

William Davidson.

William Davidson lived and was a very active man in the first half of the Nineteenth century. He was a man of much wealth, owned many negroes, was public spirited, and did much for the county. Mr. Davidson represented Mecklenburg in the State Senate for several years; first in 1813, then in 1815-'16-'17-'18, again in 1825, and then in 1827-'28-'29. He also served several sessions in Congress. His family moved in the best circles. His daughter, Harriet, married Dr. D. T. Caldwell, who practiced medicine in Charlotte for many years, and raised a worthy family. Another married a Mr. Blake. They had one son and two daughters. They were a handsome trio. The son was educated at Annapolis and served in the United States navy in the war with Mexico, and afterwards till 1861, when he joined the Confederate States navy, and soon died with hemorrhage of the lungs. The young ladies passed away early in life. Miss Sarah Davidson, another daughter, was gifted with more than ordinary talents; she was well educated and admired for her mental attainments, especially in music. She taught music for a number of years, and gave such satisfaction that she held a high place as a teacher of music in the opinions of eminent people. He left one son, William, who was not equal to his father, either mentally or physically, yet he was in the Legislature, a lawyer, and later in life a Justice of the Peace, who did a great deal of business. All the older members of the family have passed away, and but few people now living in the county have any knowledge of the Davidson family. Something more than half a century ago the Davidson family lived in a large frame building on the southwest corner of Trade and Tryon streets, now occupied by Burwell & Dunn's drug store. All that property—the entire front on Trade street down to Church street, has long ago changed owners, and is now busy with a rushing trade.