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Durham Loan and Trust Building; Durham, W. Main St. ca. 1910. Image available from the Durham County Library,

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The <u>Central Carolina Bank & Trust Company</u>^[3] traces its roots to a 1903 charter for the <u>Durham Loan and Trust Company</u>^[4], which focused mainly on insurance and <u>real estate</u>^[5]. Its first president was <u>John Sprunt Hill</u>^[6], and its directors included such prominent Durham businessmen as <u>George W. Watts</u>^[7], <u>Benjamin N. Duke</u>^[8], and James S. Manning. A banking department was added in 1915. In 1937 the company became the Durham Bank & Trust Company and moved into a new building on Corcoran Street, which it has continued to occupy. The company grew through mergers and acquisitions, changing its name in 1961 to the Central Carolina Bank & Trust Company (CCB).

CCB's growth continued primarily through new acquisitions. In 1993 alone, CCB acquired the ten offices o<u>Greensboro</u> ^[9]'s First Home Federal, Graham Savings Bank, and Mutual Savings Bank and Citizens Savings, both in Lenoir. In 2000 Memphis-based National Commerce Bancorporation (with about 400 offices in nine states) acquired CCB Financial Corporation (with more than 200 offices), combining the institutions into a \$15 billion enterprise. Memphis became the headquarters for the combined companies under the banner of National Commerce Bancorporation, and <u>Durham</u> [10] remained CCB operations headquarters.

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