

NORTH CAROLINA.

Population 1,617,947..... Dem. Plur. in 1892, 32,609

Dem. vote, 132,951; Rep. 100,342; Peop. 44,736.

STATE CAPITAL, RALEIGH.

NORTH CAROLINA is bounded north by Virginia, east and southeast by the Atlantic Ocean, south by South Carolina and Georgia, and west by Tennessee. Its extreme length from east to west is 480 miles; extreme breadth, 185 miles; land area, 48,580 square miles. The surface is very varied. For nearly 100 miles inland from the coast the country is level, marshy, and swampy; soil sandy but very fertile. It is estimated that there are nearly 3,000,000 acres of swamps in this region. Next is the middle section, with varied surface and fine soil. The surface then rises into small hills, increasing in altitude until they reach the mountainous region in the west. Some of the peaks in the Black Mountains and the Blue Ridge attain an elevation of from 5,000 to 6,000 feet. This region contains good grazing land, with much hard timber; and stock raising is largely carried on. In the coast region the river bottoms and reclaimed swamp lands are very fertile, and here rice, cotton, corn, honey, beeswax, apples, peaches, and pears abound. The Scuppernong and Catawba grapes are native here; cranberries are extensively produced. The pine region is mainly uncultivated, but a large trade is done in timber, tar, and turpentine. Cotton is raised chiefly in the southern counties. The middle section is adapted to the growth of cereals, tobacco, and cotton; sweet potatoes are a leading staple. The principal manufactures are flour, lumber, tar, turpentine, rosin, cotton and woolen goods, tobacco, zinc (smelted and rolled), carriages, boots and shoes. The manufacture of cotton goods more than doubled from 1880 to 1885, there being in the latter year 80 mills, with 4,519 looms and 200,333 spindles. The increase has continued since that date. It exports coastwise and to foreign ports large amounts of lumber, cotton, tobacco, flour, and fish. The fisheries are very large and valuable. The State is very rich in minerals. Gold is mined to a considerable extent in Cabarrus, Mecklenburg, Lincoln, and Rowan Counties, and there is a branch of the United States Mint at Charlotte. Silver, lead, and zinc are found in association, particularly in Davidson County; silver ores mixed with lead or copper, principally in the interior counties; copper ores cover a wide field, and there is a very valuable mine in Ashe County; mica is found among the granites of Cleveland, Mitchell, and Yancey Counties; there is an abundance of corundum and many other metals, and even precious stones are found. Coal and iron are very abundant; the coal is mostly bituminous, and is contained in two fields, one in Stokes and Rockingham Counties, known as Dan River Field, the other in Chatham and Moore Counties, known as Deep River Field. The whole of the region from the navigable waters of the Roanoke and Cape Fear Rivers westward to Cherokee County contains rich beds of magnetic and hematite ores; the "Cranberry" mine, in Mitchell County, yields the purest magnetic ore yet found in the United States, producing a remarkably strong and tenacious iron. There are 96 Counties in North Carolina; newspapers are published in 78.

ALAMANCE CO. (N.C.).....Pop. 18,271
 Dem. vote in 1892, 1,691; Rep. 1,301; Peo. 337.
 Undulating; soil fertile. Products—Corn, tobacco, wheat, oats; live stock. A few cotton factories and flour mills. Manufactures. COUNTY SEAT, Graham, pop. 391.
 News*Circ*
 News 1850
 Alamance Gleaner.....Dem.....Graham † 1869

ALEXANDER CO. (W.).....Pop. 9,430
 Dem. vote in 1892, 581; Rep. 420; Peo. 358.
 Undulating or hilly; soil fertile; mica, etc., and the celebrated Hiddenite and Berge mines. Products—Wheat, oats, corn, cotton, tobacco, pork, and beef, live stock—especially mules; apples in great abundance, and peaches when not injured by late frosts; also sorghum syrup. Small fruits, blackberries, cherries, plums, etc.; good flour, corn, saw and cotton mills. COUNTY SEAT, Taylorsville, pop. *750.
 News*Circ*
 NewsTaylorsville †

ALLEGHANY CO. (N.W.)...Pop. 6,523
 Dem. vote in 1892, 707; Rep. 358.
 Mountainous; Blue Ridge on the south east border; gold and copper mines. Products—Corn, oats, wheat. COUNTY SEAT, Sparta, pop. 95.
 Alleghany StarDem...Sparta †*Circ*
 12,700

ANSON CO. (S.).....Pop. 20,027
 Dem. vote in 1892, 1,261; Rep. 397; Peo. 372.
 Hilly; soil mostly fertile. Gold is mined. Products—Cotton, corn, oats, wheat, sweet potatoes. COUNTY SEAT, Wadesboro, pop. 1,198.
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CIRCULATION: † Publishers' reports. Roman figures—estimated. * Sworn.
 POPULATION: Census of 1890. * Estimated. † County Seat.