure within the last five years in round numbers of about \$65,000, or at the rate of \$13,000 annually...

45 Years Ago

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MRS. HARRIS McDONALD ENTERTAINS FOR BRIDE

Miss Edith Amidon, whose marriage to Jack Hilton will be a social event of mid-August, was the honor guest on Thursday afternoon when Mrs. R.H. McDonald gave a pretty party, inviting five tables of friends. Mrs. A.E. Jury, mother of the guest of honor, called for the social hour.

A color motif of green, yellow and white was artistically carried out in the floral decorations, table appointments and refreshments. Miss Amidon's place was marked with a lovely corsage. After four progressions, scores were tallied, high score prize, a vanity, was won by Miss Nelle McMaster, and low