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ALPHA TO OMEGA—from beginning to end—this is a brief story of Spring Garden High School, how she came into being, grew, and is no more.

This story could never have been told were it not for the many members of the community who contributed pictures and aided in the editing of the story. The staff realizes that some events of historical interest and names of alumni may have been omitted, but those omissions are unintentional.

A short resume of how our community got its name seems to be an appropriate beginning for our story.

The name of Spring Garden was established from a beautiful spring surrounded by a garden which supplied food, flowers, shrubs, and herbs and was used by all people passing its way as well as supplied water for the family, slaves, and store of the late Mr. James Anderson. Mr. Anderson owned and operated the first public business at Spring Garden, being that of a general merchandise store, selling all the items needed by the people of a large area from sewing needs to wagons.

Spring Garden was a camping ground for farmers hauling their tobacco and other farm products from various sections, such as Riceville, Java, and others, to market in Danville. The only mode of travel was by wagon or buggy. They could camp near the springs, spend the night, thence into Danville in another day.

The late Rev. George Belk held the first worship service in an old log building, according to records found. Thus, from this meager beginning a community has grown into the prosperous one it is today.

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