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Original pole discovery brings back two who helped install it

A recent discovery of an original power pole still in service for GreyStone Power since the first 83 miles of power lines were constructed in 1937 brought back two of the men instrumental in that effort. Charles "Cub" Wilson, 86, and Robert "Buzz" Hunter, 95, both of Douglasville, worked for contractors who engineered and installed the Cooperative's first lines in 1937.

Wilson worked for J.B. McCrary Engineering as a staking engineer and personally staked the first lines on Highway 5 in Douglas County.

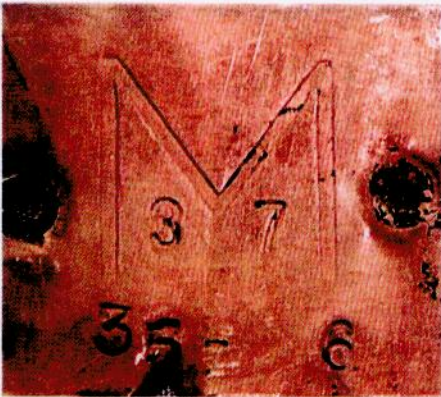
Hunter was a line foreman and personally supervised the construction of the first lines on Highway 5.

Both men had a part in setting the pole in 1937 that they are pictured with.

Although the Cooperative was formed on Aug. 24, 1936, and was then known as the Farmers Electrical Association, it wasn't until Sept. 9, 1937 that the first lines were completed and energized in portions of



(Left) Charles "Cub" Wilson, 86, and Robert "Buzz" Hunter, 95, both of Douglasville, stand in front of one of the original 1937 poles set for what was then known as the Farmer's Electrical Association. Wilson, a staking engineer, staked this original line on Highway 5 in Douglas County as an employee of the J.B. McCrary Engineering Company which was contracted to do this work by the Cooperative. Hunter, a line foreman, assisted in building the line and installing the pole pictured above as an employee for Florence Construction, the company contracted to build the Co-op's first 83 miles of lines.



The "birthmark" taken off the pole on Highway 5 in Douglas County shows it to be from 1937. The large M stands for William C. Meredith Company of Atlanta which is still in the pole business today.

Carroll, Cobb, Douglas and Paulding counties.

Wooden power poles usually have an average lifespan of approximately 20 years if well-maintained. The pole on Highway 5 was in service for almost 64 years until it was recently retired—not because it was rotting, but because it was no longer tall enough for necessary equipment upgrades.

However, while the pole they installed has been retired, the two men who helped install it are still going strong. Wilson, who

had a long career with J.B. McCrary, retired from there and worked at the Cooperative for more than 11 years as a staking engineer.

Hunter also ended up at Douglas County EMC, the forerunner of GreyStone Power Corporation, working from 1944 until his retirement in 1971. During his tenure at the Cooperative he served in many capacities including line foreman, superintendent of construction and assistant general manager.