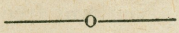


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North Carolina as a Home for Immigrants



In North Carolina is found every mineral known in any State of the Union as well as every agricultural product grown in the United States.

Although her mining and manufacturing advantages are unsurpassed any where in America. North Carolina is strictly an agricultural country. Situated about the middle of the Union on the Atlantic Ocean it is in the central belt of the temperate zone. This position gives the State a climate not excelled by any in the world. With reference to their isothermal ranges the different sections of North Carolina correspond in climate as follows: Middle and Eastern North Carolina to Middle and Southern France, and Western North Carolina to Northern France and Belgium and all the climates of Italy from Palermo to Milan and Venice are represented. Protected as she is on the entire North Western border by lofty mountains and on the East laved by the waters of the gulf stream, her agricultural advantages are unequalled in the world.

The fertile lands of Eastern North Carolina offer exceptional advantages to immigrants. Here two and sometimes three crops per annum are raised on same land. Grapes, strawberries and fruits of many kinds grow well in luxuriant profusion. In this warm and fertile belt is Grimesland, Pitt county, North Carolina.

Grimesland Plantation, and village of the same name, is one of the most fertile and healthy sections of North Carolina.

Situated on Tar river and Chicod creek (a stream from (19) nineteen to (27) twenty-seven feet deep) for commercial advantages is unsurpassed.

Having a daily line of steamers in direct communication with Norfolk, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York and other Northern cities, and

within a year to have a railroad giving us another Northern outlet and connection with the west, this place offers especial inducements to enterprising men of all classes.

For stock raising, trucking, farming, merchandizing, etc., this is an exceptional location being within (26) twenty-six hours of New York.

To encourage the upbuilding of this section (2,000) two thousand acres of fertile land will be given rent free for (8) eight years for clearing, etc., 20, 30, or more, acres per man, with abundant facilities for marling. These lands are particularly favorable to the raising of cotton, corn, rice, wheat, oats, rye, clover, hay, pea-nuts, sweet and Irish potatoes, tobacco, sugar cane, fruits and vegetables of all kinds.

For general trucking purposes it is most desirable. (120) one hundred and twenty barrels of Irish potatoes per acre being some times raised.

The advantages offered by a neighboring stream on which the Grimes Mill stands is unexcelled for locating mills and factories. These grist mills and land adjoining are offered for rent.

In the midst of a heavily timbered section the opportunities for saw mills with good shipping facilities are first class and the cypress, and pine timber on (3000) three thousand acres is for sale.

These lands for enterprising emigrants offer as great advantages as any place in the South.

If a colony of means desire to locate in this country sufficient land can be obtained to supply their wants.

On Grimesland Plantation with over a 1000 thousand acres in cultivation, I will rent or lease, long or short term, to industrious farmers and truckers small holdings and farms from (10) ten to (100) one hundred acres per family.

The Boyd farm with about (150) one hundred and fifty acres is in a high state of cultivation and one of the most productive farms in the county. I will also lease in small tracts to responsible farmers.

To upbuild the town (100) one hundred lots will be given away to men of some means.

Sites for factories of any kind, saw, sugar cane, oil mills are offered to any company desiring to build.

As a location for canning establishments it is unequalled, site given.

I also will give for two years three good beaches on Tar river for shad and herring fisheries. For farming, trucking, market gardening, merchandising, milling, brick making etc., etc., every inducement will be given. A magnificent opening for men of small means and good investments for capitalists. Lucrative occupation given to industrious men. Carpenters and blacksmiths wanted.

For the advantages of this section a general Furnishing, Loan and Improvement Association with a capital of \$10,000 is organized to commence business shortly.

A number of grist, saw and shingles mills, stores, brick works etc., are in successful operation here and growing rapidly.

Good schools and desirable neighbors.

CREEKMERE, BEAUFORT COUNTY, N. C.

One of the finest farms in the State. The Grimes plantation called Creekmere of about (900) nine hundred acres is situated half a mile west of Washington on Pamlico river and east of Tranters creek, which is navigable for about (15) fifteen miles from its mouth. The channel of the creek is from 15 to 25 feet in depth and steamers come up to the landing with ease. The farm although situated between these waters has never been subject to overflow. Being thus located, the cold weather does not materially damage the trucking crops. The frost very seldom strikes the produce on this place until a month later than in the adjoining sections and as the spring is more forward, we gain several extra weeks of cropping season over our neighbors. The farm is in a good state of cultivation and ditches in good order. There is also adjoining the farm a fine marsh of (280) two hundred and eighty acres, which affords pasturage for stock all the winter. The grass is abundant at all times and makes good hay, when cut at the proper season, and is seldom killed in cold weather. The stock keeps in good condition all the year. There is also a field of (45) forty-five acres well set in Bermuda grass which affords good grazing for horses and cattle. The productions of the farm are: cotton, corn, rice, tobacco and trucking. The cotton crop has amounted to two hundred bales, besides a sufficient quantity of corn and fodder to furnish feed for team, and a good crop of peanuts and rice. Near the dwelling is a good orchard consisting of cherries, apples, peaches, quinces, etc. There is also about one-half acre of Morus Multi-caulis trees that afford abundant food for silk worms, which produce silk of fine quality. There will be a railroad through the place within a year.

In fact this farm is as convenient as any to be found; with steamboat landing on river and creek, it is no trouble to get produce to market. The cattle that are raised on the marsh make the best of beef. When the fields and woods are naked and killed by winter's chilling winds, you find plenty of tender grass on the marsh. No better situation could be found in the country for a large mill than on the creek, the water being of sufficient depth to admit to large barges coming up to load. There is a fishery on the creek that is the best in the surrounding waters. The catch of herring last season was very large at a cost of comparatively nothing, viz: 20 cts. per thousand with a seine 96 yards in length and 25 feet in depth. There are certain portions that are admirably adapted to the cultivation of rice, its yield has been immense. The Scuppernong grape has been raised very successfully on the place and to the very best advantage. The whole place is underlaid with marl from 3 to 8 feet from surface and is very convenient to dig and haul. There is also a quantity of muck very easy of access. This being the case it lessens very materially cost of marling and fertilizing the land. Hogs can be raised with the aid of peanuts at comparatively a small cost. This farm is one of the finest and best cultivated in the State.

FORK FARM, BEAUFORT COUNTY, N. C.

This fine little farm of two hundred and eighty (280) acres is situated one mile south of Washington, in Beaufort county, lying between two large bodies of water, Chocowinity Bay and Pamlico river, and with a warm loamy soil it is admirably adapted to raising fruits, vegetables, etc. For a vineyard, the location is unexcelled. The land is well adapted to the raising of rice, peanuts, cotton, tobacco, potatoes, corn, clover, hay garden peas, etc. One tenant last year made one hundred and eighteen (\$118) dollars clear profit on one acre in watermelons. Almost surrounded by water this place has never suffered from overflow and rarely from inclement or severe winter weather. Here fruit trees flourish luxuriantly, and seldom fail to make an abundant crop. One year a single crop in cotton on this place paid eight hundred (\$800) dollars profits. Peaches here are two to three weeks earlier than on farms not in the vicinity of the water. From its peninsular like position, its shipping facilities and proximity to Washington, this place for market gardening and trucking is unsurpassed in North Carolina. A splendid location for a fruit cannery, and a good fishery will be rented with the farm. The very place for the industrious farmer to make an independent living.

For information of any kind in regard to homes or investment address, J. Bryan Grimes, Grimesland, Pitt county, N. C., U. S. A.

REFERENCES:

Hon. D. G. Fowle, Governor of North Carolina, Raleigh, N. C.
Hons. Z. B. Vance and M. W. Ransom, U. S. Senators from North Carolina, Washington, D. C.

GREENVILLE, N. C., February 18th, 1890.

J. Bryan Grimes, Grimesland, N. C.

Dear Sir:—Having read your prospectus, and at the same time being well acquainted with the locality and lands you propose to let or sell, I can safely say that they offer great inducements to Scotch emigrants. There are a large number of small farmers and crofters in Scotland who have a little money and with their industrious habits and knowledge of agriculture I am sure they would make farming in Eastern North Carolina a great success, especially having the inducements offered by you to them. Anything I can do for you through my friends in Scotland will give me great pleasure for I know by helping you I will also be conferring a boon on my own countrymen. I am, yours truly,

PAT MATTHEW,

Late of Gourdie Hill, Errol, Scotland.

PITT COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, U. S. A., February 18th, 1890.

It affords me sincere pleasure to commend to the agricultural classes of Scotland, the careful perusal of a pamphlet by Mr. J. Bryan Grimes, a young man, (with whom I am personally acquainted,) of sterling worth and much enterprise. Having had opportunity for noting what fields lay open for the intending agricultural emigrant in one of the most noted corn-growing States of the Union—I refer to Ohio—and also for over three years in Eastern North Carolina. I have no hesitancy in giving the palm to the latter. Firstly, in this portion of the South one finds that land can be purchased at a low figure, and on easy terms of payment. Secondly, that the products of a semi-tropical and temperate clime are found growing side by side to great perfection. Thirdly, that—thanks to the magnificent climate—active operations may be conducted on the farm almost throughout the entire year, and fourthly, that, generally speaking, there is easy communication with the large cities of the North, there in my estimation is a grand opening for the practical farmer with but limited means. To the man possessed of say £400 or £500, \$2,000 or \$2,500, I believe that this portion of Eastern North Carolina offers a field that can hardly be equalled. In closing let me express the hope that you will give Mr. Grimes' pamphlet the careful consideration it merits.

JOHN P. BOWIE.

Formerly of Mains of Kelly, Forfarshire, Scotland.