

*A Brief History of Badin*

*Native Americans settled here along the banks of the Yadkin Pee Dee River over 12,000 years ago.*

*In 1913, a French company began work on a dam at the narrows of the river to generate electricity for an aluminum smelter. A town to house workers grew beside the newly-formed lake and Badin was born. The French left with the advent of World War I and ALCOA bought the half-finished project in 1915.*

*By 1917, Badin was a permanent settlement with a hospital, a 20-room school, a large theater and several brick commercial buildings. It was unique in the state in that it offered housing and cultural facilities for black workers.*

*In 1983, Badin was placed on the Register of Historic Places and in 1990 the town incorporated.*

We would appreciate help with work that still needs to be done.

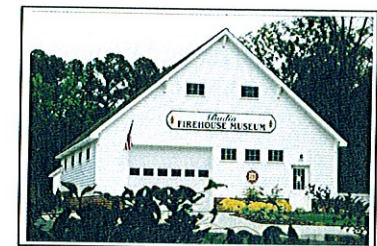
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a French-Flavored Town at  
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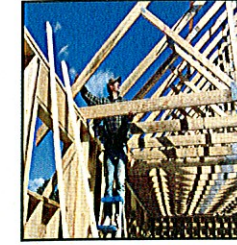


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## Preserving Our History



### Badin Historic Museum

From rental office to kindergarten to museum, the little building sitting in the town park has a history of its own.

Erected in 1916 by the Tallassee Power Company, the small one-story frame building served as a rental office for the company's commercial and residential properties.

In 1920, the building was used as a kindergarten for the local children.

Later, after some use as a community building, it sat silent and shuttered.

Finding it no longer had use for the building, ALCOA donated it to the Town of Badin and in 1999 it was moved to Badin Memorial Park.

Today, the little building with an historic past has a bright future as Badin Historic Museum.

### Badin Quadruplex Museum

When a run-down quadruplex unit across from the Badin Historic Museum became available, volunteers decided it would make a good museum.

In 2003, Badin Historic Museum, Inc. purchased the unit, called an "apartment" by locals. In 2004, with the help of generous donors, and through grants and fund-raising, Badin Museum was able to begin work on the property.

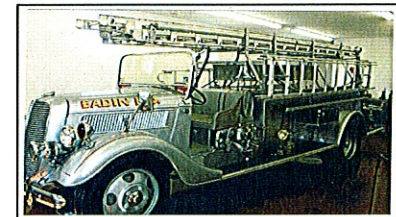
Professionals were brought in for the initial stages that included drainage, roofing, plumbing and electric work. A hard-working team of volunteers did the rest.

Today, with its refinished pine floors, period bathroom fixtures, kitchen appliances and furniture, the building stands as an authentic example of a 1915 Badin residence.

### Badin Firehouse Museum

In 2003, Badin Historic Museum, Inc. purchased a small lot adjacent to the proposed quadruplex museum.

Again with the help of generous donors, with grants and through fund-raising, the Firehouse Museum was created. A team of volunteers led by David Summerlin, Jim Harrison and Larry Drye, did much of the work.



The museum houses the small 1937 Ford American LaFrance fire truck, a hose reel and a display of Badin Fire Department memorabilia. An exhibition of 250 photographs from ALCOA files depicts the history and development of the Yadkin/Pee Dee River Valley.