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by Jean H. Seaman, 2006 *Carolina*, by Heinrich Ries, 1897.

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Kaolin is a fine clay mineral used in ceramics and insulators. The Cherokee Nation was issued a patent in 1744 for the production of porcelain from a mixture of kaolin, quartz, and feldspar. In 1767 [Thomas Griffiths](#) ^[3] had five tons of kaolin dug and transported to England from the Cowee section of modern [Macon County](#) ^[4] for use by the Wedgwood potters in making fine medallions. Systematic mining began in 1888 near Webster in Jackson County, and by 1900 North Carolina had become a significant producer with tonnage sent to [Trenton, N.J.](#) ^[5] Kaolin has continued to be an important product of North Carolina [mining](#) ^[6].

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