

Charter Member Profile: Flossie Martin

At age 96, Flossie Martin is still actively engaged in researching and preserving the history of Davie County, N.C., particularly the history of its Baptist churches. Though troubled by arthritis, she frequently visits the local history room at the Davie County Library in Mocksville, N.C.

A native of Davie County, Miss Martin graduated from Salem College, received a B.S. degree from Columbia University, and earned her M.A. at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She taught science courses at R.J. Reynolds High School in Winston-Salem from 1921 to 1947, when she moved "back home" to Mocksville, where she lives in a house built by her physician father about the turn of the century. She taught science at Mocksville High School and then at the consolidated Davie County High School until her retirement at age 70 in 1960. Former students recall Miss Martin with great respect; she was "tough as nails" but always fair. Those who went on to college found that she had given them an excellent background in science and helped them form good study habits.

Miss Flossie's interest in history was enhanced by her long friendship with Adelaide Fries, author of *Road to Salem*. She and Dr. Fries used to go "graveyarding" and "courthousing" together. When Miss Flossie retired from teaching, she devoted her spare time, energy, and intellect to genealogy and local history. Approximately 85% of the materials now in the Davie County History Room were garnered by Flossie Martin. Photographs of Miss Martin and further information about her contributions to the community can be found in the *Davie County Enterprise-Record* Sesquicentennial Edition, 23 October 1986, and *The Forsyth-Davie Ledger*, 29 October 1986.—TERRY S. DUNN, P.O. Box 531, Mocksville, N.C. 27028

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