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Lines & Company the enterprise grew and developed until it became one of the largest of the kind in the state, furnishing an excellent market for the various products used in leather manufacturing. In 1833 Allen U. Tomlinson was married to Rachel English, a native of Randolph County, and they had nine children: William Sidney, John Milton, Samuel Finley, Allen J., Jerome B., Julius L., Josephine, Martha and Adaliza. The mother died at the age of sixty-six, while the father's death occurred in 1879, when he was seventy-seven years of age. He had continued actively in the tannery business under the name of A. U. Tomlinson & Son, the junior partner being William Sidney Tomlinson, who at his father's death succeeded to the management. Following his demise his brother, Allen J., took charge and the business was reorganized under the name of the Tomlinson Manufacturing Company. Not only was the tannery business continued but the company also engaged in the manufacture of shoes, their trade covering a large part of the state.

Allen Josiah Tomlinson was born at Bush Hill in 1843. He was a student at New Garden Boarding School, now Guilford College, and at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, and for two years thereafter was principal of the Friends School at Damascus, Ohio. There he met and married Anna Fawcett, who was born at Damascus, Ohio, in 1848, a daughter of Simeon and Deborah (Miller) Fawcett. After his marriage he returned to Bush Hill with his young wife and with his father and brother engaged in farming and in the operation of the tannery, which was used for the manufacture of shoes for the Confederate soldiers during the Civil War. The business grew and prospered with the passing years, but Allen J. Tomlinson also found time for helpful participation in public affairs. He was particularly interested in education and for several years was chairman of the Randolph County school board and was also a trustee of Guilford College. Both Mr. and Mrs. Allen J. Tomlinson were members of the Friends church, in the faith of which each was reared. Their family numbered six children: Charles Fawcett, Roberta, Sidney Halstead, Deborah, Annie and Allen Unthank. The father died in July, 1900, and Mrs. Tomlinson passed away in 1914.

After studying at the Academy of Bush Hill, Charles F. Tomlinson continued his education at Guilford College, winning the Bachelor of Science degree in 1893, and for a year thereafter he was principal of the graded school at Asheboro. Matriculating in the University of North Carolina, he was graduated in 1895 with the Bachelor of Philosophy degree and subsequently resumed teaching as principal of the West End school at Winston. In 1899 he was advanced to the position of superintendent of the Winston schools and continued his educational activities until 1904, when he turned his attention to commercial pursuits by becoming the associate of his brother, Sidney H., at High Point, becoming secretary and treasurer of the Tomlinson Chair Manufacturing Company, which his brother had previously established. The business was then capitalized for \$12,000 and its manufactured products amounted to about \$60,000 annually. Close application, thorough reliability, a study of modern conditions and the demands of the trade have led to the continuous growth of the business, which is now capitalized for \$400,000, while the annual sales reach more than a million dollars. Today its output is known throughout the entire

country and includes high-grade living and dining room furniture and artistic reproductions of the classic furniture of the past. An element in the success of the business is their just and equitable treatment of their employes and their encouragement of the Tomlinson Mutual Benefit Club and the Tomlinson Good Neighbors Club. They have made High Point an important center of furniture manufacturing in the South, and recognition of Mr. Tomlinson's standing in trade circles is indicated in the fact that he was elected president of the National Council Furniture Associations and of the Southern Furniture Manufacturers Association and was also president of the Travelers Protective Association. In addition to his official position with the Tomlinson Company, Charles F. Tomlinson is president of the High Point, Thomasville & Denton Railroad.

On the 25th of November, 1914, Mr. Tomlinson was married to May A. Lovelace, of Wilson, North Carolina, daughter of J. P. and Sarah (Lacey) Lovelace. Mrs. Tomlinson was born in South Boston, Virginia, and by her marriage has become the mother of three children: Charles Fawcett Jr., Sarah Lacey and Anna Fawcett. Mrs. Tomlinson belongs to the Presbyterian church and Mr. Tomlinson to the Friends church and he is also connected with the Young Men's Christian Association. He has membership in the High Point Country Club, the Kiwanis Club and the Elks lodge and his college fraternities are Phi Beta Kappa and Phi Gamma Delta. He is a trustee of Guilford College and chairman of the board of school commissioners of High Point and His political views are those of the Democratic party.

SIDNEY HALSTEAD TOMLINSON. Some years before the outbreak of the American Revolution, a sailing ship left England bound for Charleston, South Carolina. Among its passengers were three brothers who, leaving the "Merrie Isle" where they were born and had thus far lived, were seeking the opportunities of the new world. They separated at the port of debarkation, one remaining in Charleston, one going to Pennsylvania, while the third, William Tomlinson, who was born in 1747, cast in his lot with the pioneers who were reclaiming the wilderness of what is now Randolph County, North Carolina, for the purposes of civilization. Indians still lived in that area, but Mr. Tomlinson succeeded in developing a farm from the land grant which he received from the Crown. That locality became known as Bush Hill and is now Archdale, and he there resided until his death in 1813. He was married in 1770 to Martha Coppeck, and they had nine children: Joseph, Josiah, William, Moses, Robert, Zachariah, Allen U., Elizabeth and Martha.

The second generation found the family embarked in manufacturing, for Allen Unthank Tomlinson, grandfather of Sidney H. Tomlinson, began operating a tannery and manufacturing shoes. He was born at Bush Hill in 1802 and became identified with agricultural interests but also extended his efforts to commercial pursuits, as indicated. In 1833 he married Rachel English, a native of Randolph County. She died at the age of sixty-six, while he reached the seventy-seventh milestone on life's journey. Their nine children were: William Sidney, John Milton, Samuel Finley, Allen Josiah, Jerome B., Julius L., Josephine, Martha and Adaliza.