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In Cleveland County's Early Days

By MAMIE JONES

The John R. Dover Memorial Library building of Gardner - Webb Junior college at Boiling Springs will be formally dedicated and opened on Sunday afternoon, May 25th.

It is meet and fitting that a man who loved books, who studied and sought knowledge and information from them as long as he lived, should have a library building erected as a monument to his memory.

CLEVELAND COUNTY BUILDER

From time to time I have written of the builders of Cleveland county. As the motivating force back of the erection of three textile plants with villages surrounding, and the resulting requirement in each of these villages for a church and a school — which were built partly through his instrumentality — John Randolph Dover was literally and figurative-

ly a builder of Cleveland county. On a cold winter's day in 1858, in a farmhouse near Beason's creek in South Carolina (just below Grover) there was born to Mr. and Mrs. James Dover a son whom they called John Randolph. By the time little John was old enough to go to school the War Between the States was being fought; this was followed by the terrible Reconstruction era, and

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