



# SANDHILLS WOMAN'S EXCHANGE

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Over time, several additions have been added. The Sandhills Woman's Exchange is one of the oldest exchanges in the United States and has received national acknowledgement. The original cabin is now the front portion of the building.



The cabin was built in 1810 and was part of Ray's Grist Mill, located a few miles to the northeast. After the Civil War, the cabin was purchased by the Archibald McKenzie family and was used for years as an unattached kitchen. In 1895, James Walker Tufts fell in love with the cabin and offered to buy it and a new kitchen for the McKenzies. The cabin was moved piece by piece to its present location. For many years it served as a museum. Later, Tom Cotton and his brother, former slaves who were familiar figures in Pinehurst, lived in the cabin until 1923, when Tom passed away. Then the ladies moved in. The Woman's Exchange was started to help local women learn to make and sell homemade crafts and goods.

