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# Henry Alvord Scott

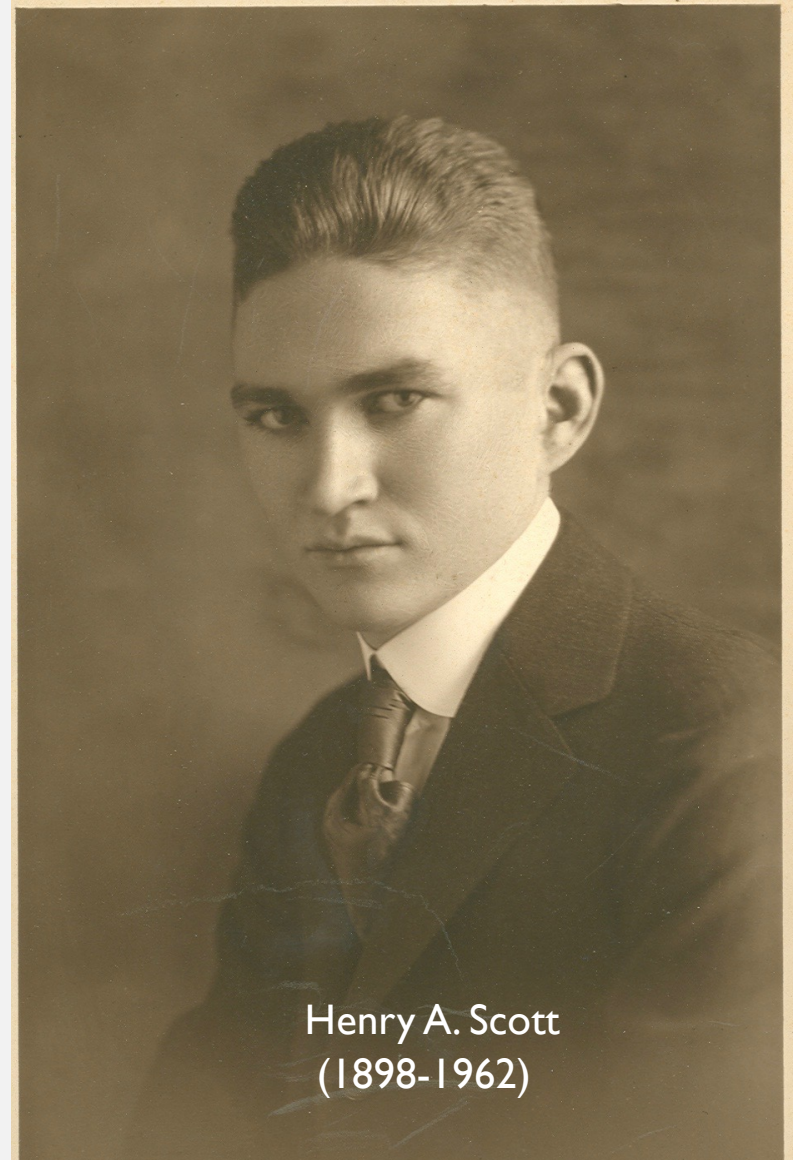
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## HENRY ALVORD SCOTT

Henry Alvord Scott was born on February 25, 1898 in Alamance County, North Carolina.

He was the ninth child born to Robert W. Scott and his wife Elizabeth Hughes Scott, who owned and managed the prosperous and successful Melville Farm.

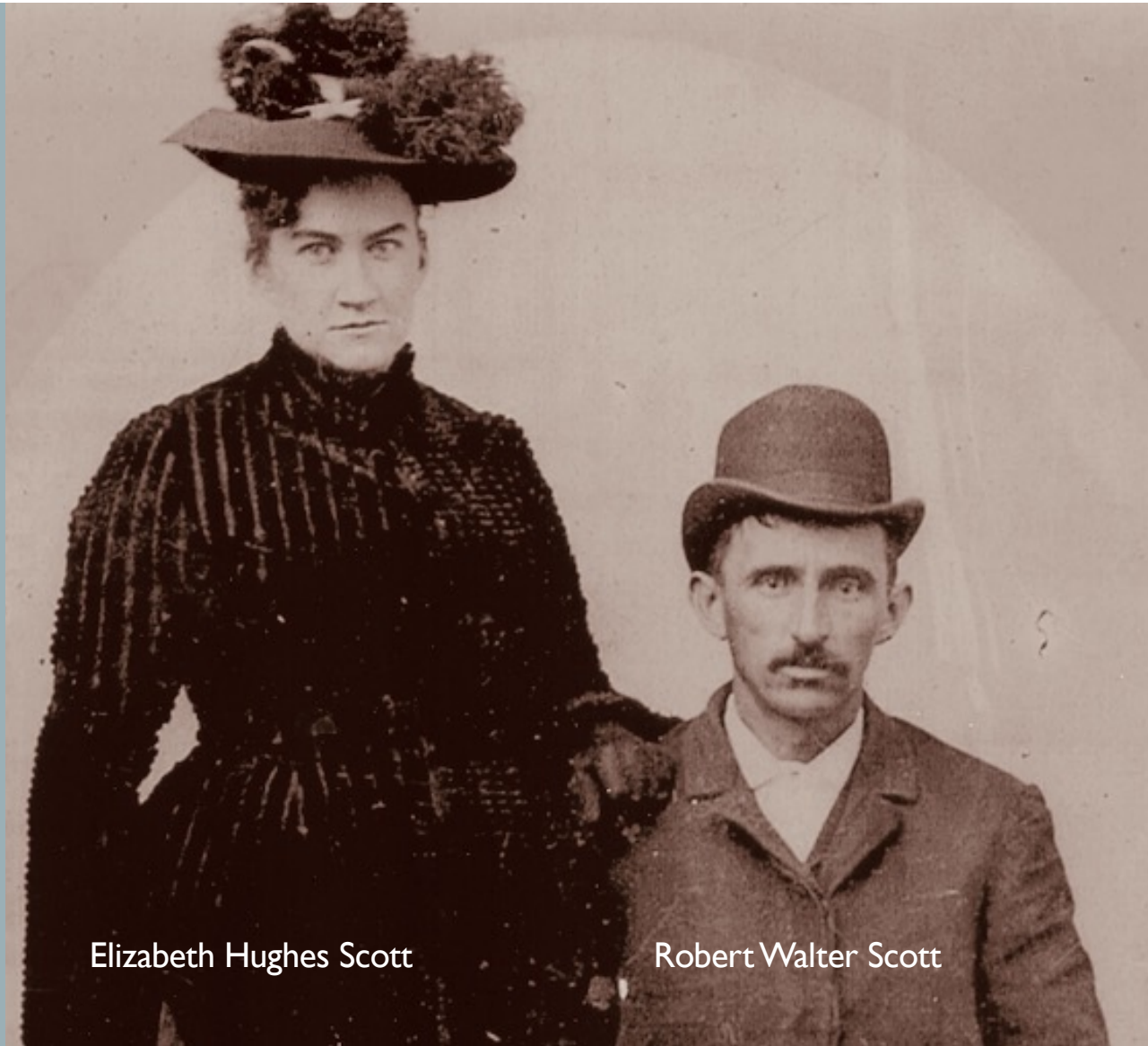


Henry A. Scott  
(1898-1962)

MELVILLE FARM,  
ALAMANCE COUNTY,  
NORTH CAROLINA

Henry's parents, Robert and Elizabeth, known as Lizzie, raised stock such as horses, sheep, cows, and pigs, and grew grains, vegetables, and fruits.

Lizzie often managed the day-to-day operation of Melville Farm freeing Robert to expend his considerable energies on his church, Alamance County, and the State of North Carolina.



Elizabeth Hughes Scott

Robert Walter Scott

## A MEMORABLE TRIP

- Henry was named for his father's friend and mentor, Henry Elijah Alvord.
- Robert met Henry Alvord during the winter of 1882 when he left home to spend several months at Houghton Farm near Mountainville, New York.
- Mr. Alvord was the director of the experimental agricultural station at Houghton Farm. He was impressed with Robert's ambition and agreed to help him learn new farming techniques.
- Mr. Alvord mentored Robert and they remained in contact after Robert returned home to North Carolina.
- Robert instilled his knowledge and desire in his children and their farms prospered as a result.



Henry Elijah Alvord (1844-1904)



## SCOTT HOME PLACE

Henry and his many siblings grew up in this house which was built by his grandfather, Henderson Scott. The family hosted numerous teachers as well, so there was always a lot of activity.



BUTTER PRODUCED AT MELVILLE FARM WAS OF SUCH HIGH QUALITY THAT THE SCOTTS SOLD ALL THAT THEY MADE AND PURCHASED BUTTER FOR THEIR HOUSEHOLD FROM A NEIGHBOR





## THE JERSEY COW

- One secret to Melville Farm's success was Robert's herd of Jersey cows. Jersey cows produce milk that contains very high butterfat. Robert learned about dairy farming while at Houghton Farm.
- Many people are familiar with Houghton Farm today as it was featured in the work of the artist Winslow Homer. Mr. Homer was in residence a few years before Robert's visit.
- Mr. Homer painted rural scenes and the Jersey cow was often featured in his work such as "The Milk Maid" pictured here.

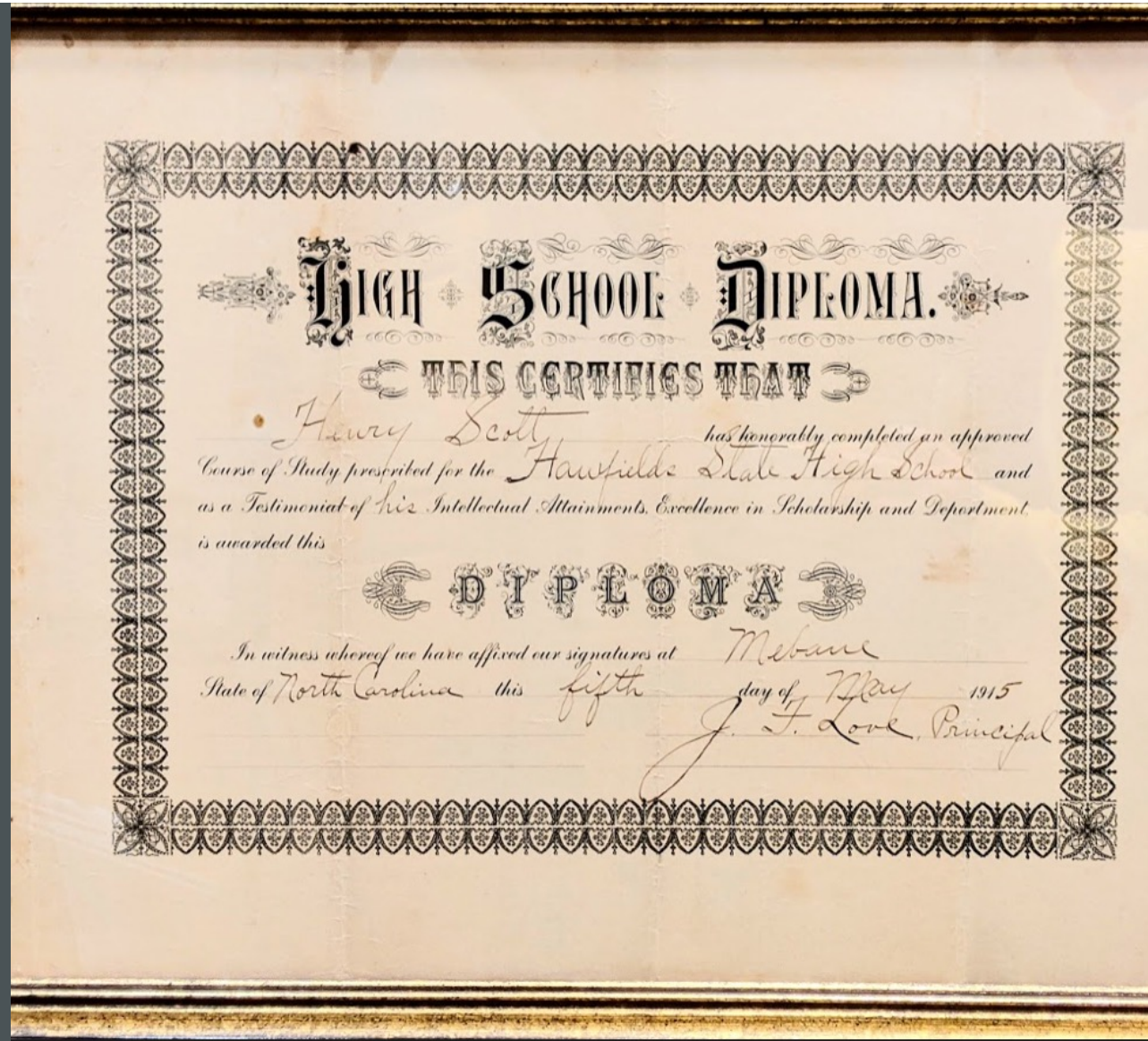


LIKE MANY OF  
HIS SIBLINGS,  
HENRY  
ATTENDED THE  
HAWFIELDS  
SCHOOL





HENRY  
GRADUATED  
FROM THE  
HAWFIELDS  
SCHOOL IN 1915



## THE UNC YEARS (1915-1919)

In 1915, Henry enrolled as a freshman at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Member of the Dialectic society.

Went out for track and field.

Planned to become a doctor like his brother Floyd.



## THE UNC YEARS (1915-1919)

- Along with many of his classmates, Henry enlisted and joined the Student Army Training Corps (SATC) as a private.
- He was a member of Company "C."

COMPANY "C"		
†		
LIEUT. R. W. MARTIN, Commanding LIEUT. P. M. ALLISON FIRST SERGT. W. H. RUFFIN, JR.		
†		
SERGEANTS		
HESTER, W. M. CROSS, J. P.	COWAN, J. C. BRINN, T. P. THIES, K. E.	GRIFFITH, R. H. WHITE, E. E.
†		
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## THE UNC YEARS (1915-1919)

Students remained in class but were organized into Companies. Each Company held training and drills to prepare the student-soldiers for war.

Henry is pictured here in his uniform in 1918.

The SATC program was short-lived, running from October to December in the fall of 1918 as the war ended in November.

The campus did not return to normal, however.

The Spanish Influenza epidemic erupted on campus and claimed seven lives.





## THE UNC YEARS (1915-1919)

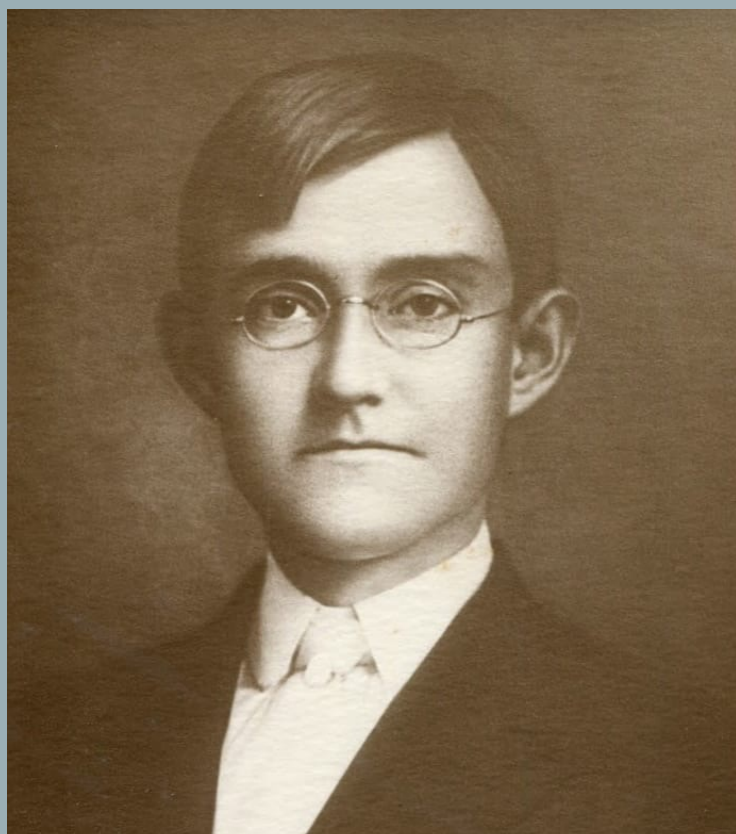
The UNC campus was saddened by the loss of President Edward Kidder Graham who died of pneumonia in October of 1918.

Dean Marvin H. Stacy, who stepped in to lead the faculty also succumbed to the flu several months later.



Edward Kidder Graham (1876-1918)

HENRY'S OLDER BROTHER, JAMES EDWIN SCOTT, (1889-1918), DIED ONE MONTH AFTER REPORTING FOR BASIC TRAINING AT CAMP A. A. HUMPHRIES, LOCATED IN VIRGINIA. HE WROTE THIS POSTCARD TO HIS OLDER BROTHER FLOYD WHO WAS STUDYING MEDICINE IN PHILADELPHIA. EDWIN WAS EXPECTING TO GO TO FRANCE TO FIGHT. DUE TO THE EPIDEMIC, HENRY WAS UNABLE TO ATTEND THE FUNERAL.

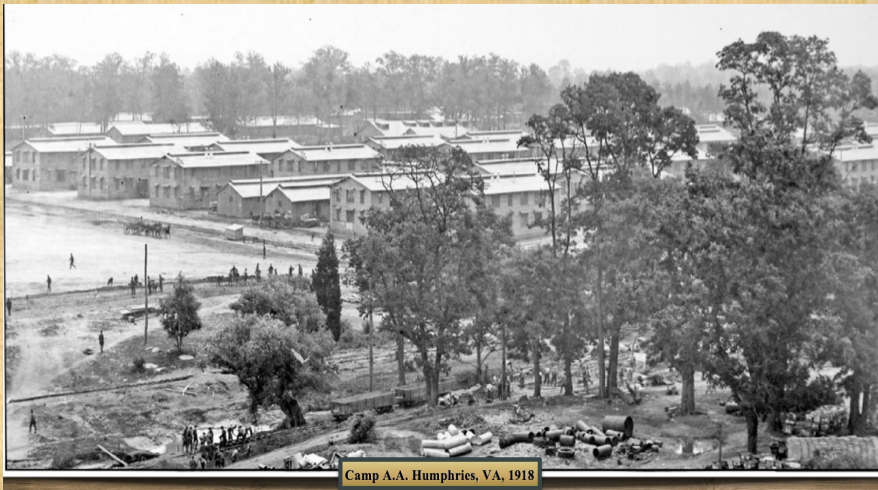


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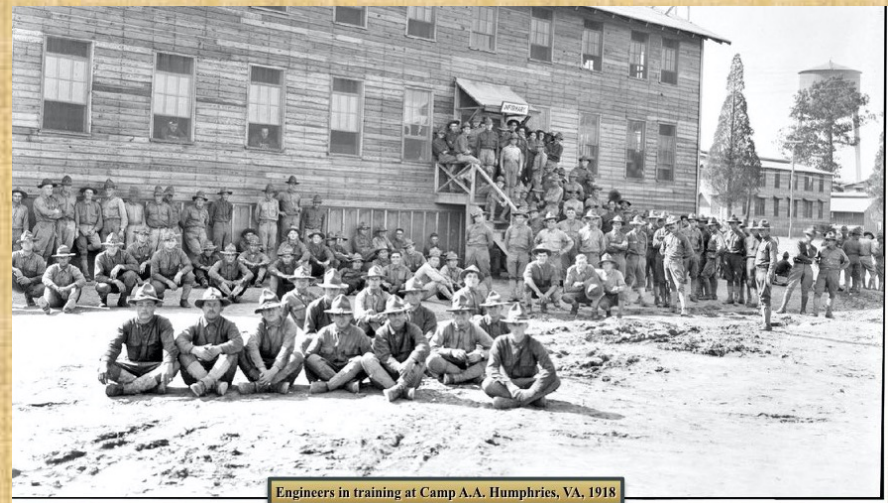
Dear Floyd - I am 112 miles  
from Phila. 17 from Washington  
6 miles from Mt. Vernon  
I have just got in from  
another ~~camp~~ Co. to this  
Co. Stayed all day in woods  
waiting for orders. I was  
examined and put in class A  
I will go to France  
I can get off when are you  
going to France? I work here  
every day. I don't even see  
a Sunday school. how is the  
war getting on? I don't think  
I will make the regular army  
on account of getting  
light. he did, but will go until

# CAMP A. A. HUMPHRIES, VA

## The Camp on the Potomac



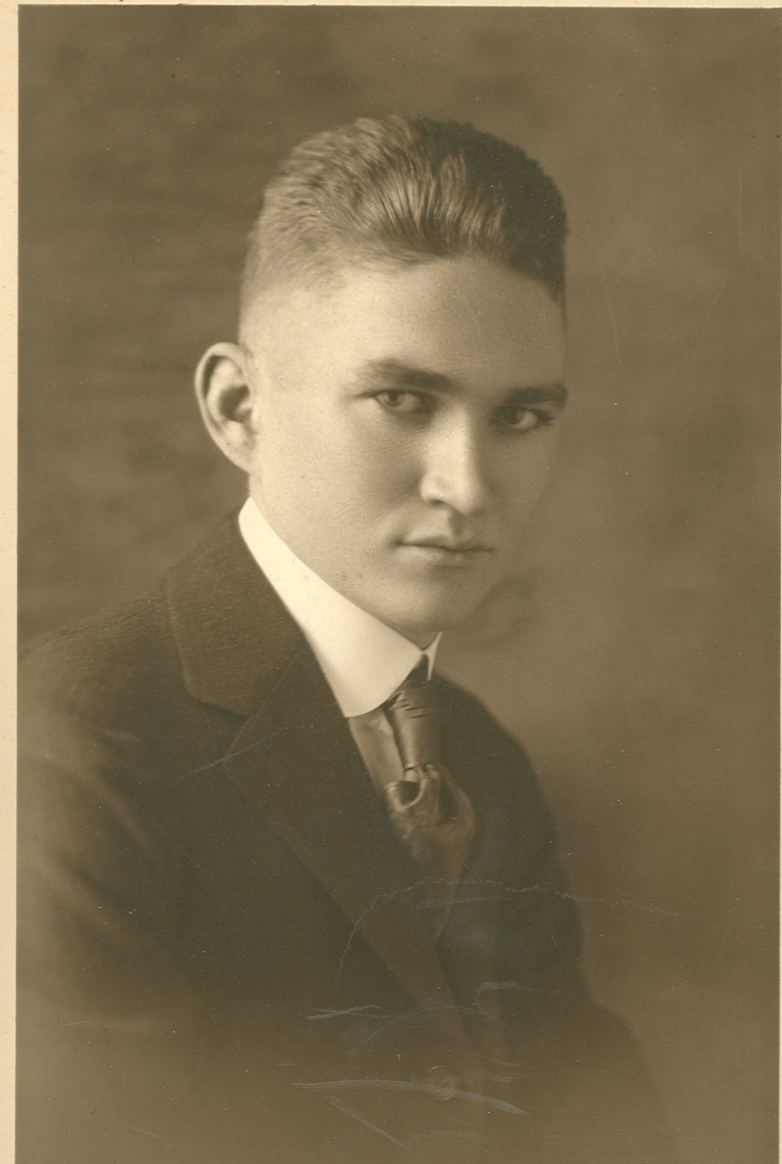
## Engineers Gather for Training



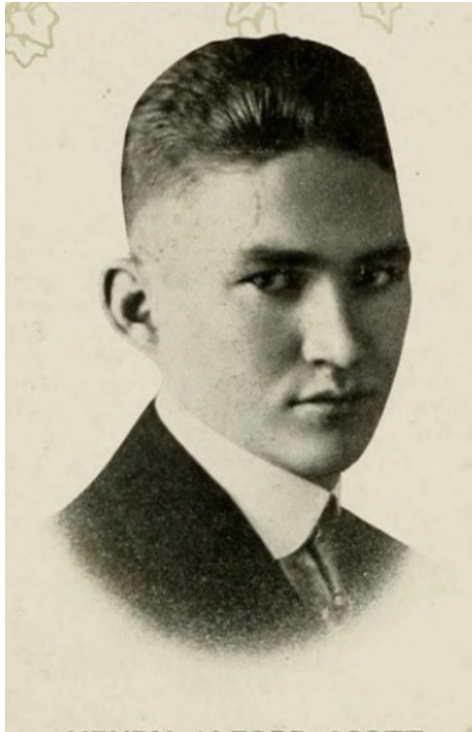


## THE UNC YEARS (1915-1919)

During his senior year, the second-year med students were recruited to care for those stricken with the flu.







Age, 21; Weight, 145; Height, 5 feet 10 inches.

Alamance County Club; Zoölogy Club; Medical Society; Di. Society; Track (2, 3).

Students' Army Training Corps.

"COMMODORE" is one of the best all-round men to be found in the Class. He is a hard worker, an excellent student, and a true friend. For two years he was interested in "track", but for the last two years Medicine has occupied his time. He owns the best farm in North Carolina, and with his honesty, ability, and genial manner we predict for him the success that his vigor and energy merit.

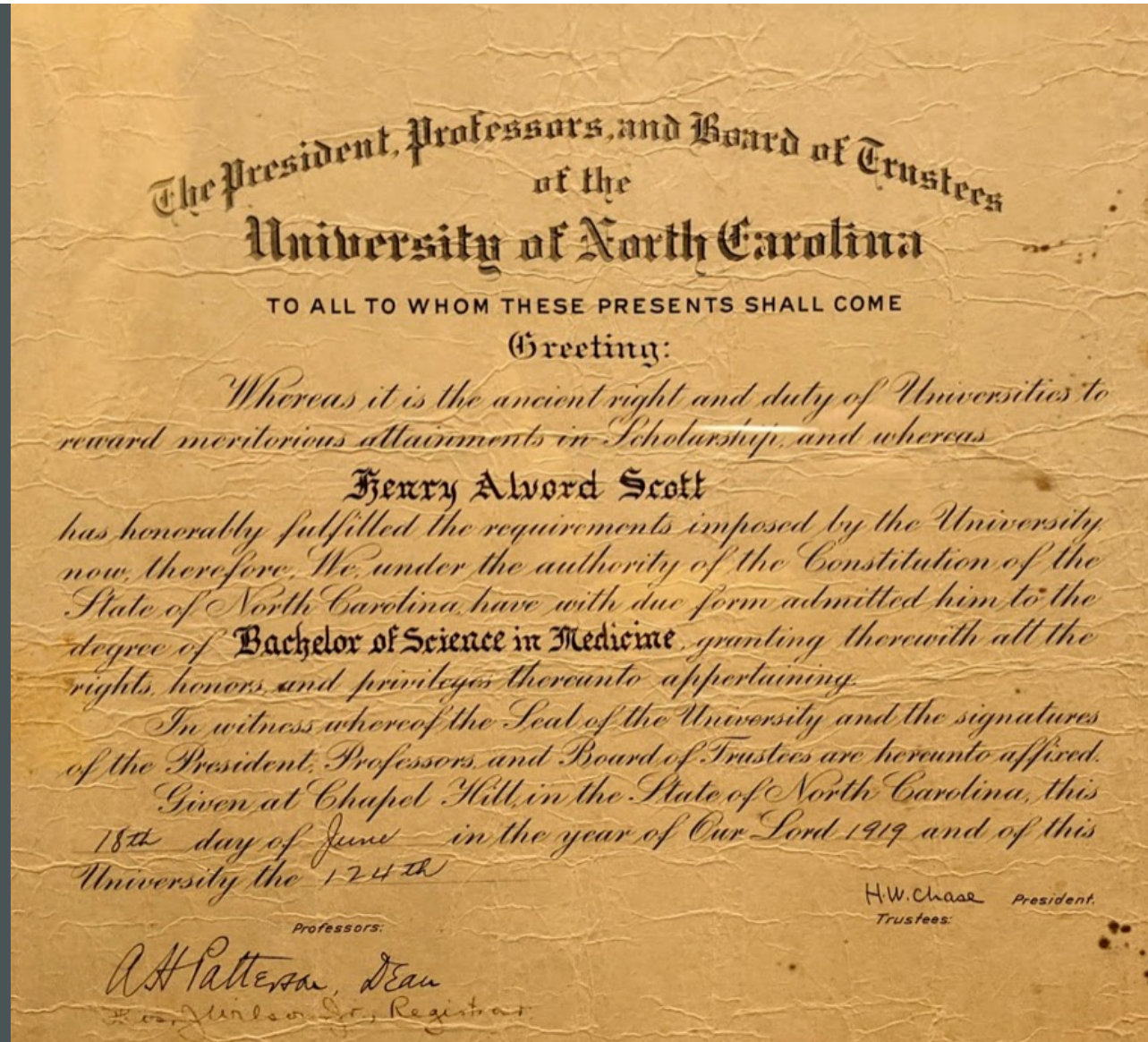
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HENRY  
ALVORD  
SCOTT:  
UNC  
YEARBOOK  
ENTRY, 1919

## THE UNC YEARS (1915-1919)

- Henry graduated with his Bachelor's of Science in Medicine in the spring of 1919.





# HENRY MARRIED MARGARET WOODLEY WHITE ON DECEMBER 29, 1925

**Margaret Woodley White**



**Watch given to Henry by Margaret. The fob is a  
Lincoln Head Penny.**



HENRY AND MARGARET  
HAD FOUR CHILDREN

Paisley White Scott  
(1927-2003)

Margaret Graham Scott  
Holleman (1929-1970)

Henry Alvord Scott, Jr.  
(1931-2020)

Nancy Jane Scott Fuller  
(pictured, held by her  
mother Margaret) (1939-





## PLANNING THE NEW BUSINESS

In 1927, Henry (right) and his younger brother Ralph (second from right) decided to go into business to sell the excess milk produced by Henry's herd of Jersey cows.

In this photo, they are planning to build a new barn with expanded capacity for milking Henry's herd of Jersey cows.



MELVILLE DAIRY BEGAN IN  
THIS BARN, LOCATED ON  
HENRY'S FARM

During construction, an unexpected snowstorm delayed the work for a while. The first few gallons of Melville Dairy milk were bottled on August 1, 1927.

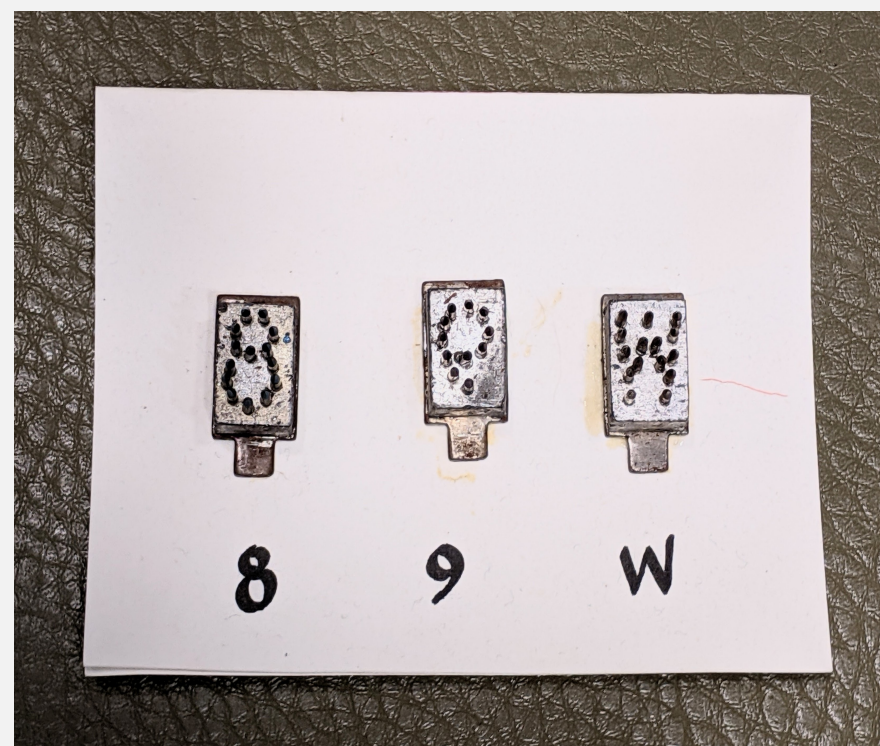
Before electricity was available, the milk was kept cold through the use of a gasoline powered generator.

Henry handled the management of the herd, Ralph handled bottling and delivery, and Ralph's wife Hazeleene was the accountant.





EAR TAGS AND EAR TATTOOS MADE IT  
POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY EVERY COW IN THE  
HERD





IN 1935, MELVILLE DAIRY  
MOVED TO A NEW BUILDING  
IN DOWNTOWN  
BURLINGTON

The business grew over the  
years and at one point milk was  
collected from 150 farms.

In 1935, Melville Dairy moved  
to downtown Burlington into a  
brand new facility.

The new building still stands  
and is now the home of  
Alamance Foods.



Melville Dairy Plant in Burlington.

## HOME OF HENRY AND MARGARET AND THEIR CHILDREN

Henry's daughter, Nancy Scott Fuller, remembers her father as a devoted family man.

Despite his busy schedule, the family always took their meals together. Margaret was a wonderful cook!

On Sunday afternoons, when the weather was nice, Henry would take his family on a drive. The train station in Mebane was a favorite destination.

Behind their home, Henry planted a large orchard. Family members would enjoy visiting and collecting various fruits when they were in season.





## TWO OF HENRY'S TREASURED POSSESSIONS

**Remington Rifle**



**Henry's tractor was restored by his grandson, Edwin Scott. Pictured, John Scott, Henry's great-grandson.**





## HAWFIELDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, MEBANE, NC

Throughout his life Henry was an active member of the Hawfields Presbyterian Church. On November 6, 1932 he became an elder and served as clerk of the session for many years. In 1957 he represented Orange Presbytery at the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, Alabama.



## HAWFIELDS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH CEMETERY

As part of his service to his church, Henry was particularly interested in the upkeep and beautification of Hawfields Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Years earlier, Henry's father Robert piloted the formation of the Hawfields Memorial Association and was a Trustee, driving around to visit parishioners in his horse and buggy.





MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF  
EDUCATION FOR ALAMANCE  
COUNTY FROM 1938 TO 1962

For several years Henry  
served as Chairman of the  
Board.

In the school year 1948-  
1949 he was President of the  
State Boards of Education  
Association.





## NORTH CAROLINA A&T UNIVERSITY

Henry was appointed to the Board of Trustees of North Carolina Agricultural & Technical College (now University) in 1943 by Governor Broughton.

He was re-appointed by succeeding governors until 1962 and was a member of the Fulbright Scholarship committee of that Institution.

Pictured here is the Dudley Memorial Building which at one time housed the President's Office and many other administrative offices.



Dudley Memorial Building  
North Carolina A&T University

FARMERS' MUTUAL FIRE  
INSURANCE COMPANY,  
GRAHAM, NC

At the time of his death in 1962,  
Henry was the President of the  
Farmers' Mutual Fire Insurance  
Company, Graham, NC.

The building was located in  
downtown Graham, the County  
Seat. Pictured here is the  
historic courthouse which is  
still in use.



## ALAMANCE GENERAL HOSPITAL

For many years Henry Scott was a trustee of Alamance General Hospital.

Alamance General Hospital started out as Rainey Hospital. The hospital was sold to Dr. George Carrington and Dr. Ralph Brooks who changed the name to Alamance General Hospital.

Alamance General Hospital served until 1961 when it was replaced by Memorial Hospital of Alamance in West Burlington.





SCOTT BROTHERS AND SISTERS GATHER  
AT THE GOVERNOR'S MANSION WHILE  
BROTHER W. KERR SCOTT WAS GOVERNOR  
(1949-1953)

Standing (left to right):

W. Kerr Scott, Governor

Dr. Samuel Floyd Scott

Elizabeth Scott Carrington, R.N.

NC Senator Ralph Henderson Scott

Henry Alvord Scott

Anderson Hughes Scott

Seated (left to right):

Margaret Scott Smith

Aunt Mamie White Scott

Josephine Scott Hudson



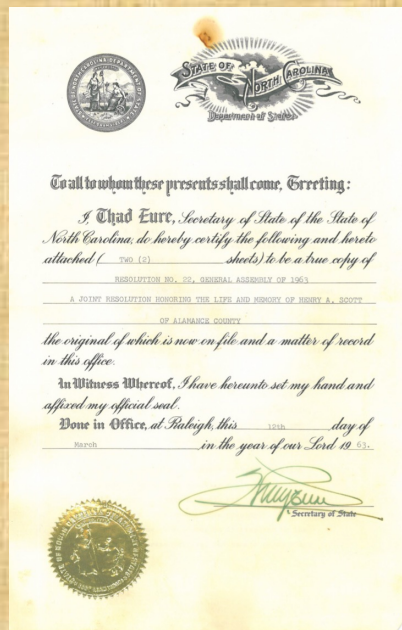
## HENRY ALVORD SCOTT 1898-1962

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- Henry Alvord Scott passed away in 1962 at the age of 64. He is remembered by his family, his church and his community as a caring father, prominent farmer, church leader and an advocate of education.



# AFTER HIS DEATH, HENRY ALVORD SCOTT WAS HONORED BY A JOINT RESOLUTION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA ASSEMBLY, MARCH 12, 1963

## Letter from Thad Eure, Secretary of State



## Portion of the Resolution

WHEREAS, in the passing of the Honorable Henry A. Scott, North Carolina has lost an outstanding and beloved citizen whose activities as elder, lay leader, and Clerk of Session of the Hawfields Presbyterian Church, as school committeeman of Alexander Wilson School for thirteen years, as member and Chairman of the Alamance County Board of Education for twenty-three years, as a member of the State Board of Education, as a member of the Board of Trustees of A & T College at Greensboro, as District and State President of the North Carolina School Board Association, and as one who has given leadership of a high order to the educational aspirations of North Carolinians in all walks of life, have left an indelible imprint of his life and character as a legacy to the people of the State of North Carolina; and



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THE STAFF OF THE SCOTT  
FAMILY COLLECTION OF  
ALAMANCE COMMUNITY  
COLLEGE WOULD LIKE TO  
THANK THE FAMILY OF  
HENRY A. SCOTT FOR THEIR  
ASSISTANCE IN THE  
CREATION OF THIS PROJECT.