

# Henderson Co.--A Summary Of Its Attractions

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Henderson county lies on the southwestern border of this state, touching Greenville county South Carolina at one point; and at the top of the Blue Ridge mountains, as one ascends from the south. The altitude is 2,200 to 2,300 feet in Hendersonville, and much of the valley land of the county has about the same altitude. The mountain peaks surrounding the Henderson county plateau and the numerous fertile valleys are from a few hundred to several hundred feet higher.

The highest peak in the county has an altitude of 4,500 feet. For a mountain county Henderson has more than the average acreage of comparatively level land as shown by the fact that there are around 200,000 acres in farms and as much more in pasture land.

The natural resources of Henderson county consist of altitude climate, ample rainfall, bountiful distribution of water supply through rivers and smaller streams, timber, stone, and clay resources and soils productive in a high degree.

The altitude affords cool summers, but does not, as those unfamiliar with the climate frequently suppose, mean that the winters are severe. The winters are comparatively mild, the snowfall averages less than in the Piedmont areas of North and South Carolina and the air in winter is dry and invigorating without being highly penetrating, as a result of which the cold is not felt as severely as in lower altitudes. The sun shines almost every day during the winter.

Residents and visitors familiar with every section of the world have said that this climate the year around is ideal. The average annual rainfall of around 56 inches, well distributed throughout the year, makes Henderson county an attractive section for farmers. It is especially favorable for the growing of truck crops and corn.

In the beautiful French Broad and Mills river valleys is some of the finest land in North Carolina; and numerous smaller streams and valleys make exceedingly inviting many other sections.

Henderson is a county of small farms; a large percentage cultivated by owners, and the farm population of the county lives according to the rules of former Governor Gardner's Live-At-Home program. The county is an area that offers great possibilities to home seekers; especially those desiring to engage in trucking, fruit growing, cattle and poultry raising. In addition to the natural advantages to farmers the big problem of farm marketing is being solved in a way highly beneficial to the producers.

The large number of summer residents and visitors make a local market for all kinds of farm products; and shipping and trucking connections take much of Henderson county's produce to other sections and states. Truck and fruit crops of this section come into the markets when there is a scarcity in the states to the south and southwest, and there is found a big market for our farm products. Another attractive market for the truckers is afforded by the Farmers Federation cannery located in Hendersonville.

The natural advantages of Henderson county which make it so attractive as a place of residence, or for farming, make possible the section's best and biggest business with the outside world. This is the tourist business. For considerably more than a hundred years people from down south—from Charleston and other places in South Carolina and from Georgia and other southern states—have been coming to Henderson county for the summer season.

The South Carolinians developed the famous Flat Rock section where beautiful estates and homes have been owned by certain families for generations. As the years passed and Henderson county became widely known as a summer resort section, summer residents

## BEAUTY SPOTS IN EVERY DIRECTION



Many trails through the Western North Carolina mountains lead past such entrancing scenes as this. This view was taken southwest of Hendersonville, within walking distance.

and visitors poured in from throughout the south. In late years this has become perhaps the most popular summer resort section in North Carolina for the people in Florida.

Under present day tourist conditions residents of every section of the United States come to Henderson county and the tourist business is not confined to the summer months. Many come from the northern parts of the country in the winter months, finding that here it is possible to avoid the rigors of northern winters without encountering the enervating conditions of semi-tropical or tropical climates.

Being engaged in the tourist business on a large scale Hendersonville and Henderson county are equipped for the purpose of receiving and entertaining all who come.

City and county have numerous good hotels, large boarding houses and private homes where those who come for a few days or a few months will find entertainment of exactly the kind desired.

A feature of summer life in the county is found in the organized camps for boys and girls and young people. There are 11 camps

located in the county, five for females and six for males. The camps are high-class and enjoy the patronage of people in every section of the country.

The summer assembly grounds of the Episcopal church at Kanuga and the Associated Reformed Presbyterian church at Bonclarken are two of the most worth while developments of late years, bringing each summer large numbers of christian leaders and people from near and far to these most delightful places of assembly for the consideration of church affairs and Christian work.

In addition to the natural advantages of Henderson county, much has been done to improve natural conditions, and the result is modern improvements on an ample scale and of every character which may be made to contribute to the development of a country and the well-being and happiness of its people. Some of the things home-seekers are vitally interested in are social conditions, churches, and schools, highways, and public utilities. Henderson county has many flourishing churches, of the leading denominations, a public school system unsurpassed in this state of great educational prog-

ress; typical North Carolina highways and public utilities of the highest class.

In the county are ten high schools, so distributed over the territory that there are few, if any, boys and girls in the county who are denied the advantages of attending a first class high school. The full advantages of these splendid modern high schools are realized to the greatest possible extent by the use of school busses for the transportation of pupils.

In addition to the public school system, higher education is represented in Hendersonville by Fassifern School for Girls and Blue Ridge School for Boys. These are preparatory schools. Fruitland Institute, located in the county, is a coeducational school under the control of the Baptist denomination.

Hendersonville is connected with the surrounding territory and with other states by a system of paved highways which extend in six directions from the city. These connect with Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C., Charlotte, Asheville, and the mountain country west of Hendersonville. Two paved highways lead into Asheville. These roads make the town and section

easily accessible to all parts of the country; and visitors derive much of the pleasure of a visit from travel over magnificent roads.

The little city of Hendersonville, county town of Henderson county, with a community population of around eight thousand has a system of paved streets the wonder and admiration of all visitors; public buildings and school buildings of exceptional size and equipment, electric and gas plants and a unique water system. The water supply, secured from one of the watersheds of Pisgah National forest, is so pure that it needs no filtering and comes into the city through a gravity line and is distributed in the same way.

Industrial development in Henderson county while at present on a small scale, holds the promise of an important future. At present there are cotton mills, hosiery mills, brick plants, wood-working plants, box factory and other small industries in the county. Power, labor and shipping facilities are ready at hand for greater industrial growth.

## PLANT LIFE IN STATE VARIED

166 Kinds of Trees Reflect Development of Horticulture

Beautiful as the flora of North Carolina appears to the visitor or resident, it is in no way more interesting than the beauty and variety of this state's 166 kinds of trees.

Besides the decorative flowering trees and bushes of the state, such as the tulip and dogwood trees, the wild rhododendron, azalea and mountain laurel, equally as many interesting timber trees occur naturally in the state as in any other of the union. These trees vary in different sections, as the wide range of temperature from the southeastern sea level to an elevation of nearly 7,000 feet is accompanied by a change in typical trees, from the palmetto of Smith's Island through the gums of the East and the world famous North Carolina long leaf pine to the hardwoods and the spruce of the mountain ranges.

No branch of agriculture has been more strikingly developed than horticulture and North Carolina has kept pace with this growth.

## JANSSEN TO LEAD BERLIN ORCHESTRA

BERLIN, Germany.—(UP).—A young New York composer and conductor, Werner Janssen, will direct the Berlin Philharmonic orchestra.

Janssen, who studied music in Rome, directed a concert at Turin in January and later a concert by the Philharmonic orchestra of Budapest as the first U. S. musician to direct this organization.

On April 9, Janssen is scheduled to appear with the Berlin Philharmonic, Luigi Silva, violinist and a member of the Quartetto di Roma, will appear as soloist.

ROOSTER WAS JAILED TYLER, Tex.—A fighting rooster was arrested and jailed here. Its negro master pleaded that the fowl be imprisoned with him. Sheriff Earl Price consented to find some charge to file against the pet.

CIGARS IMPROVE WITH AGE BEND, Ore.—Like liquor, cigars improve with age, declares County Judge H. H. DeArmond. He smoked a cigar here recently that was made in 1903 and had laid in its box for 30 years untouched.

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