

HISTORY AND YEARS OF NEWSPAPERS IN DAVIE COUNTY

There have been many newspapers in Davie County, and it is sometimes confusing to follow this progression. The History Room at Davie County Public Library has most of these on microfilm. If you have one goal in mind while searching these old papers, it is very easy to get distracted by reading the ads, comparing prices of items, reading the gossip columns, and getting pulled into this time warp of information. Every book that has been written about Davie has relied heavily on old newspapers. In researching WWI, only the Davie Record needed to be consulted. However, in researching WWII, The Davie Record, the Mocksville Enterprise, and the Erwin Chatter existed. A notebook on top of the film cabinet describes the location of film in the drawers.

Name of newspaper	Years published	Microfilm in History Room
Davie Times	1880 - 1903	Feb. 1881 – Oct. 1903
Davie Record	1899 - 1956	10 May 1899 – 27 December 1950
Mocksville Courier	13 September 1906	
Mocksville Herald	1911 – Dec 1912	4 Jan. 1912 – 26 Dec. 1912
Mocksville Enterprise	Jan. 1922 – 7 Nov. 1957	Jan. 1922 – 7 Nov. 1957
Davie County Enterprise Record	14 Nov. 1957 – current	14 Nov. 1957 – current
Erwin Chatter	1944 - 1954	Nov. 1944, Mar. 1945-Mar. 1948, Jan. 1952- 1954
Cooleemee Journal first named Cooleemee Banner	1906 – Jan. 1971	1 July 1965 – 21 Dec. 1970
Hornet, in Bixby area	1908 – 1953 ?	

Source about Courier: <http://statelibrary.ncdcr.gov/ghl/resources/newspapers.html>
 UNC has microfilmed the Courier. Microfilm at UNC, NC State Library in Raleigh, and Western Carolina University. See <http://search.lib.unc.edu/search?N=0&Nty=1&Ntk=OCLCNumber&Ntt=45913881>

Source about Hornet: <http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn90061477/holdings/>

An article in our *Dossier* in the January 1996 edition, last page, described a project, The North Carolina Newspaper Project, by the NC State Library of filming old newspapers. A list of newspapers included Bixby; Hornet – 1906-1910, need all issues; Fork: Hornet – 1910-1918, need all issues. The NC State Library, UNC, NC State, and Western Carolina University all list a roll of microfilm which includes The Hornet and also the Mocksville Courier. The full page article asked persons to bring their old newspapers to the library to be filmed.

For more information, read pages 335-339 of James W. Wall's book, *History of Davie County*.

Lesser known papers were *The Crusader*, edited and published by E.H. Morris in 1922, and *The Davie County Independent* of 1937, published by E.W.G. Huffman and managed by Mrs. J.K. Meroney.

Pre-Davie County, before 1836

There was a newspaper printed in Salisbury, Rowan County, which might include information about "Forks of the Yadkin". The *Western Carolinian* was published from 13 June 1820 to 1844. Images can be viewed online at <http://www.archives.ncdcr.gov/newspaper/index.html>.