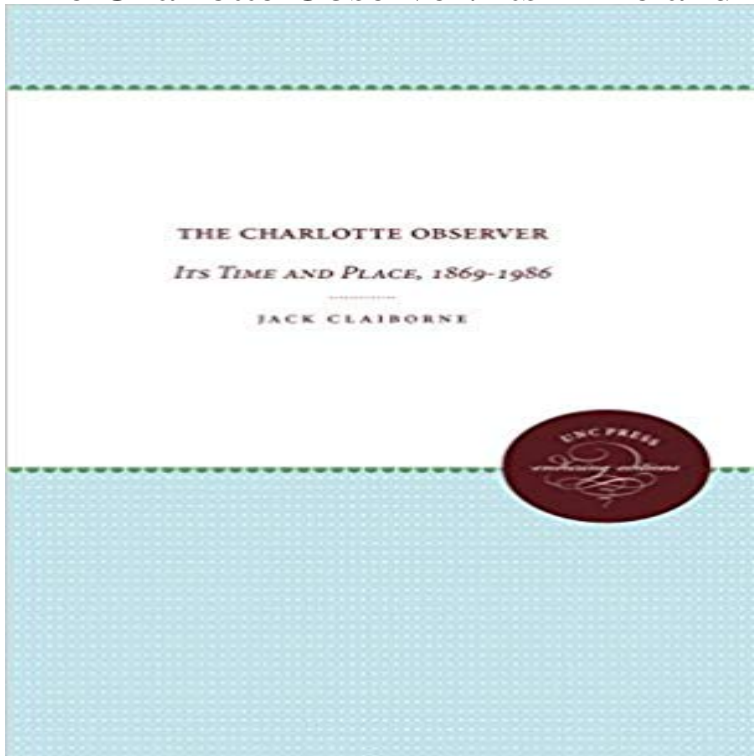


The Charlotte Observer: Its Time and Place, 1869-1986



The history of an important newspaper is almost by definition a political, economic, and social history of the region it serves as well as the human drama of the people whose visions, talents, and labors shaped it over the years. Jack Claiborne combines these elements in *The Charlotte Observer*, a narrative that traces the development of the largest newspaper in the Carolinas from Reconstruction to the present. A business-oriented paper from the outset, the *Observer* began as a four-page, single-sheet publication, printed and folded by hand and distributed mostly by train. Today its huge presses print, cut, count, and fold more than 230,000 copies daily and 270,000 on Sundays for distribution by truck to mountain towns and coastal resorts as well as the sprawling neighborhoods of Charlotte. The rise of the *Observer* mirrors the rise of Charlotte as the Carolinas largest trading, manufacturing, financial, and distribution center, and the evolution of the surrounding Piedmont countryside from an area of rolling farms and cotton fields to a dispersed urban region of manufacturing and commerce. In telling the *Observer's* story, Claiborne also recounts the birth and death of its formal rival, the evening *Charlotte News* (1888-1985). The story documents the *Observer's* embrace of the New South creed as it emerged as one of North Carolina's most influential newspapers and the voice of its industrial interests. Like Charlotte and the surrounding region, which were shaped by such men as Zebulon Vance, James Duke, Henry Belk, and Cameron Morrison, the *Observer* bears the imprint of many personalities, from pioneer industrialist D. A. Tompkins and the eloquent, outspoken editor J. P. Caldwell, to John S. and John L. Knight, leaders of the national company that owns the modern *Observer*. Spiced with vignettes of those and others who shaped and guided the paper, Claiborne's account captures the clash of ambition and

personality that marked the papers rise. The death of editor J. P. Caldwell in 1911 touched off a five-year struggle for power until the paper was purchased by Curtis Johnson, who built it into a large and highly profitable enterprise. Johnson's death in 1950 precipitated another five-year struggle, resulting in the papers purchase by the Knights and their appointment of Pete McKnight as editor. Under McKnight the paper abandoned its rigid conservatism to become an advocate of social change across the South. Originally published in 1986. A UNC Press Enduring Edition -- UNC Press Enduring Editions use the latest in digital technology to make available again books from our distinguished backlist that were previously out of print. These editions are published unaltered from the original, and are presented in affordable paperback formats, bringing readers both historical and cultural value.

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