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ASHEVILLE "COUNTRY HOMES" OFFICIAL ORGAN.

The shorter way is the best
to win by these alliances that
they will give them well placed
Buncombe County Farmers' Alliance.

Asheville, N. C., Aug 29th 1889

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Dear Dr. V. B.:- I should

not trouble you with this matter but it is
one I fear will do us great harm. Smith
& Rollins who own the largest tobacco
warehouses in Asheville, both live in
the city - Smith made application to
join the alliance ten miles distance (six
or more lodges nearer) & was refused - Rollins
sent his application 20 miles away
in Madison & was admitted & is now
traveling over the county making big speeches
(He was Republican elector from the west last
election) Both own but do not operate
farms - I am convinced neither have
a right to be members of even the nearest

Alliances - What best plans to pursue?
Both are important men & we must
act wise & discretely.

Their cases will be agitated at
a business meeting to be held here
Sept 7th - I fear we will be
hurt a little by this trouble -
Their prime object seems to be to
cater trade for their warehouse -
One thing we will consider on the 7th
will be to arrange to have some
house to sell our tobacos - Can
you give us any light on this sub-
ject? I have written State agt Worth.

Am anxious to get result of the
Border Alliance meeting yester-
day - Have organized several
alliances since State meeting.

Goodson Graham Co. is now organ-
ized.

Fraternally W. F. Tomlinson