

Jacob Brower, who is buried at the Old Methodist Cemetery was the businessman who had the mill where the middle school is located today. The bridge is all that is left of the entire settlement, but I have a map Robert Merritt did of the whole complex. I also have a newspaper article about him. He is also the father of John Brower, who was in the state legislature and is buried in Oakdale.

BROWER, John Morehead, a Representative from North Carolina; born in Greensboro, Guilford County, N.C., July 19, 1845; moved to Surry County, N.C., with his parents, who settled in Mount Airy in 1845; educated by private tutors and attended the Mount Airy Male Academy; engaged in agricultural pursuits, the raising and processing of tobacco, and mercantile pursuits; delegate to all Republican State conventions from 1872 to 1896; member of the State senate 1876-1878; elected as a Republican to the Fiftieth and Fifty-first Congresses (March 4, 1887-March 3, 1891); chairman, Committee on Expenditures in the Post Office Department (Fifty-first Congress); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1890 to the Fifty-second Congress; member of the State house of representatives 1896-1898; resumed his former agricultural and business pursuits; moved to Oklahoma and settled in Boswell, Choctaw County, in 1907 and engaged in the manufacture of lumber, agricultural pursuits, and stock raising; died in Paris, Lamar County, Tex., August 5, 1913; interment in Oakdale Cemetery, Mount Airy, N.C.