



Adams Variant



Fred at Carolina Wood Turning (circa 1930)



Thunderhead



Blazer

Fred Jamison Hall 1913-1983

“TheBusiness Savvy Fly Tyer”

Fred Hall, a veteran of World War II, spent most of his working life as an employee of Carolina Wood Turning Company, Swain County’s largest employer at that time. Fred pawned his shotgun for \$50, purchased tying supplies and tied in his spare time. Fred eventually, because of physical problems, devoted full attention to the tying vice as he was barely known to be an angler. Meanwhile Allene, his wife who was at least as skilled as Fred, turned out scores of flies every day for many, many years. They supplied flies via mail order for shops throughout the region and on the national level as well.

Fred Hall got many of the ideas for his flies from local fishermen such as Claude Gossett and Commodore Casada, Jim Casada's father. Fred was for the most part a professional fly tyer and savvy business man making or at least eeking-out a decent living at the tying vise. Fred and Allene worked in tandem on some flies, with her doing part of the work and Fred other aspects of it. Each had their specialties, as Fred did most of the hair wing patterns.

Along with his wife Bernice Allene DeHart Hall (1918-1995), they were an innovative fly tying couple generally credited with originating a number of fly patterns including the Adams Variant, Light Caddis Buck and Thunderhead. According to Allene, while these patterns were immensely popular with clients, their top sellers were the Tellico Nymph and Yellarhammer.

Fred and Allene taught a number of local fly tiers, including Jim Mills, owner of Raven Fork Rods. Their banner years in producing flies were the 1950s and 1960s, with weekly shipments going out to individual anglers and fly shops all over the country.

They lived in Swain County. They are buried in Swain Memorial Park.



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A Fly Collection tied by Fred Hall

Adams, **Adams Variant** (an Allene Hall original), Female Adams,
Female Mosquito, Mosquito,

Thunderhead (a Fred Hall original),

Black Wulff Bailey, Black Wulff Bergman, Brown Wulff, Green Body Royal (Tennessee) Wulff,
Grey Wulff, Grizzly Wulff, Royal Wulff, White Wulff,

Brown Hackle – Peacock, Brown Hackle – Yellow,

Grey Hackle – Peacock, Grey Hackle – Red, Grey Hackle – Yellow,

Hair Wing Coachman, Royal Coachman, Orange Forked Tail, Yellow Forked Tail,

Black Girdle, Goofus Bug, Green Gremlin, Neer (Near) Nuff, Whitcraft,

Light Cahill, Dark Cahill, Light Hendrickson, Dark Hendrickson,

Quill Gordon, Black Quill, Blue Quill, Cahill Quill, Dark Ginger Quill, Light Ginger Quill, Red Quill,

Light Caddis Buck (a Fred Hall original),

Black Gnat, Early Nelson, Flight Fancy, March Brown, Pink Lady,

Secret Weapon, My Pet, Black Nymph, May Nymph,

Tellico Nymph, Tellico Spinner, Yellarhammer Spinner,

Deer Hair, Irresistible, Light Irresistible,

Fore & Aft, Grey & Brown Bivisible, Ginger Bivisible

Frame, Labels and Original, Restored and Replicated Flies

Donated by Teddy Greene

Restoration and Replication by Tom Adams and Kevin Howell



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