

gathering place for civil and military purposes was known as "Waterloo", near where R. L. Downs now lives and so named on account of the great number of fist and skull fights that would occur on the public days under the free alcohol regime. Still another gathering place was at Austin's Mill near Antioch Church.

PIONEERS

Beginning again at the top of the map, Henry Carlton of the Yadkin settlers from Virginia entered and located at the Hickory Knob in the pioneer days. The Knob in its primeval condition was an ideal mountain home, but Henry drifted back to his old settlement and finally emigrated to the west. Considerable distance intervened between the above location and that of Merrimon McGee, the next pioneer down-stream, and one of the Alamance immigrants. Merrimon's daughter, Polly, married William Munday, and their descendants live in Ellendale and many of them live in Statesville. Next in order was Stephen Medlock, not the Baptist preacher remembered by many, but his father. He came from somewhere south of the Granville line. Many of his descendants still live in Ellendale. Jesse Reed was one of several pioneers from Chatham or Orange of the Reed family. The others located farther down stream. Some of Jesse's descendants live in Ellendale; some went to Tennessee and some of them live in Stony Point. William and Adam Fullerton entered some valuable lands on the river between Jesse Reed and the other Reeds. There is a romance which romance is true history about the Fullertons and the Robinettes which belongs to Little River Township and will be fully described in its history. Prater's Creek joins Little River at the Adam Fullerton grant. The first corn mill in Ellendale was built at a beautiful shoal near where Joshua White lives on Prater's Creek by Dempsey Kane. All trace of Kane is lost. The land he built upon was entered by James Clark. The pioneers of Prater's Creek were David and Jesse Spradling, Thomas Basket, Larkin Kerley, David Forrester, William Webster and John White. None of their descendants remain except those of White and Webster and none of them were Alamance immigrants except the Spradlings. Near the head of Prater's Creek in a family cemetery lies buried the mortal remains of Sarah Perkins White, a heroine of the very earliest pioneer days along the Catawba River. Her full history will be given in the history of Wittenburg township.

Just below the mouth of Prater's Creek lie some of the most fertile lands in Ellendale and they were entered by the Reeds, James, Hugh, Henry, William and Isaiah were immigrants from Alamance. James entered 560 acres of very fertile lands, which he later conveyed to James Allen, who afterward conveyed it to Benjamin Newland. On the same latitude with the Reed lands, across the township the pioneers were John Welbrooks, James Barnes, Robert Holmes, Joseph Dixon, James Clark, Matthew Duty and Isaac Allen.

Beginning back at the west side of the township and reading across the lower line of pioneers, we have Nicholas Nedlock, Abram Hunsucker, George Thompson, Robert Payne, William Austin, James Douglas, Jehu Barns, Edward Teague, John Teague, Solomon Teague, Riddick Freeman, Edward Terrell, George Brooks, William Munday. Thomas Bradburn, Frances Dorset, James Watts, Jesse Pool, Johnston King, Thomas Elliot, William Pool, Alexander West. These all came from the turmoil of Alamance except Medlock, Hunsucker, Douglas, Bradburn and Elliot. The names of Edward Teague and Frances Dorset appear on the