

THE QUARRY.

Quarry opened in 1889, containing 40 acres.

Company was organized May 14, 1889, known as "Mt. Airy Granite Co." composed of the Messrs. Woodroffe, J. A. Odell, J. M. Odell, J. A. Gray & J. W. Frye, all of G'boro. First meeting held June 8, 1889, J. A. Odell elected Pres.

First order on record was for pier blocks for a RR bridge at or near Fayetteville most of which were hauled by wagon to the depot before the quarry branch line was finished in the Spring of 1891.

The only fatal accident in history of quarry occurred July 11, 1893. Mr. Wm. Woodroffe was struck on head by flying piece of stone from blast and died three days later.

Mr. Thos. Woodroffe, Sr., took active charge of quarry on June 18, 1894, and on Jan. 26, 1898 leased the property under the name of "Thos. Woodroffe & Sons"

The North Carolina Granite Corp'n was incorporated May 30, 1904. Mr. Colin Fraser elected Pres., and the lease held by T. W. & Sons was terminated.

The first contract secured by the Corp. was the 3rd story of the New National Museum at Wash. D. C. Amount of contract, \$107,645.50 as compared with the recent contract for the Arlington Memorial Bridge of \$1,520,133.00

The quarry property now comprises 225 acres of which 75 acres are fully developed and in operation.

The present granite industry in Mt. Airy, including all cutting sheds, employs an average of 600 men all year with an annual payroll of approximately \$900,000.00.

The largest number of cars shipped in one year (1911) was 3155. This will be equalled if not surpassed this year. (Note: Cars today carry 50% more than in 1911)