

# Warrenton

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Warrenton traces its origin to 1779, the same year that Bute County was divided to form Warren and Franklin Counties. It became a busy center of commerce as rich tobacco and cotton fields converged with a railroad to make it reportedly the wealthiest town in North Carolina in the 1850s. It was also famous as the home of well-known builder Jacob Holt, who built Greek revival style houses throughout the region and whose workshop supplied millwork to builders even farther afield. The town remained a busy hub for the area as textile, clothing and furniture plants provided steady employment until the 1990's.

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