



3rd Factory c. 1869

After his time serving in the Civil War, Washington Duke transitioned from farming to manufacturing pipe tobacco, creating the company W. Duke & Sons in 1865. After outgrowing their first and second factories, Duke constructed this building in 1869. Here the Dukes and other laborers flailed, stemmed, and grated cured tobacco leaves to produce their pipe tobacco, Pro Bono Publico. In 1872 Duke produced about 125,000 pounds of pipe tobacco from his homestead factories. In 1874 Duke left his farm to expand his business in Durham.