

# Star of the South: The Corbitt Truck Company Story

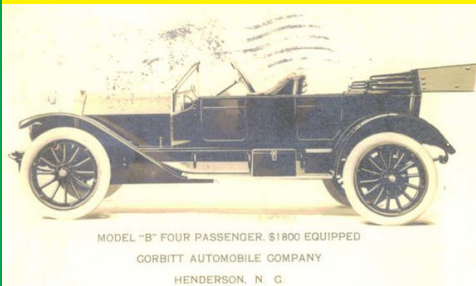


**A forthcoming illustrated book, published by the Corbitt Preservation Association, will tell:**

- >What a Southern manufacturer gave to its community, state, and the world at large
- >Why R.J. Corbitt went from selling tobacco to building buggies
- >Why Corbitt failed at building automobiles, but succeeded at building trucks
- >How Corbitt turned its unlikely Henderson, North Carolina location into an asset
- >How Corbitt secured its large share of government business throughout all areas of the country
- >How Corbitt survived the Great Depression
- >How a small company played a big role in winning World War II
- >What tragic event undermined Corbitt's succession plan and aided its demise

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**\$20,000 is needed—for printing, design, and publicity—to make this book a reality, so it can tell the story of a unique 20<sup>th</sup> century industry and how keeping its memory alive is aiding preservation and education in the 21<sup>st</sup>. 100% of the book's profits will go to the Corbitt Preservation Association (a 501c3 organization) to fund projects in these areas. Contributions are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.**



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