The sleepy village of Mount Airy, North Carolina, incorporated in 1885, began to wake up and prosper with the coming of the railroad in 1888. The first train of the Cape Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad arrived on May 28, 1888. It left Fayetteville at 8AM on a trial run to Mount Airy and arrived 12 hours later. A grand celebration took place three weeks later on June 19-20 with many political dignitaries including the governor on hand. Over 5,000 people took part in this huge celebration which included speeches, a parade, music by the Lexington Silver Cornet Band, the Mounty Airy Cornet Band and the Granite City Band plus dancing into the night at the old Globe Tobacco Warehouse. That was quite a large celebration for a town of 300-400 people!

By 1889, the town's industry had begun to grow as the railroad made possible the shipment of goods. A listing of industry for Mount Airy in 1889 included: 4 cotton factories, 3 woolen mills, 11 tobacco factories, 4 tobacco sales warehouses, 4 grist mills, 4 saw mills, several machine shops and blacksmiths, and shipments of vegetables and fruits.

On October 12, 1899 the circus came to Mount Airy by train. Newspapers also covered stories of the arrival of entertainers on the train who were performing at the Galloway Opera House.

In 1897, the Caper Fear and Yadkin Valley Railroad was purchased by the Southern System and the Atlantic Coast Lines and eventually the line from Sanford to Mount Airy became the Atlantic and Yadkin. This line ran on passenger train daily in each direction between Mount Airy and Sanford but a few years after 1900, the service was increased to two trains. This was in addition to the freight trains which operated on a different schedule. The round trip from Mount Airy to Winston-Salem cost three dollars.

Passenger train service for the A & Y came to an end on April 29, 1939, a casualty of the automobile age.

This site, a part of the "Geocaching for History" program, was researched and placed on the Emily B. Taylor Greenway by the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History in partnership with

Kids in Parks-Track Trails System – Blue Ridge Parkway Foundation, Blue Cross Blue Shield North Carolina Foundation and the North Carolina Humanities Council. The goal of this program is to encourage physical activity and exploration of the history of our community.

Granite Depot at Mount Airy

A & Y Railroad passenger train circa 1900

Circus Train coming to Mount Airy

1946 Atlantic and Yadkin Railway Timetable

BUSINESS TRACKS AND STATIONS NOT SHOWN AS STATIONS ON TIME TABLE

Between Mt. Airy and Sanford

NAME			Location
Mojoson	Mile post	CF	53.6
Guilquarry	"	CF	53.7
Sears	"	CF	65.5
Capyco	"	CF	96.2
Boren's	"	CF	120
Womack	"	CF	127.7
Pools	"	CF	129

Between Ramseur and Climax

Cedar Fall Factory	"	CR	13.6
Franklin Cotton House	"	CR	15.7

LOCOMOTIVE RATING IN TONS OF 2,000 POUNDS EXCLUSIVE OF TENDER AND CABOOSE

BETWEEN	EASTBOUND Consolidated 21 in. x 28 in. Cylinder	
	Carded	Slow
Mt. Airy and Greensboro		500
Greensboro and Sanford		825
Climax and Ramseur		800

BETWEEN	WESTBOUND Consolidated 21 in. x 28 in. Cylinder	
	Carded	Slow
Ramseur and Climax		600
Sanford and Liberty		825
Liberty and Greensboro		925
Greensboro and Mt. Airy		500

Wide Fire Box 21x28 in. Engines, Rating will be increased 20% over above Ratings.

The above rating is based on maximum grades and can be increased over certain parts of the line when necessary.

When engines are pronounced incapable of pulling their rating, written explanation from the Engineman will be sent by wire to the Chief Dispatcher. Conductor will make written report upon arrival at terminal. Agents will show tare, net and total weights in tons in **Lower Left Hand Corner** of Way-bills. Where tonnage is estimated, Agents will so note on way-bills.

In making computation less than 1,000 lbs. will be dropped —over 1,000 lbs. will be counted one ton.

When two or more engines are used the tonnage will be increased in exact proportion to the number and class of engines employed, unless especially directed to the contrary.

ATLANTIC and YADKIN Railway Company

TIME TABLE NO.

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Effective 12:01 A. M. (Eastern Time)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 1946

For the Government of Employees Only

E. L. Faulconer, *Vice President and General Manager*

J. B. Berry, *Trainmaster—Chief Dispatcher*

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BETWEEN SANFORD AND MT. AIRY—Westbound

Capacity of Tracks in Cars	Miles from Mt. Airy	Station Nos.	TIME TABLE NO. 23 In Effect January 27, 1946 — STATIONS	SECOND CLASS Loc. Frt. 51 Ex Sun	Local Frt. 53 Ex Sun	Local Frt. 61 Ex Sun	Local Frt. 63 Ex Sun		
			Lv.	A M	A M	A M	A M		
Yard	130.1	CF 130	WYCXP SANFORD D	.....	.....	.....	8 30	.....	.....
			6.5						
L 14	123.6	CF 124	CUMNOCK	.....	.....	.....	8 45	.....	.....
			2.8						
L 38	120.8	CF 121	XY GULF D	.....	.....	.....	8 55	.....	.....
			3.6						
L 30	117.2	CF 117	GOLDSTON	.....	.....	.....	9 10	.....	.....
			3.9						
L 19	113.3	CF 113	BEAR CREEK	.....	.....	.....	9 20	.....	.....
			2.6						
L 27	110.7	CF 111	P BONLEE D	.....	.....	.....	9 27	.....	.....
			1.5						
	109.2	CF 109	W. MT. VERNON SPRINGS	.....	.....	.....	9 32	.....	.....
			4.5						
L 54	104.7	CF 105	XP SILER CITY D	.....	.....	.....	10 00	.....	.....
			7.5						
L 20	97.2	CF 97	P STALEY D	.....	.....	.....	10 15	.....	.....
			W 4.5						
L 28	92.7	CF 93	XP LIBERTY D	.....	.....	.....	10 30 62	.....	.....
			7.1						
L 13	85.6	CF 86	JULIAN	.....	A M	.....	10 45	.....	.....
			3.4						
L 19	82.2	CF 82	X CLIMAX	.....	10 20 62	.....	10 55	.....	.....
			4.9						
L 14	77.3	CF 77	PLEASANT GARDEN	.....	10 30	.....	11 05	.....	.....
			3.6						
L 11	73.7	CF 74	VANDALIA	A M	10 40	A M	11 15	.....	.....
			4.3						
Yard	69.4	CF 70	WYCXPGREENSBORO D	3 30	10 50	8 30 52	11 40	.....	.....
			6.2						
L 17	63.2	CF 63	BATTLE GROUND	3 50	A M	9 00	A M	.....	.....
			5.7						
L 26	57.5	CF 58	SUMMERFIELD	4 00	.....	9 15	.....	.....	.....
			6.2						
L 22	51.3	CF 51	P STOKESDALE D	4 15	.....	9 30	.....	.....	.....
			3.3						
L 2	48.0	CF 48	W. MATA	4 25	.....	9 45	.....	.....	.....
			1.9						
L 8	46.1	CF 46	BELEWS CREEK	4 30	.....	9 55	.....	.....	.....
			6.0						
L 90	40.1	CF 40	YXP.. WALNUT COVE D	5 00 52	.....	10 25	.....	.....	.....
			5.6						
L 19	34.5	CF 35	GERMANTON	A M	.....	10 45 60	.....	.....	.....
			4.6						
L 61	29.9	CF 30	WXP.. RURAL HALL D	.....	.....	11 10	.....	.....	.....
			4.8						
L 19	25.1	CF 25	P. KING	.....	.....	11 25	.....	.....	.....
			6.0						
L 34	19.1	CF 19	PINNACLE	.....	.....	11 50	.....	.....	.....
			4.7						
L 26	14.4	CF 14	P.... PILOT MOUNTAIN D	.....	.....	12 10	.....	.....	.....
			6.0						
L 15	8.4	CF 8	ARARAT	.....	.....	12 30	.....	.....	.....
			W 8.4						
Yard	0.0	CF 0	WYCXP.. MT. AIRY D	.....	.....	12 55	.....	.....	.....
			Ar.	A M	A M	P M	A M		
				Loc. Frt. 51 Ex Sun	Local Frt. 53 Ex Sun	Local Frt. 61 Ex Sun	Local Frt. 63 Ex Sun		