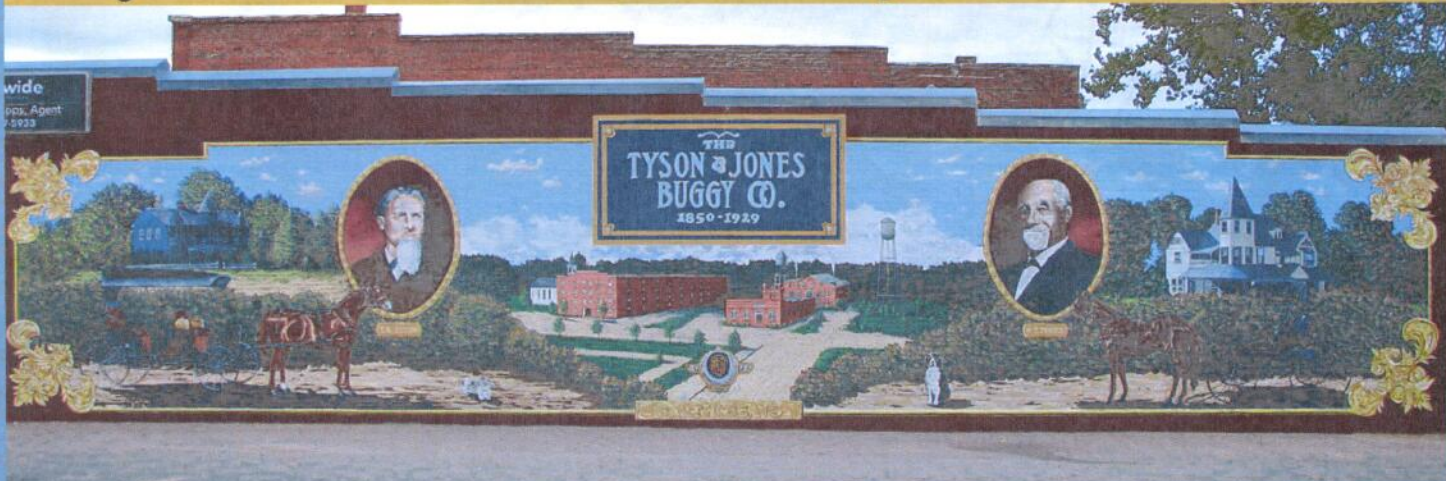


Tyson & Jones Buggy Company



Carthage is proud to have been the home of the Tyson & Jones Buggy Co. (1850-1929), the largest carriage manufacturing factory in the South. In 1876, the company produced 400 buggies, and in 1890, its most prosperous year, the factory produced 3,000 buggies and had more than 100 employees. The popularity of the automobile led to the demise of the company in 1925. The town hosts the Carthage Buggy Festival on the 2nd Saturday in May each year to celebrate the former Carthage business. Find the hidden objects painted in this mural: Buggy, Key, Clock, Bird, Skull & Crossbones.

Flying for France, James R. McConnell



James Rogers McConnell, who grew up in Carthage, N. C., flew for France in the Lafayette Escadrille during World War I before the United States joined the war. An adventurous spirit, he said, "These Sand Hills will be here forever, but the war won't; and so I'm going." The 30-year-old pilot was killed in action during aerial combat with two German planes, shot down above the Somme battlefields. McConnell is buried in a meadow between the villages of Flavy-le-Martel and Jussy in Aisne, France. A museum and the monument honoring him, given by the French government, is now located at the McConnell-Gilliam Airport and a monument honoring him given by US Congress is also here on the Moore County Courthouse lawn. In March 2018, the Town of Carthage signed a declaration becoming the official sister city to the French village of Flavy-le-Martel. Find the hidden objects painted in this mural: Key, Buggy, Elvis, Snake, Cross.

When Tobacco Was King



Tobacco and tobacco growers put North Carolina on the map during the 1900's. Tobacco was king and the Town of Carthage was surrounded by tobacco farms. Tobacco farms supported families who supported the town. Tobacco folks always took a lot of pride in growing a good crop! In the fall, tobacco crops were sold here at the Victory and McConnell warehouses, bringing the farmers, tobacco company buyers and auctioneers to town. Tobacco farming was "a way of life"...hard, honest work, where neighbors helped neighbors and everyone worked together: old and young, men, women and children. Tobacco farms provided summer jobs for many town kids growing up. Tobacco crops bought school clothes, paid for first cars and college educations. Find the hidden objects painted in this mural: Knife, Smiley, Star, Key, Sun, Rabbit, Shark.