the relief of the distressed poor, are requested to meet on Wednesday next [November 22nd], at six o'clock in the evening, at the house of Christopher Brenner, to receive the report of the committee of distribution." From the foregoing, it is evident that collections were also made in the fall of 1796. Whether the "Association for the Relief

"The contributors to the fund established in the year 1796 for

of the Poor," was responsible for the good work, or whether some other agency accomplished the task, is not known. Lancaster's Contribution to Fayetteville in the

## Fire of 1831 By WILLIAM FREDERIC WORNER

N Sunday, May 29th, 1831, a disastrous fire in Fayetteville, North Carolina, left a large part of the town in ruins. More

than two thousand people were rendered homeless, and the

property loss was estimated to be in excess of one million dollars. Fortunately, no lives were lost.

Pursuant to a call issued by John Mathiot, mayor, a meeting of citizens of Lancaster was held at the court house, on Thursday,

June 16th, for the purpose of considering the distressed condition of the suffering inhabitants of Fayetteville; and to devise means for securing funds for their relief. Mayor Mathiot was made chairman, and George Louis Mayer, secretary. A committee, con-

sisting of three persons from each ward, was appointed as follows: Henry Keffer, George Louis Mayer, George Daley, John Eberman, John F. Heinitsh, Dr. Peter Bier, George Musser, John Ehler, Jacob Dorwart, George H. Krug, Benjamin Ober and Charles Gillespie.

The committee was authorized to call on citizens for the purpose of receiving contributions, and all monies collected were to be deposited in the Farmers Bank, and transmitted by the mayor or cashier to the persons authorized to receive contributions for

the benefit of the sufferers.

dered any help.

The Lancaster Journal of Friday, July 15th, 1831, stated that the following sums were collected:

By Henry Keffer, George Louis Mayer and George Daley,.....\$170.63

By John Eberman and John F. Heinitsh, 78.97By John Ehler and Jacob Dorwart, 120.97

By George H. Krug and Benjamin Ober, 114.25

\$484.82 Messrs. Gillespie, Musser and Bier do not seem to have ren-