

# Local History through Local Eyes

Photo at right: April 6, 1942, Army Day Parade  
Crowd awaits on Main Street, Monroe  
From the collection of Rev. Drane (see note)



## ***Boyhood On A Farm\****

R 921 NISBET

James D. Nisbet, 1995

(growing up in nearby Van Wyck, SC)

## ***Here's Where I Stand: a memoir\****

R 921 HELMS

Jesse Helms, 2005

## ***William Henry Belk: Merchant of the South\****

R 921 BELK

LeGette Blythe, 1950, 1958

## ***Curses and Blessings: Life and Evolution In the 20<sup>th</sup> Century South\****

R 921 SECREST

Andrew McDowd Secrest, 2004

## ***Negroes with Guns\****

R 975.6 WILL (see also DVD 323.4 NEGR)

Robert Williams

1998 (1<sup>st</sup> published in 1962)

## ***Inherit the Land: Jim Crow meets Miss Maggie's Will\****

R 305.8 STOWE

Gene Stowe, 2006

## ***Memoirs of John Peter Parker:***

***Experiences of growing up on a Union County farm in the early 1900s***

R 921 PARKER

John Peter Parker, 1986

## ***Trials of a Southern Tenant Farmer*** (Autobiography of Indian Trail farmer)

R 921 HARTIS

Samuel Edgar Hartis, 1959

Expanded and published by grandson, Tim Hartis, 2009

## ***"Osborne Diary" 1800-1803: Copy of a Diary of John Osborne who***

R 921 OSBORNE

***lived in the Waxhaw area***

## **1800-1802 transcript at**

<http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~helmsnc/osborndiary/OSBORN1800/index.html>

Note: Rev. Drane's photo collection is catalogued as:

Photographs of Monroe; 1930's – 1940's Frederick B. Drane (Locked File 4, Drawer 1)

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## ***Days in My Life***

R 921 FUNDERBURK

Coble Funderburk, 1981

## ***Among My Souvenirs: An Autobiography\****

R 921 Crane-Harkey

Edna Ray Crane-Harkey, 2015

## **Several online sources of local memories:**

“St. Luke’s Evangelical Lutheran Church, Monroe, North Carolina, 1889-1997” By Betty H. Erickson -see approx.. 18 pages with members’ memories – many involve more than just church memories.

Book available in Genealogy at R 284.1756 ERICKSO  
[www.stlukesmonroenc.org](http://www.stlukesmonroenc.org) (click on ‘History’ for pdf)

“Through the years, 1901-1997: the story of Mineral Springs United Methodist Church” by Bill Howie & Clara McDonald (at R 287.6 HOWI)  
<http://digital.ncdcr.gov/cdm/ref/collection/p249901coll37/id/23821>

Slave Narrative by Mandy Coverson (actually “Cuthbertson”)

This is the only slave narrative that we know of for Union County, NC.

Find at the Library of Congress Slave Narratives

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html>

At keywords search, type in: Coverson

From the *Southern Oral History Program Collection* at Chapel Hill:

J. Ray Shute (1904-1988), former mayor and all-round mover-shaker was interviewed by Wayne Durrill in 1982. Transcript can be found at

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/sohp/B-0054-1/B-0054-1.html>

Mabel Robinson Williams’ 1999 oral history interview about Civil Rights in Monroe can be heard at

<http://docsouth.unc.edu/sohp/K-0266/menu.html>

(printed transcript available at R 082 WILL or download at above link)

\*available for check-out R = reference copy in Genealogy & Local History

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