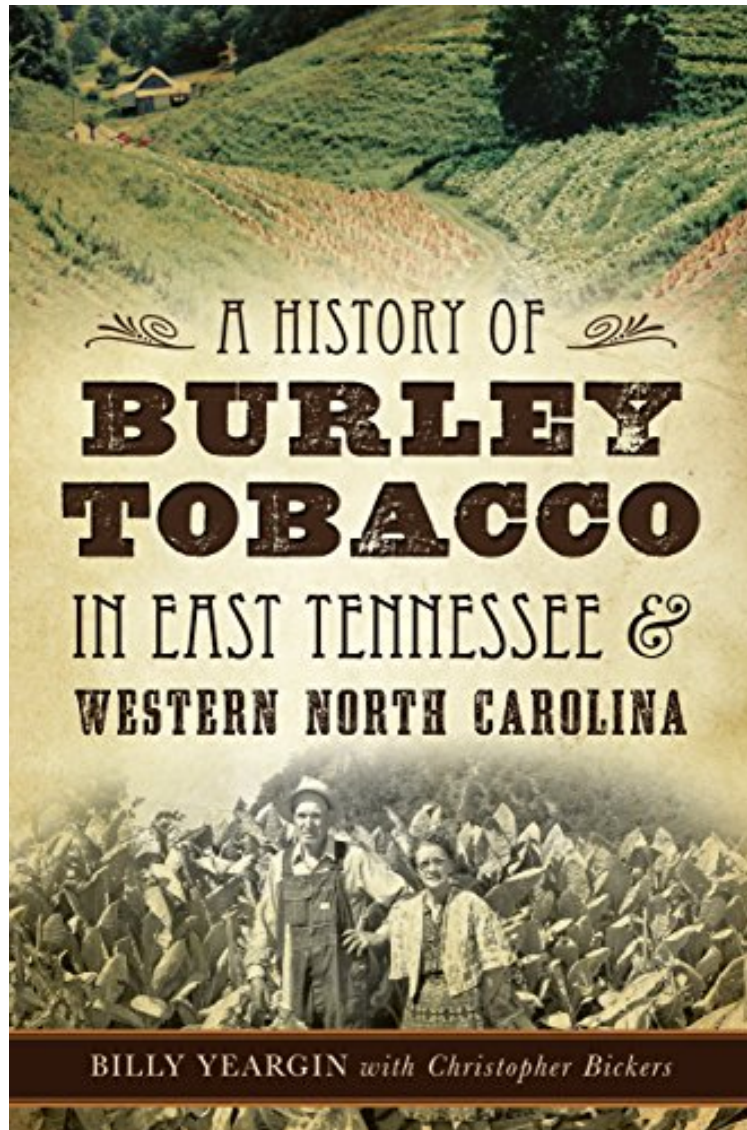


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About the Author Billy Yeargin is the author of North Carolina Tobacco and Remembering North Carolina Tobacco. During his career in the tobacco industry, he has held various leadership positions in tobacco growers' and sweet potato growers' organizations. He is a member of the board of directors for the North Carolina State Capital Preservation Society and the Duke Homestead Education and History Corporation. Yeargin is currently a history lecturer at Duke University and other educational institutions. Christopher Bickers is a seasoned journalist who has dedicated much of his career to documenting agriculture. His work has been published in various agricultural magazines including Southeast Farm Press, Progressive Farmer and Tobacco International and he is co-author of an article in Journalism Quarterly. Bickers is also the writer and publisher of the Tobacco Farmer Newsletter.