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A 1917 engraving of Jerome Channing Horner. Image courtesy the N.C. Government and Heritage Library.

^[3]Jerome Channing Horner, educator, was born in Oxford, the son of [James Hunter](#) ^[4] and Sophronia Moore Horner. He attended his father's school, [Horner School](#) ^[5], and [Davidson College](#) ^[6] from which he received both a bachelor's (1875) and a master's degree. Upon graduation he became principal of the Albemarle Academy, [Edenton](#) ^[7], where he taught for two years. He then began teaching in the Horner School, which for a brief time was located in Hillsborough, but in 1876 the school reopened in Oxford.

In 1879 Horner's brother, [Junius](#) ^[8], taught for him while he served as an assistant at the Cape Fear Military Academy to learn something about managing a military school. When he returned to Oxford in 1880, the Horner School became Horner Military School. On 2 Jan. 1914 fire destroyed the barracks, and at the end of the term it was decided to reestablish the school in [Charlotte](#) ^[9]. There it continued to provide excellent training for young men until it closed in 1920.

Horner, an [Episcopalian](#) ^[10] who served his parish as senior warden, treasurer, and lay reader, was married on 22 Nov. 1885 to Kate M. Williams of [Wilmington](#) ^[11], and they were the parents of two children. Following her death he married Eloise Kent of Wisconsin, and they had four children.

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