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RICH in historical interest for three centuries, and founded upon a solid basis, Dinwiddie County, Virginia, to-day, looks upon a horizon of the clearest and brightest kind. While the records of the county's past are interesting (and it is the days gone by that the student of history loves to dwell upon), it is to the future that enterprising farmers wish to look.

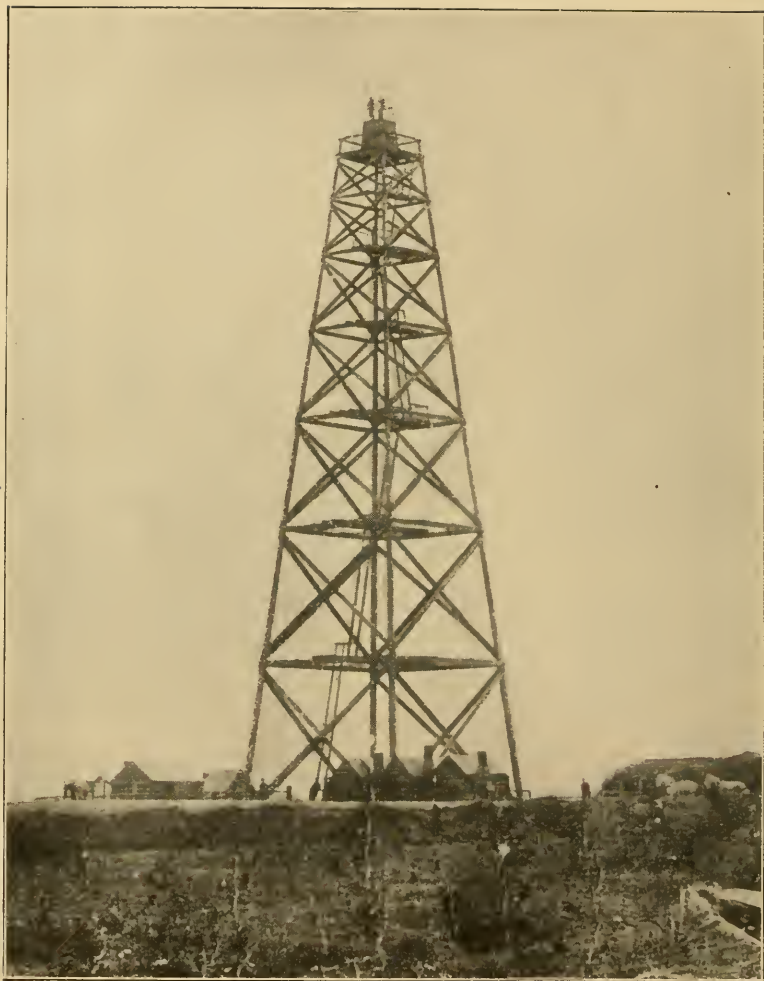
Not a county in the country has a brighter outlook than Dinwiddie. From the sleepy land of Indian legends it has developed into a great agricultural section for raising bright tobacco, peanuts, and all cereals, and still has in its domain thousands of acres of land waiting to be developed.

Educationally, Dinwiddie has advantages, as it possesses a good system of free schools.

She is well watered, being bounded on the north by the Appomattox, on the south by the Nottoway river, and her numerous waterways afford plenty of power for a number of electric plants, while within her bounds are large quarries of granite for building purposes. Her facilities for transportation and travel are unsurpassed, as she has three large trunk lines of railroads crossing her territory, viz: the Norfolk and Western Ry., the Atlantic Coast Line Ry., and the Seaboard Air Line Ry.

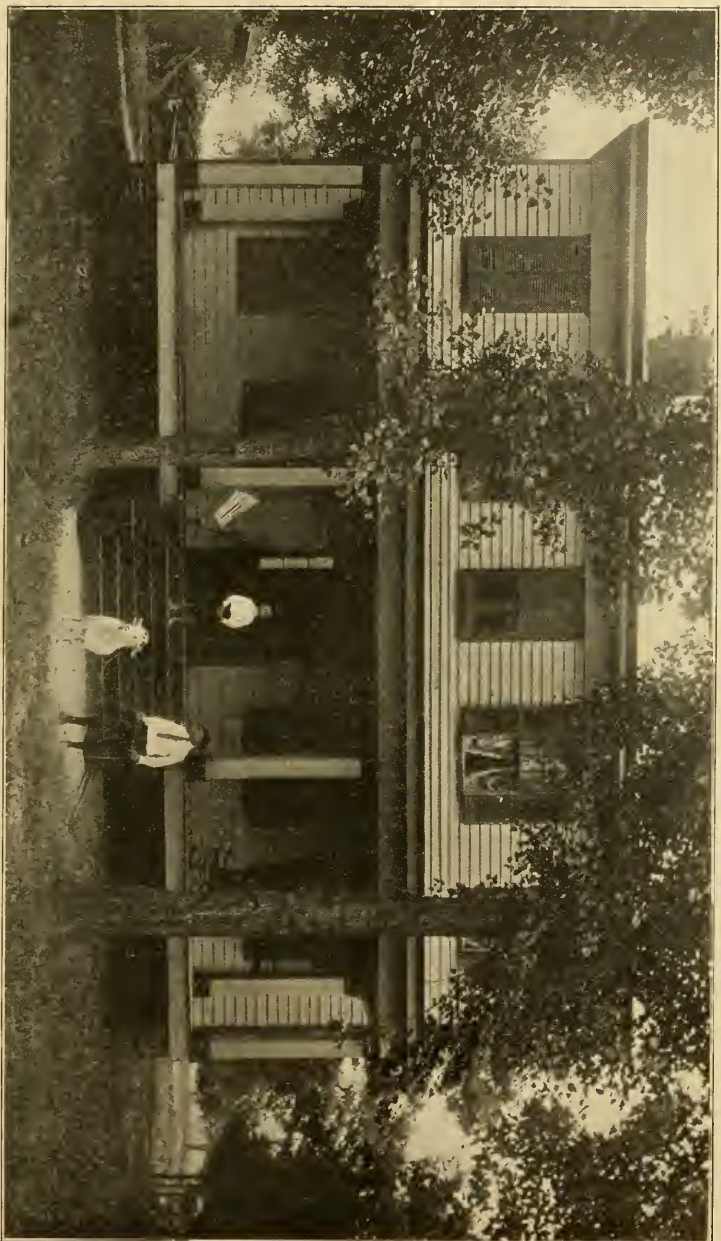
Dinwiddie was the camping-ground of the Armies of the Potomac and Northern Virginia, for many months in 1864-'65, the last great camp of the civil war. In mere honor and justice to these two, the Army of the Potomac and the Army of Northern Virginia, Dinwiddie deserves a great National Park, and the Grand Army of the Republic should demand it, and there both North and South should meet and "smoke the pipe of peace and good fellowship under the flag of the greatest nation on earth, '*Old Glory*.'"

By W. L. P.

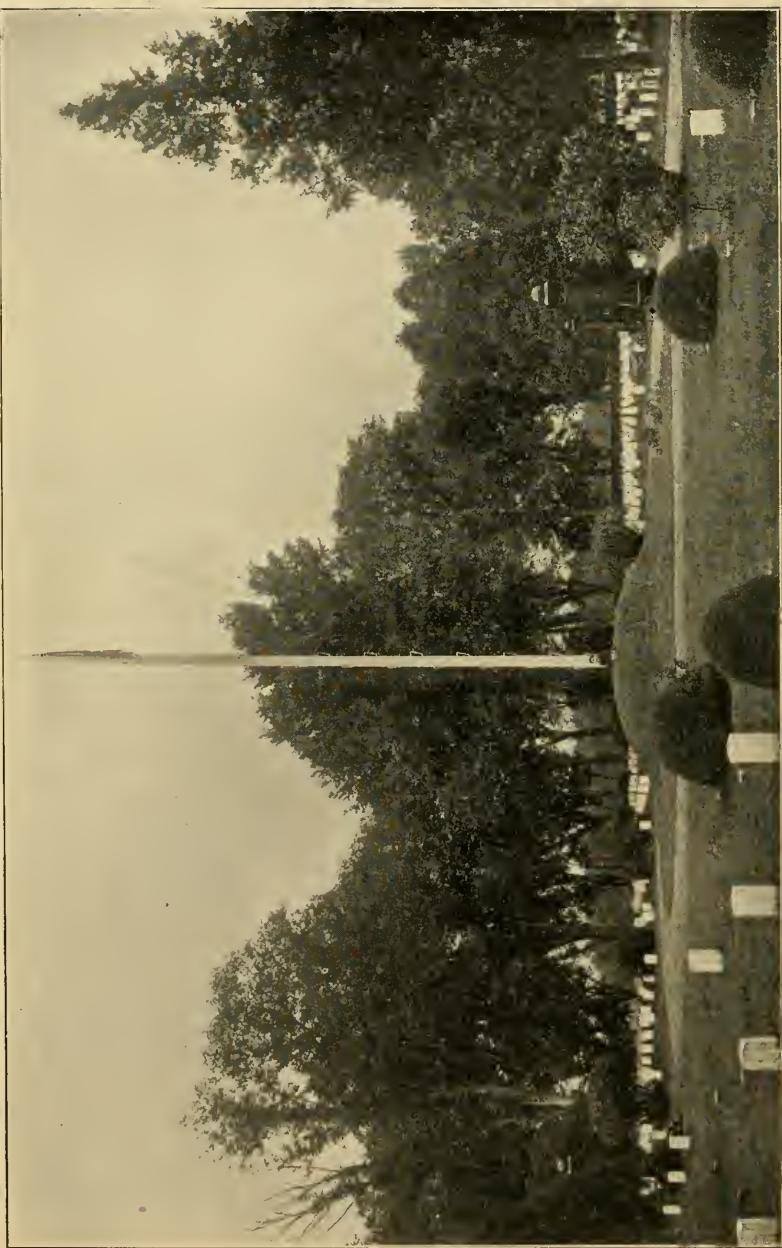


GRANT'S SIGNAL TOWER

This tower is 150 feet high, on Peebles' farm, south-west from Petersburg, built by two companies of the 50.h New York Engineers, under the direction of Capt. Chas. L. Davis, Signal Corps U. S. Army, Chief Signal Officer Army of the Potomac. The above picture and description furnished by courtesy of Brig.-Genl. Chas. L. Davis, U. S. Army, Schenectady, N. Y.



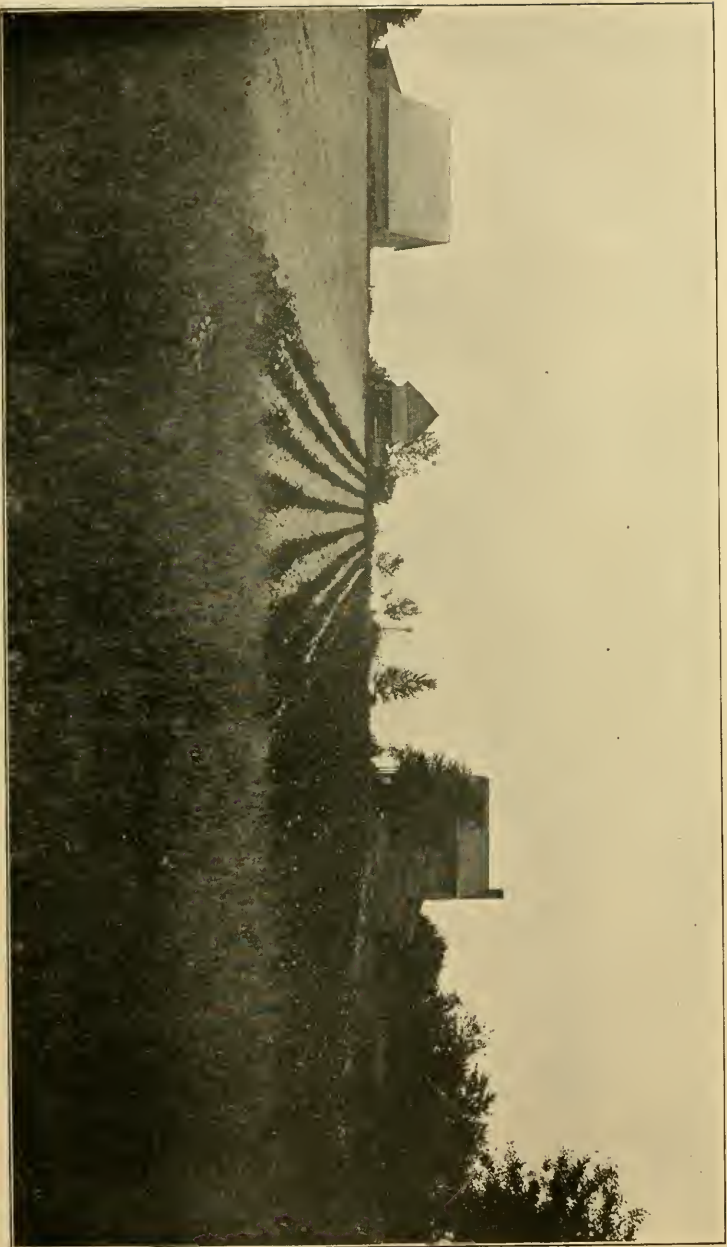
This residence occupies the exact site of the Signal Tower, and is known as Fort Fisher. Observe the battery and the gunners which now hold Fort Fisher.



NATIONAL CEMETERY

View in Poplar Grove National Cemetery, Dinwiddie Co., Va., where are sleeping 6,212 U. S. and 39 Confederate State Soldiers.

Notice the young Johnny, under the protection of the flag, who is now loyal.



THE BOSWELL HOUSE

This house is in front of the Federal line, on the Church Road, and is the only one standing that was standing during the Civil War, both armies passed in full view of it.



CONFEDERATE FORT GRIGG

This fort is on the Boydton Plank Road, near Petersburg, and was held by Harris' Mississippi Brigade April 2, 1865, which repulsed thirteen charges before it was taken, and was not taken until all the ammunition was exhausted.

THIS FARM FOR SALE; 325 ACRES

CASH PRICE \$3000.00

ADDRESS: REV. R. FERGUSON, MATHEWS, VA.



House owned by Rev. Richard Ferguson, near Darvills, Dinwiddie County, Va., in which a band of ex-slaves commanded by two negro soldiers of the Federal army plotted a massacre of the whites in April, 1865. The commander of the Federal troops stationed at Wilson Depot on the Norfolk and Western R. R. was notified, and he sent over a detachment of soldiers, who surrounded the house, shooting all that tried to escape and capturing the rest.



Baskarville & Jones's Grist Mill, situated on the Nottoway River, in Dinwiddie Co., at Champ, Va., with a capacity of one hundred barrels per day.

Resources and Advantages

DINWIDDIE is situated on the edge of the Tidewater District, and has an area of 249,946 acres. It is bounded on the north by Namozine Creek and the Appomattox River, the counties of Amelia and Chesterfield. On the east by the City of Petersburg and the County of Prince George. On the south by the County of Sussex and the Nottoway River and the County of Brunswick. On the west by the County of Nottoway.

The Appomattox on the north and the Nottoway on the south, and their tributaries flowing through, furnish the County with magnificent water power, of which very little is developed.

Along these streams are very fertile low lands, the greater part of which are unimproved.

Dinwiddie has an unlimited supply of very fine Granite, as good as any to be found.

There is an abundance of fine timber in Dinwiddie, although it is being cut rapidly.

Pine, Oak, Hickory, Ash, Poplar, Black Walnut, Gum, Beech, Sycamore, Maple, and Birch are all native trees.

The Pine is a rapid grower, and wherever land is left uncultivated the pine springs up and flourishes.

Apples, Peaches, Pears, Plums and Quinces all flourish here.

Grapes and Berries of all kinds grow and bear well here, cultivated and wild.

The soil is easily cultivated and readily improved. The eastern portion of the county is level and sandy, and well adapted to the cultivation of Trucks of all kinds, Peanuts, Cotton, Corn, Oats, Hay, Rye, Wheat and Bright Tobacco. The western portion is undulating and hilly, has a red clay subsoil, and is better adapted to the growing of Dark Tobacco, Grain, and Grasses, etc. Peanuts are also grown with success in this portion of the county.

The yield per acre of the different products is as follows:

Peanuts, 15 to 80 bushels	Oats, 10 to 35 bushels
Wheat, 10 to 30 “	Corn, 15 to 70 “
Tobacco, 1000 to 1600 lbs.	Hay, 1000 to 4000 lbs.

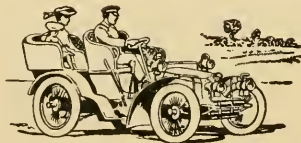
There are three trunk line railroads running through the county, and no point in the county is over nine miles from a railroad.

There are two Banks in the county, The Bank of Dinwiddie, at McKenney, Va., which commenced business June 5, 1906, with a paid up capital of \$10,000, and which now has a surplus of \$1,000. The Farmers Bank of Butterworth, Va., which commenced business June 1, 1907, with a capital of \$10,000.

Petersburg, a city of 25,000 inhabitants, is on our eastern border, and is our principal market.

Richmond, the capitol of the State, a city of over 100,000 inhabitants, is only 22 miles from our north-eastern boundary, and not more than two hours ride from any station in the county.

By W. C. R.



Any communication desiring information addressed to any of the following gentlemen will receive attention.

A. M. ORGAIN, JR., Dinwiddie

J. N. BECK, Sutherland

S. Y. GILLIAM, Church Road

W. L. PEEBLES, Petersburg, R. F. D. No. 4

T. E. CHAMBERS, Era

W. C. RIVES, Guns Hill

The eastern portion of this county is level and the western portion undulating and hilly. The soil is well adapted to the raising of peanuts, dark and bright tobaccos, corn, wheat, oats, rye, and grasses of all kinds. Cotton does well in the eastern portion of the county. Fruits of all kinds grow and do well here. The county has splendid advantages in water-power, developed and undeveloped. She has an inexhaustible supply of fine granite. Dinwiddie has a splendid system of public schools, and no point in the county is more than 6 miles from a railroad.

Three trunk lines pass through the county, the Norfolk and Western on the north, the Atlantic Coast Line on the east, and the Seaboard Air Line through the center.

Petersburg, a city of 24,000 inhabitants, is our market. The area of Dinwiddie is 295,046 acres.



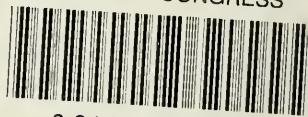
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