

Hallowed Hill Hospitality:
Folks in the BC Cemetery who
operated lodging businesses

The Mendenhall House

- On October 6, 1881, M.H. and M.D. Mendenhall purchased Town Lot 11 from W.R. Grant, Chairman of the Swain County Commissioners (Book 2, p 543)
- On September 16, 1882, M.H. Mendenhall purchased lot 15 from John and Emily Brendle (Book 3, p 347)
- On April 23, 1885, M.H. Mendenhall and son acquired a portion of lot 7 from J.B. and M.P. Williams

M.H.: Marmaduke Hudson (1823-1887)

M.D.: Montalvria Demosthene (1852-1883)

Unnamed son in the 1885 deed was William Carey Mendenhall (1860-1937)

Tuckaseigee River

No.19 No.15 No.11 No.7 No.3

No.2 No.6 No.10 No.14 No.18 No.22 NO.24 No.26 No.28



Main Street

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No.20 No.16 No.12 No.8

No.5 No.9 No.13 No.17 No.21 No.23 No.25 No.27

No.4

No.1

Church Street

Church Street

No.38 No.36 No.34 No.32 No.30

Gushing Lane (Everett Street)

No.29 No.31 No.33 No.35 No.37 No.39 No.40 No.41 No.42

Carey Mendenhall put the property up
for sale in the late 1880s

FOR SALE!

Mendenhall

Hotel

Property,

Bryson City, N. C. Three-fourths
of an acre of land, hotel, storehouse,
barn, outbuildings etc. \$1,600.

Swain County Herald, May 16, 1889

The Mendenhall Hotel transitioned to the Cooper House in 1890

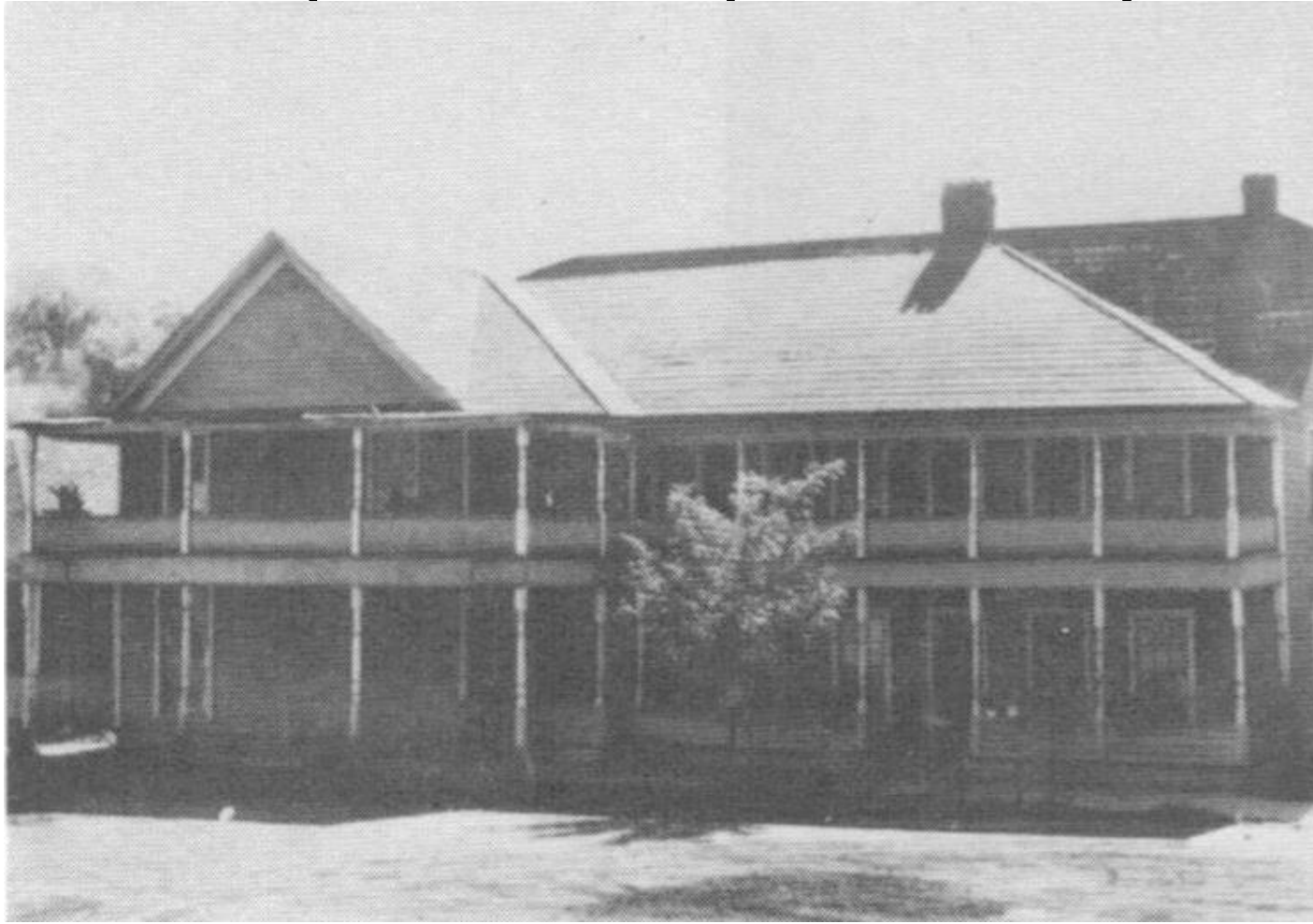
- Carey Mendenhall and wife Emma Louise (widow of his brother Montalvria) sold the property to W.F. Cooper of Graham County on August 5, 1890
- Notably, W.F. Cooper transferred ownership to his wife, Frances Eliza Wiggins Cooper on August 26, with that deed noting that he had previously “through mistake or inadvertence taken the title to said property so purchased to himself”
- Hmmmm.....
- Jennie Angel sold the property to Belks on August 7, 1944 (Book 69, p 83); the building was razed in the early 1950s
- Jennie and daughter Helen operated Angel’s Tourist Court above town in the 1950s and 1960s.

Entella Hotel

- First started by a Lake family in the 1890s, the Entella was operated by the Fry and Wheeler, then Sandlin families for several decades

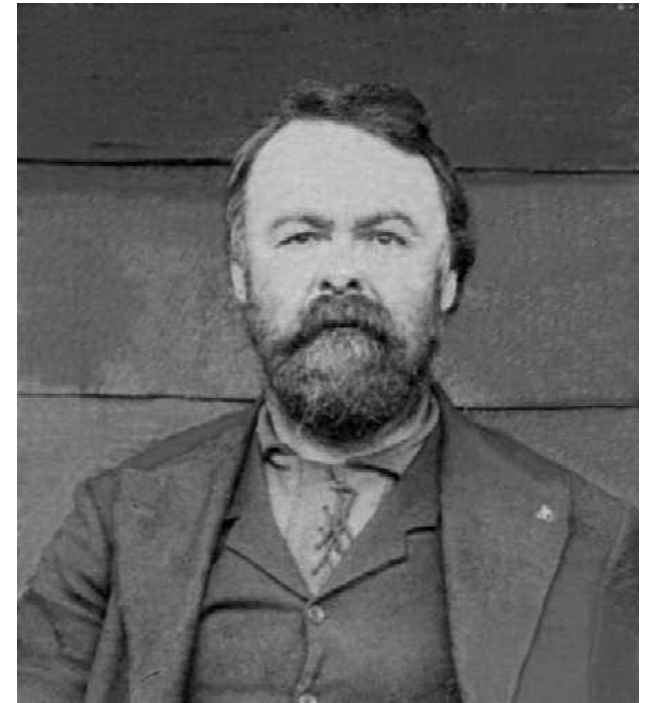


Westdale Hotel, located across Fry Street from the Depot, was operated by the Seays



The Westdale was previously owned by several folks in the BC Cemetery: J.F. Teague, R.L. Snelson, and A.J. & Sallie Keener Franklin

Before it was the Westdale Hotel, it had been the Galbreath House; before that it was the Robison Hotel, owned by Joseph and Veronica Robison



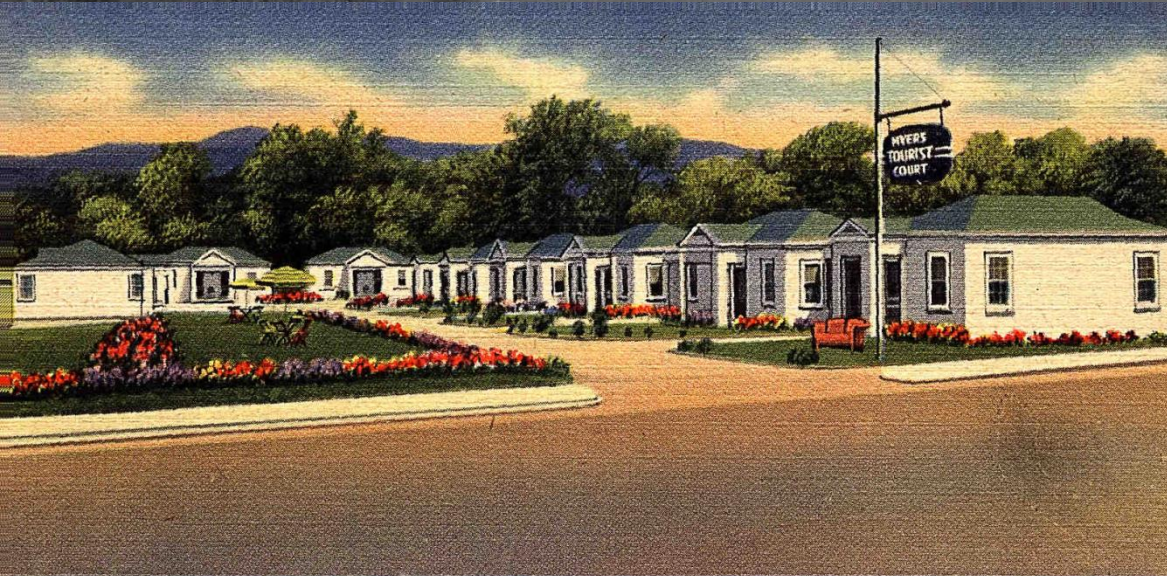
Woodfin McLean, Civil War veteran and brother of Veronica McLean Robison, also lived there.

Our second oldest lodging place: Fryemont Inn: Constructed in 1923 by Amos and Lillian Frye



Southwest Corner of Fryemont Inn, Bryson City, N. C.

Myers Tourist Court



MYERS TOURIST COURT
ON U. S. 19 — BRYSON CITY, N. C.
Center of Town

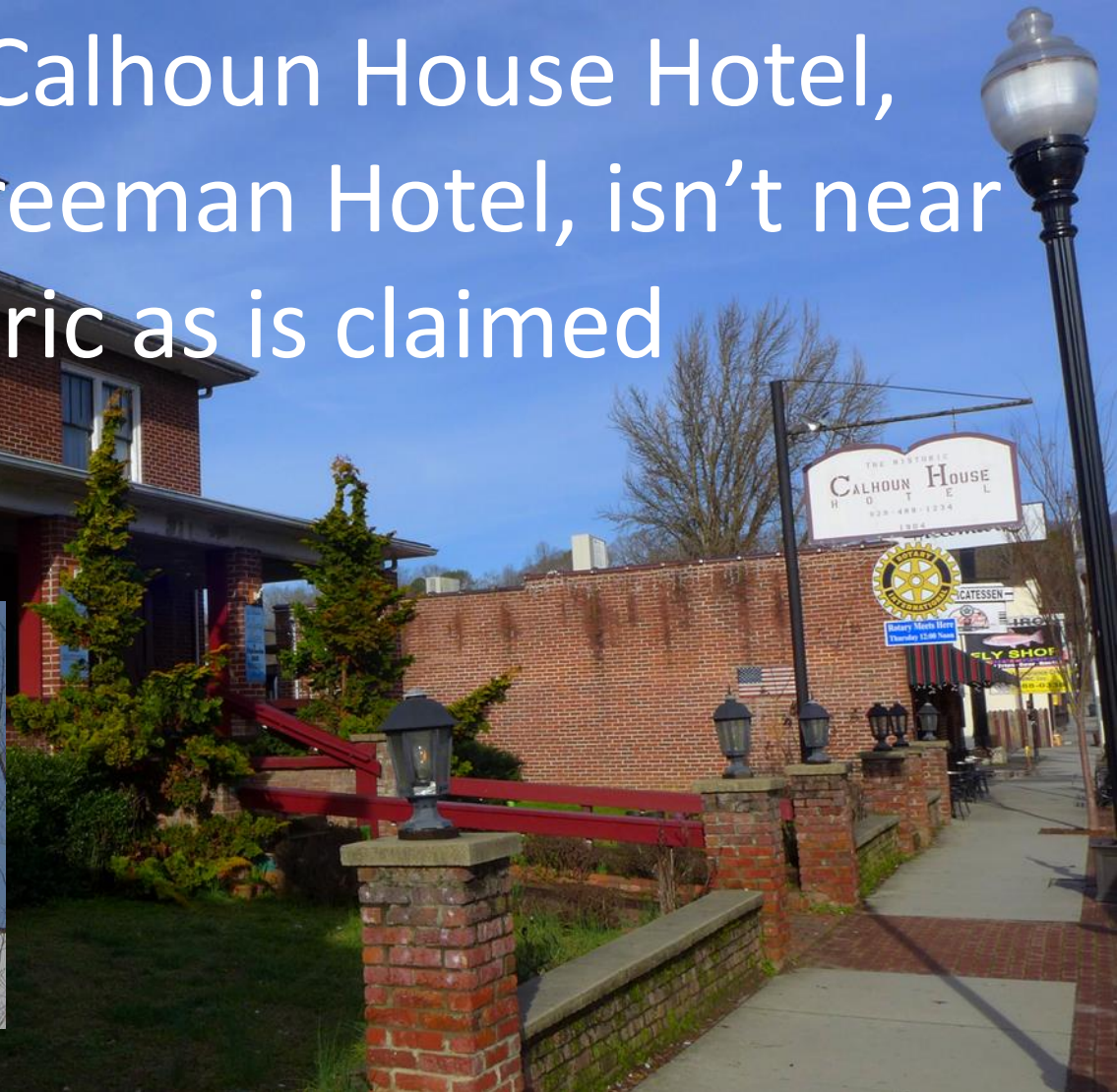
MODERN COTTAGES
EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATIONS
FOR TOURISTS — PRIVATE
BATH, TUB, AND SHOWER —
STEAM HEAT.

The Calhoun House and Hotel was owned by Cordells and Calhouns

“It is said by local people that Kephart was a regular visitor to the hotel before Calhoun bought it, and it may have been Kephart who told Calhoun of the building and urged him to buy it.”

(<http://www.calhouncountryinn.com/history.htm>)

The Historic Calhoun House Hotel,
originally the Freeman Hotel, isn't near
as historic as is claimed



“Mrs. Freeman moved into her commodious new brick home in March.” *Aug 7, 1928 Asheville Citizen*

The Calhouns (Granville, Seymour, Pauline) purchased the hotel from Robert and Lillian Cordell on Sep. 10, 1946, fifteen years after Kephart's death and two years after the sale of the Calhoun Hazel Creek property.

Rhododendron Motor Court was owned by Berlin and Lillian Thomasson



Rhododendron Motor Court,
U. S. 19 & State 28, Bryson City, N. C.

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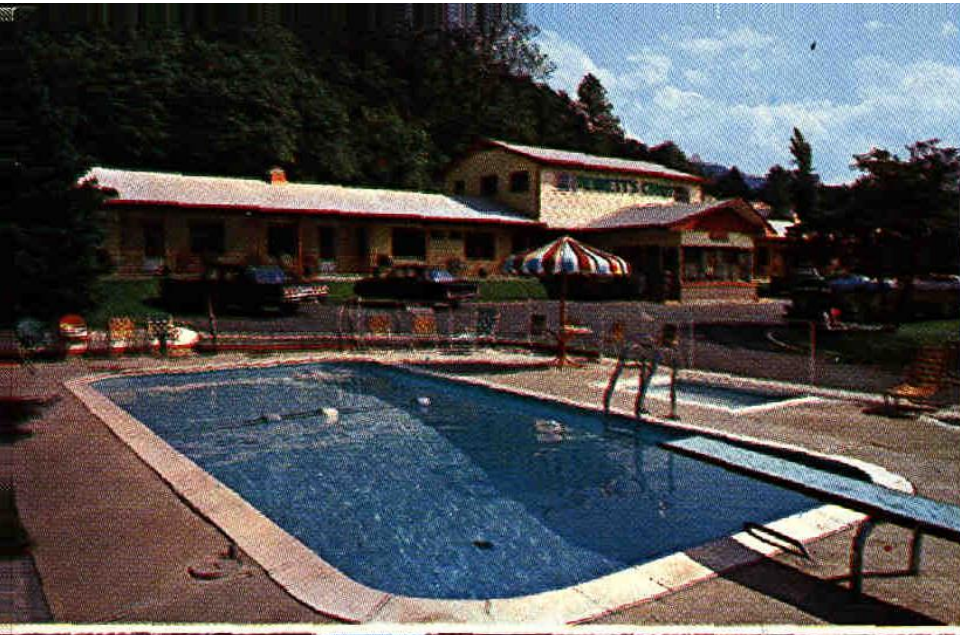
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Cordell Tourist Rooms



Source: TVA Kodak Collection, Atlanta National Archives

Bennett's Court



Owned and operated by Kelly and Tela Zachary Bennett

McKinley Edwards Inn has served both as family residence and lodging for 93 years

THIS DEED, made this 18th day of June 1932, by B. C. Thomasson and wife, Lillian F. Thomasson of the County and State aforesaid, parties of the first part, and McKinley Edwards and wife, Annie Mae Edwards of the County of Swain and State aforesaid parties of the second part.

W I T N E S S E T H:

That the parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of ten (\$10.00) Dollars and other valuable considerations, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have this day bargained and sold and by these presents do hereby grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the said parties of the second part, their heirs and assigns, certain tracts or parcels of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Bryson City, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

FIRST TRACT: Bounded on the North, West and South by the lands of R. M. Thomasson and Beginning on a poplar 6 inches in diameter on the West side of Arlington Avenue and runs S. 45° 15' W. 298 feet to an iron pin; then S. 44° 45' E. 53 feet to an iron pin; then N. 71° 15' E. 226 feet to a point on pavement of Arlington Avenue and 10 feet from the West edge of same where a white oak formerly stood; then on said pavement N. 1° 30' E. 92 feet to a stake on pavement 5. 5 feet from West edge of same; then N. 26° 15' W. 93 feet to the Beginning, on which is located the two story stone and frame house erected about September 1927, by the grantors herein, being the same land conveyed to B. C. Thomasson and wife, Lillian Thomasson, by deed from R. M. Thomasson and wife, Josie Thomasson, dated March 27th, 1926, and filed for registration 27th day of March, 1927, in the office of the Register of Deeds of the County of Swain, State of North Carolina, recorded in Book 53, page 590.

The Thomasson house, around 1929



This photo was almost certainly taken by George Masa, as it has his characteristic identification marking

Source: Doris Thomasson Brown, now in possession of Jim Casada

The McKinley Edwards Inn complex includes the former Edwards home and apartments (since 1940)

MCKINLEY
Inn
EDWARDS



Calhoun Inn & Suites is the oldest lodging place in the county – a century old this year



THIS Calhoun lodging place is, in fact, as old as it claims. The property was part of the Yonah Springs Addition and was purchased by William and John Calhoun from Dr. R.M. and Hattie Waldroup on November 12, 1919 (Book 48, p 102). It was operated by Nora Lee Calhoun for decades.