

Town's Role Changed With The Centuries

For 50 years in the 18th century it was the state's leading seaport, then in the 19th century, its strategic location was used to protect Civil War maritime traffic on the Cape Fear River.

Today, Brunswick Town is a ruin, a state historic site where visitors can turn their imaginations to the past.

Restoration of the site began in 1950 when the Lawrence Sprunt family donated 13½ acres of land to the state. Today it includes a nature trail that winds by the ruins of the homes/businesses of prosperous citizens to the Cape Fear River.

It was Brunswick Town, in 1766, where area residents first resisted the Stamp Act. Later that year, it was partially destroyed by the British. Once the home of Royal Governors Dobbs and Tryon, it was abandoned.

Exhibits and a 15-minute audiovisual program at the visitors'

center give a glimpse of life as it may have been 256 years ago, when the town played an important role in state, and for that matter, national affairs.

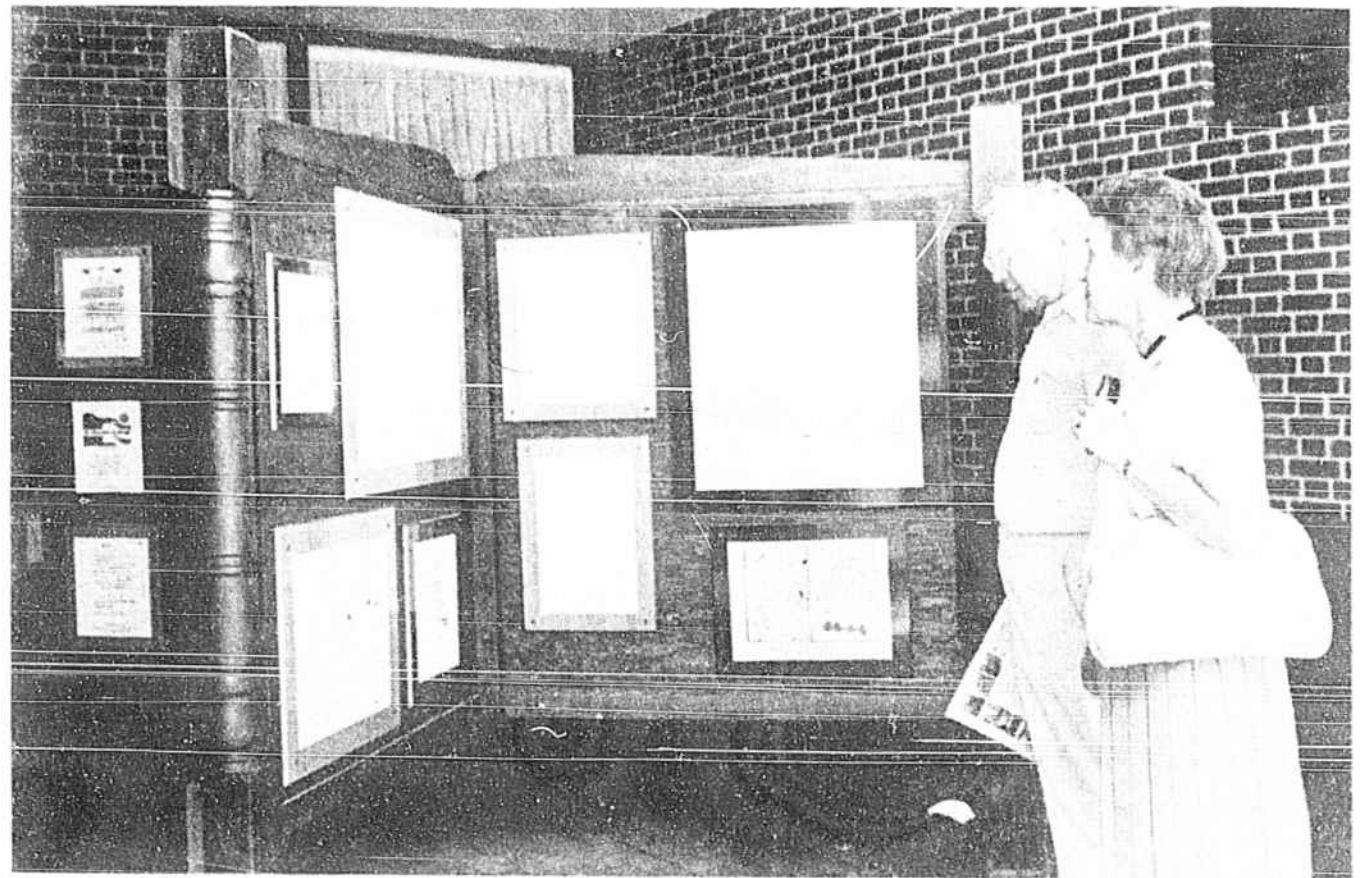
Maurice Moore, a businessman, is credited with starting Brunswick Town in 1726. The town prospered, exporting naval supplies and lumber to Europe and the West Indies.

At the same time it became an active political center and the county seat of New Hanover County until 1739 when the seat was moved to Wilmington.

In 1764, when Brunswick County was chartered, the North Carolina Colonial Assembly began meeting at Brunswick Town.

Brunswick Town has been no stranger to war.

In 1749 Spanish privateers held the town for four days before an explosion on a Spanish ship killed most of



A COLLECTION of historic documents dating back to the colonial era help recall Brunswick Town's rich history.

the captors and allowed colonial citizens to recapture stolen goods. Funds from the sale of the loot were used to build St. Philips Anglican Church. Thick brick walls are all that remain. In the nearby cemetery several royal and colonial governors are buried.

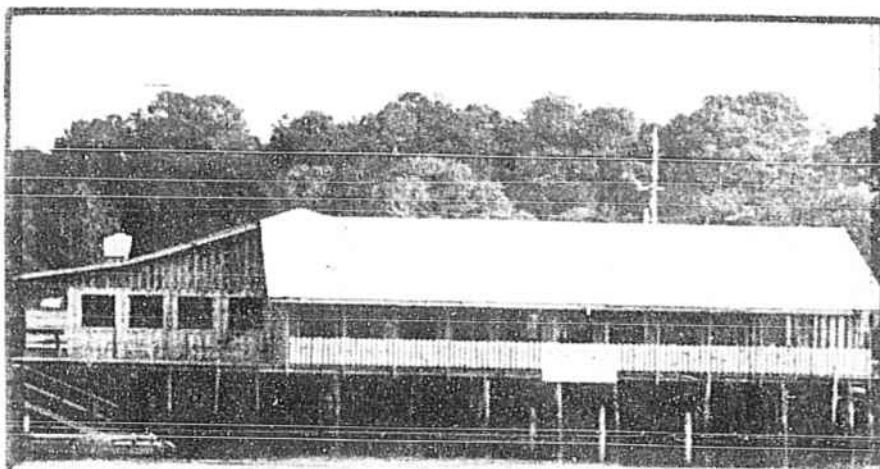
Already on the decline in impor-

tance and population, the town was torched by the British in 1776.

In the mid-1800s the ruins of the town came to life again when Fort Anderson was constructed there. Confederate troops garrisoned there protected the Cape Far River and Wilmington until forced to abandon the fort after the fall of Fort Fisher.

Earthworks are the only visible reminder of the towns' brief career as a fort.

There is no admission fee to the site, which is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. A gift shop, softdrink vending machines and group picnic area are available.



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