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# Discover the History of Saluda in New Book

## Features stunning, vintage images

Telling a story in pictures is **Saluda**, the newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series. The project of the Historic Saluda Committee was spearheaded by Cindy Stephenson Tuttle and Mary Ann Hester. It is set to release on June 8, 2015. The book boasts many vintage images that have never been published, and showcases memories of days gone by.

With the steepest standard-gauge mainland railway grade in the United States, the first passenger train to Saluda, North Carolina, came up the mountain on July 4, 1878. Pace's Gap, as Saluda was first called, was a popular stopover for traders heading out of the mountains. The Pace family built an inn so drovers and their livestock could rest on their way south to sell their goods. Other early names in the region were Thompson, Holbert, Laughter, Hipp, Staton, and Morris. Pace's Gap grew as settlers came from the low country to escape the heat, and with the town's success, the residents chartered a document in 1881 changing its official name to Saluda.

Today, Saluda is a thriving town for residents and visitors. Hiking trails abound, and the Green River Narrows Race attracts some of the best paddlers in the world. Less strenuous pursuits, such as fishing, tubing, and kayaking, are also popular on the river. Coon Dog Day brings 10,000 visitors to town, and the Saluda Arts Festival is another popular weekend event. Saluda showcases the rich transportation and recreational history of this North Carolina mountain town.

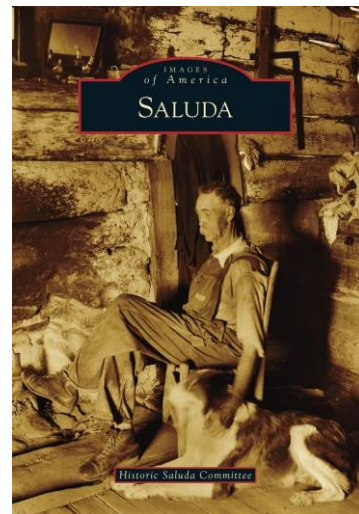
Highlights of *Saluda* include:

- This book was built on the work of the Historic Saluda Committee's Oral History project
- Many of the images were collected directly from individuals who were interviewed for the Committee's Oral History project
- Tuttle's great-grandfather, professional photographer O.B. Garren, photographed much of early Saluda. The majority of his photos have been lost but recently 16 originals were offered to an antique dealer in town from a man in Virginia who had no knowledge of the book. Jim Boyle, the antique dealer loaned them to the authors for the purposes of the book

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This book is authored by the members of the Historic Saluda Committee and was made possible, in part, by many local Saluda historians who shared their memories and invaluable photographs of the town.

## *Saluda*

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## Meet the Authors of *Saluda*

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Cindy Stephenson Tuttle is a part-time resident with deep roots in Saluda. Her father, Joseph “Joe” Raymond Stephenson Jr., was raised in Saluda, while Cindy grew up spending summers and holidays at her grandparents’ farm on the Howard Gap Road. She developed a deep appreciation for Saluda’s history by listening to her grandmother Kathleen Garren Stephenson Jelley recite family lore, including stories about her great-grandfather O.B. Garren, whose photographs are featured in this book. Burrell Pope Pace, a founding father of Saluda and Peter Guice, for whom the Green River Bridge is named, are both her fourth-great-grandfathers. She is the executive director of Stokes Partnership for Children and lives full time in King, North Carolina, but hopes to retire in Saluda with her husband, Brad. She chairs the oral history project and is the founder and co-chair of the Historic Saluda Committee.

Mary Ann Hester is a freelance writer and public relations consultant. She has a master’s degree in journalism from the University of Minnesota and has worked across the country as a researcher with the Mayo Clinic, as corporate marketing director for C&S Bank in Atlanta, and as a mystery traveler for internet travel company 10Best. A native of Greenville, South Carolina, she moved to Saluda three years ago without having spent a night in the town or knowing anyone who lived there. She feels Saluda embraces and charms with its fascinating history and individuals.



The Historic Saluda Committee was formed by a group of concerned citizens who wished to preserve the historical integrity of the town. In June 2010, the Saluda city commissioners voted to make the committee an advisory committee to the city, and seven committee members were appointed. The Historic Saluda Committee held its first official meeting on July 9, 2010, the day before Coon Dog Day. Appointed committee members during the creation of this book were Greaton Sellers (chair), Cindy Stephenson Tuttle (co-chair), Mary Ann Hester, Charlene Pace, Caroline Farris, Carolyn Ashburn, and Ammie Weymer. Lynn Cass served as the Saluda city commissioner representative.

For more information about the oral history project or any other projects of the Historic Saluda Committee visit [www.historicsaluda.org](http://www.historicsaluda.org).

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