Yadkin County
America's 250th
Commemorative Coin



The REVERSE of the coin features the outline of Yadkin County with the "Betsy Ross Flag". Also highlighted is the county's history from the time of its early inhabitants & European explorers through the War for American Independence ...

YATTKEN TOWN 1673 – Explorers made their way into Yattken Town. This was the first recorded English reference to "Yattken", and it later evolved into Yadkin. From the Siouan Indian language, some speculate the word may mean "big trees" or "place of big trees."

1748 SETTLERS – Morgan Bryan and George Forbush were the first known Europeans to inhabit present-day Yadkin County in 1748.

1770 SURRY COUNTY – Authorized by the North Carolina assembly in 1770 and created in 1771 from part of Rowan County. The name Surry is from either a county in England or from the indigenous people who lived in the region.

1776 HALIFAX RESOLVES – North Carolina unanimously adopted on April 12, 1776 and was the first colony to authorize its delegates to vote for independence from Great Britain. Surry County had three representatives there as North Carolina proclaimed **"First in Freedom"**.

☆ **1780 BATTLE OF SHALLOW FORD** – Overwhelming Patriot victory near Huntsville on October 14, 1780. Only one Patriot, Captain Henry Francis was killed and is buried nearby.

☆ **1781 CORNWALLIS AT SHALLOW FORD** – On February 17, 1781, Lord Charles Cornwallis's army of 2,500 to 3,000 men crossed the Yadkin at Shallow Ford in pursuit of the American force commanded by Gen. Nathanael Greene.