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Tryon Palace, How It Came To Be, How It is Restored

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In the year 1764 — Oct. 10, to be exact — a young man sailed upon the Cape Fear aboard the HMS Friendship. Coming from England to assist the ailing Royal Governor Dobbs, William Tryon established his early residence as lieutenant governor in Wilmington. Upon the death of Arthur Dobbs, Tryon was made Royal Governor of North Carolina on March 28, 1765.

How much William Tryon had up his sleeve when he came over is not certain, but it seems interesting that along with his family he brought over one of England's most outstanding young students of architecture, John Hawks.

Tryon had not long been governor before he requested funds from England for the construction of a royal palace to serve as the first capitol building of North Carolina. Upon the appropriation of necessary funds, this same John Hawks was forthwith appointed architect in charge of the building of the palace. Accordingly, plans were soon drawn up and construction was underway at New Bern by August of 1767.

Tryon Palace is something unique in Colonial America. Most people who think of colonial restorations envision buildings which conform to stereotyped colonial patterns, but Tryon Palace is different. Tryon, having just arrived from England, was familiar with the latest style of architecture used by the nobility in the vicinity of London.

Since he wanted something better than the other colonial buildings, he chose this late Georgian style architecture, a style too recent to have been used for the other American buildings of his day. Therefore, Tryon Palace has no rival in this aspect of colonial restorations.

In 1770 Tryon Palace was finally completed and being used by Tryon and his family. The design of the building indicates that the first floor of the main building was to be shared with the assembly and council and the second floor to be used only by the royal governor's family.

In addition there were the East Wing, the West Wing, and the "necessary houses". This is one of the rare instances of a palace used as a family residence and as a place for the assembly and council. Governor Tryon had not served long before he was sent to New York and was succeeded here by Josiah Martin, who fled under pressure in 1775. Only two royal governors ever used the palace during the years 1770-1775, and in 1776



Royal kitchen: Three New Bern ladies inspect the kitchen of the restored colonial palace of William Tryon, one of the last royal governors of North Carolina. Restoration, which cost 3 1/4 million, is expected to lure free-spending tourists.

the American Revolution broke out. It befell Great Britain to spend a tremendous sum on the construction of a building which she was to use less than ten years.

For, following the independence, North Carolina became a state under the United States Constitution and in 1777, exactly ten years after the beginning of the building of Tryon Palace, this state confiscated the royal palace estate and made it the first capitol of the independent state of North Carolina.

Accordingly, Tryon Palace — which holds the distinction of being the meeting place of the first assembly anywhere in America called in defiance of Britain — was used as a capitol by the state of North Carolina from 1775 until 1794, at which time the state capitol was moved to Raleigh.

It was at Tryon Palace that the first state officials and the first governor of the free state of North Carolina, Richard Caswell, were inaugurated on Jan. 16, 1777. Soon after, the first meeting of the state legislature was held there in April of 1777.

Great Britain had had the wealth to construct such a magnificent palace, but it soon became evident that the poor and humble state of North Carolina had too small a treasury to keep the palace in proper repairs. One must remember that the United States was at that time a young and struggling nation, and North Carolina had not begun to overcome her financial setback suffered as a result of the Revolutionary War.

Therefore, no appropriations were made toward adequate upkeep of the palace during those years that the legislature met there, and President George Washington remarked in his journal that the palace was on its way to ruins as early as 1791, when he was entertained there at a ball.

After the relocation of the capitol in 1794, Tryon Palace rapidly declined and served private uses rather than official. After 1794, therefore, it fell into ruthless hands, being rented first to lodgers. Thereafter, the palace was used by a private school, which can account for much of the damage that the palace suffered. School children have a unique ability to destroy anything — from teachers to palaces.

Later, the palace was used by a

Masonic Lodge before the main building was destroyed by fire on the night of Feb. 27, 1798. Later, at some unrecorded time, the East Wing completely disappeared, and the West Wing was serving as an apartment house as late as the 1940's, when the first steps toward restoration were taken.

Probably every great achievement began as a dream in somebody's head. It was so with the restoration of Tryon Palace. As a little girl who had often seen the old Palace estate and heard the New Bern people tell stories of its past, Miss Maude Moore fancied a time when the palace could be restored to its original grandeur.

After she became Mrs. Maude Moore Latham, this New Bern native began to see her dreams materialize. From the first, the Garden Clubs of North Carolina began to take an interest in the idea of a restoration and made that the dominant theme of their book Old Homes and Gardens in North Carolina.

The first money given for the restoration was on Jan. 26, 1944, when Mrs. Latham established the Maude Moore Latham Trust Fund of \$100,000 for the restoration of Tryon Palace. In 1945 the General Assembly appropriated \$150,000 toward the restoration of the palace.

This was followed on April 26, 1949, by Mrs. Latham's establishing a second trust fund of \$150,000. Accordingly, the next General Assembly appropriated an additional \$77,000.

In 1950 Mrs. Latham donated part of her collection of antique furnishings to the palace, a gift valued at \$125,000. Following her death in 1951, it was learned that Mrs. Latham had bequeathed her estate valued at \$1,250,000 to the Tryon Palace Commission.

The restoration work was soon under way with the excavating of the palace site. These excavations revealed some invaluable clues — relics, artifacts, building locations and sizes, and even pieces of the original marble tiling that made it possible to restore the palace with authentic replicas flooring.

The removal of walls and plaster in the remaining West Wing revealed the original wood and measurements of the palace. With this information the rebuilding could begin.

But there was another important source of information for those

working on the restoration. Englishmen have the reputation for keeping legal papers and documents forever, and for that reason the commission now has photographic copies of the documents and papers showing John Hawks' original designs and plans for the palace and an insurance claim filed by Royal Governor Tryon listing the books of his library destroyed in a fire.

As a result, the entire library of William Tryon is now restored, showing him to be a highly cultured gentleman of his day.

Through the efforts of the commission, the Palace is now restored with authentic 18th century furnishings. These include such wonderful items as cut glass chandeliers, oriental and Spanish rugs, 17th and 18th century tables, rare antique clocks, the 485-volume library of Governor Tryon, chess games, pictures, the completely restored Housekeeper's Room, the restored stables, silverware made in England in the 1600's, expensive draperies, "necessary houses", and gardens.

The visitor should not become frightened if he is suddenly greeted in some room by the austere and unfriendly glare of an old portrait — either George III; Lord Tryon, father of William; Queens

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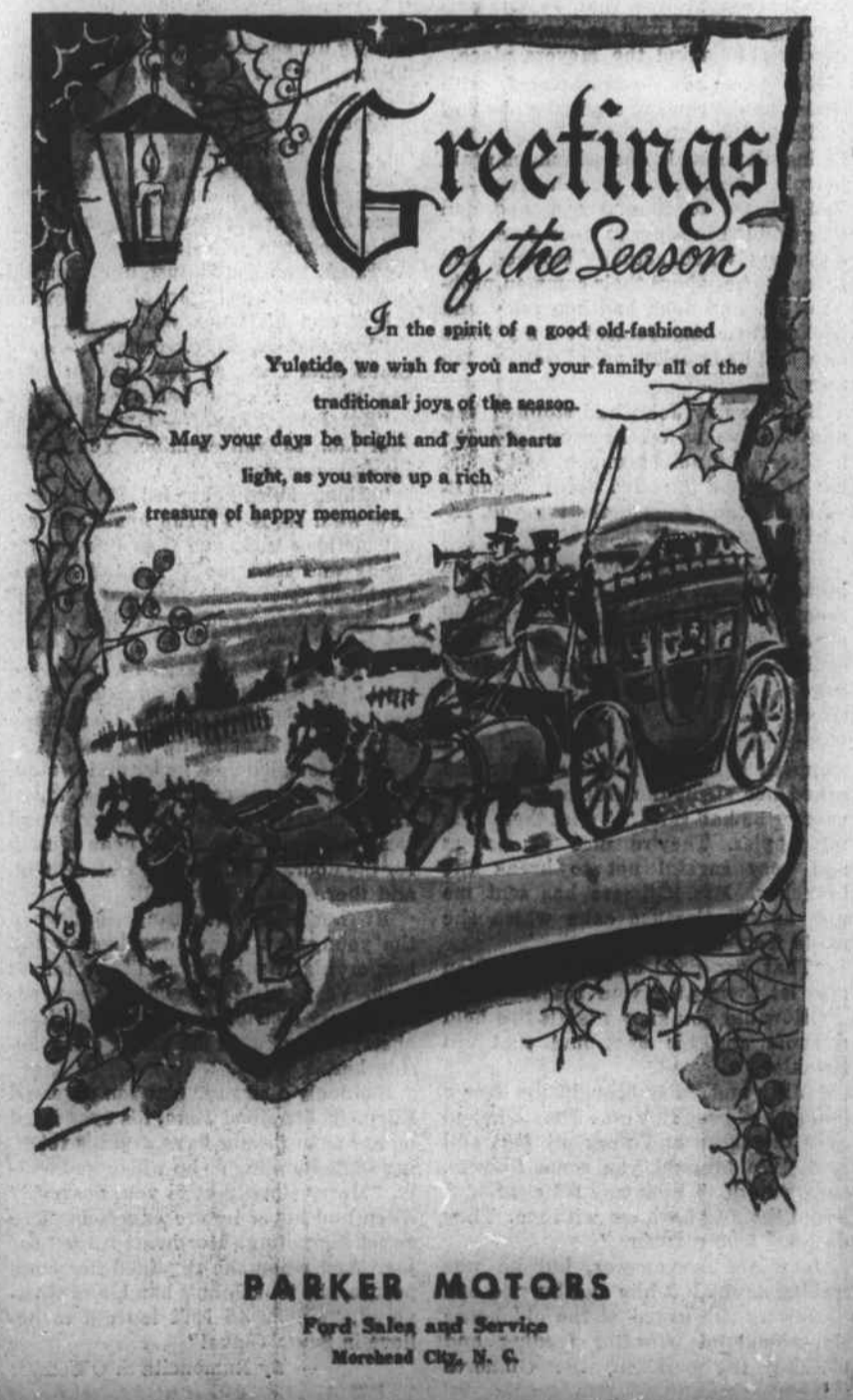
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