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River Map

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Years ago, maybe in the late 80s, I was in the Horry County Memorial Library when Catherine Lewis, librarian, was dismantling a display case. The case contained a large map on blueprint paper of places along the Waccamaw River drawn by Kenneth Cartrette. Kenneth, related to me by marriage, was a cartographer for the U. S. Government and lived in Arlington, Virginia. Catherine gave me the map. I kept it in a drawer for years. When we built a new house and moved, I threw it away.

Many of us have a long rectangular map signed by Evelyn Snider that is very similar to Kenneth Cartrette's map. The map shows Waccamaw River tributaries and places of historical interest. Kenneth and Evelyn were 8th grade classmates at the Burroughs School in 1920 (Horry Herald, Oct. 21, 1920), so it is not surprising that they collaborated on a program presented to the Peter Horry Chapter of the DAR, April, 1933. At the Rose Lake home of Mrs. John Coles, Evelyn Snider identified historically interesting sites and Kenneth Cartrette drew them on a map. The DAR minutes read as follows:

A talk on Local History proved to be quiet [quite] interesting. A pictorial map of Conway, making places of historic interest alive, was also presented. This map was illustrated by our artist Kenneth Cartrette, Miss Snider having collected the data and selected the appropriate symbols thus preserving many facts that otherwise in a few years will not be known. ...Nina Collins, Sec