

## *Arnold & Cooley Sword Factory*

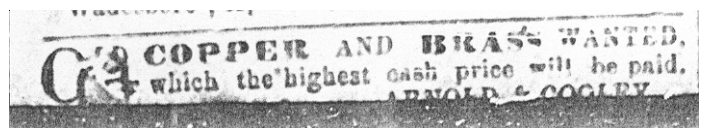
Seth Arnold and Earl Cooley, of Connecticut, moved to Wadesboro in the early 1850's and established a dry goods store. Their store was located on West Wade Street.

In 1862 they had a contract with the Confederate Government to manufacture firearms, swords, and etc.. Some of their employees were Peter H. Swink and Hiriam Braswell, and a slave named Adam belonging to George Willoughby.

According to Mary Medley's Anson County history book, a factory was located on West Wade Street on what is now the old Brill Huntley place (302 West Wade Street). Documents support that Earl Cooley did own property in that particular area.

There is also a lease agreement between Arnold & Cooley and Alfred Baucom for Baucom's mill located off Jones Creek just outside Wadesboro.

The only known copy of a Arnold & Cooley sword resides in the Greensboro Historical Museum. This is a copy of a War of 1812 saber. Earl Cooley's daughter gave to the sword to the museum.



**MORE**

**New Goods**

**and Still They Come!**

**WE** ARE NOW RECEIVING A MASSIVE AND  
General stock of GOODS, purchased in New  
York within the last two weeks at greatly reduced  
prices for cash, which we will dispose of at corre-  
spondingly **LOW FIGURES**, to make room for the  
balance of our purchases, which are daily coming to  
hand.

Our stock consists of every article usually found in  
a Village Store, and many articles never before  
brought to this market.

Persons wishing to purchase will no doubt save  
money by examining our stock before making their  
purchases.

**ARNOLD, COOLEY & CO.**  
Wadesboro, Jan. 1, 1867.—417-17