

# Bucklesberry, Back in the Day

## Glimpse in Time: Fall 1903

A number of key events occurred nationally in the fall of 1903. The first Kit Carson western movie premiered in September. The Pittsburgh Pirates and American Pilgrims (now, Boston Red Sox) faced-off in the inaugural World Series in October, and the U.S. recognized the independence of Panama in November.

In North Carolina, the significant occurrence in the fall of 1903 was Hurricane Vagabond, a category 1 cyclone that brushed the east coast just off the Outer Banks in mid-September. With little known damage to the State, however, Vagabond is the only hurricane on record to date to make landfall in New Jersey.

Local news outlets reported happenings in greater Bucklesberry during the fall of 1903. Like other seasons, fall included typical activities such as buying, selling, building, traveling and so on, which provided a glimpse in time of folks who lived and worked there:

1903, September 15: "Mr. K[irby] E. Sutton has returned from Baltimore." (*The Daily Free Press*, Kinston)

1903, October 2: "Mr. Alex Sutton, of Falling Creek, has purchased the mill site of the Joyner mill [off Highway 903] and will soon begin the erection of a mill house thereon." (*The Daily Free Press*)

1903, October 2: "Mr. G[eorge] W. Wynn is laying a brick foundation on which to build some stables, thereby nearly doubling the present capacity of his livery and sales stable." (*The Daily Free Press*)

1903, October 2: "Misses Lula Whitfield, Fannie Sutton, Lizzie Anderson and [Lizzie] Ham, as assistants, and Prof. J. E. Witherspoon, of Carthage, as principal, are the teachers in the graded school [La Grange], which opens Monday, October 5th." (*The Daily Free Press*)

1903, October 8: "The following jurors were drawn for November Court [Wayne County Commissioners' Court]...Oscar Sutton..." (*The Goldsboro Headlight*)

1903, October 29: "Cotton is selling for 10 cents today." (*The Daily Free Press*)

1903, October 29: "Mr. R. M. Harper will move into his new hotel this week and expects to open up for the entertainment of regular and transient boarders about November 15th." (*The Daily Free Press*)

1903, October 29: "Mr. Joshua Daly died at his home in Bucklesberry today, while sitting in his chair. Mr. Daly was 84 years old and was a good citizen in comfortable circumstances. The remains were buried in the neighborhood burying grounds." (*The Daily Free Press*)

1903, November 5: "A pea thresher that will thresh your field peas to your satisfaction is the Gardener's Improved. It is guaranteed. O[scar] Sutton, Agent, Goldsboro, N. C." (*The Goldsboro Headlight*)

1903, November 17: "Rev. Mr. Dozier, of the M[ethodist] P[rotestant] Church [and Hickory Grove Church] will leave today for the conference, which convenes at Winston-Salem." (*The Daily Free Press*)