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Westfield Academy stands as house

... At the corners of highways 89 and 1809

Academy still stands

Two historical buildings, the Westfield Academy and the John Hugh Lowe Homeplace, are located at the intersection of highway 89 and Pilot Mountain-Westfield Road 1809.

Built in 1884 and organized in 1893, the Westfield Academy was a subscription or graded school. Following dissolution of agreement, the Academy was purchased by Jennie Smith,

daughter of John L. Smith, one of the Academy's stockholders.

Jinnie and her husband, Jim Harrison, sold the building to her sister, Etta Smith, and her husband, R.K. Simmons, in 1902.

Residents in the house from the time of the dissolution of the Academy have been descendants of John L. Smith. The house, consisting of the original school plus additional

rooms and porches, has been lived in by the Ethel Simmons Pell family and the Lee Vinsons as well as the Harrisons and Simmons.

Across the street from the old Academy stands the John Hugh Lowe Homeplace, constructed in 1882, say present owners, the D.W. Vogler family.

During the occupancy of

Lowe, who died in 1928, the home served as an overnight "staying place" for "Drummers," salesmen for the country store. Lowe

owned a country store, was married to Miss Jestin Riddle, and had 10 children.

Lowe moved to Westfield from Big Creek in order to have his children nearer to the school, according to a local historian.