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HIGH HONOR

All citizens of New Bern, including those who refuse to concede that Tryon Palace is a community asset, can be proud of the fact that The State Magazine has named Gertrude S. Carraway as its North Carolinian of 1962.

If memory serves us correctly, no other Tar Heel woman has ever been singled out by the publication for this distinction. We might add that many an illustrious male has been passed up this year, to place Gertrude on the top rung of the ladder.

In according the honor for her part in restoration and operation of Tryon Palace, THE STATE said "Long ago Gertrude Carraway suggested that the remaining shabby little wing of Tryon's old palace be salvaged. But her idea of salvage took North Carolina's breath away.

"She proposed that the rest of the Palace, burned in 1798, be completely restored. Not only that, but it should be restored in a spacious and beautiful setting, furnished as in its glory, with antiques, art work and rare books.

"Such a plan required demolishing a block of buildings, condemnation of a large tract of land, rebuilding of a bridge, clearing of the waterfront, closing of a street, creation of 18th century gardens. It would take years and millions of dollars.

"Of all the unlikely ideas presented to North Carolinians, this seemed at the time the wildest. But Miss Carraway, whose interest and scholarship had long been attracted to history, never departed from the dream nor from the high standards for its fulfillment.

"Perhaps it was the bold scope of the plan which helped capture the interest and support of Mrs. Maude Latham, of Greensboro, who agreed to sponsor the restoration as Miss Carraway envisioned it. She contributed money for a start, and left more in her will — altogether more than \$1,500,000. The funds were later increased substantially by enhancement of securities in which they were invested, and it is a good thing they were, for cost of rebuilding the Palace exceeded original estimates.

"The State of North Carolina donated part of the land. It rebuilt the bridge elsewhere. All the Restoration properties are decided to the State which operates the Restoration. The State and the City of New Bern cooperated in relocating South Front Street, now called "Tryon Palace Drive," around the waterfront.

"The long and sometimes tedious process of restoration is another story. It was done according to the general outline of the original idea, from the drawings of John Hawks, the original supervising architect, and carried out largely under supervision of Mrs. John A. Kellenberger, Mrs. Latham's daughter, and Mr. Kellenberger.

"But it is only fair to say that Gertrude Carraway is an author of this gem, and without her, there might never have been an effective proposal for the restoration. What is perhaps more rare was her patience, not to say stubborn, faith in her dream and her ability to infect others with her enthusiasm. It was this stamina that made the difference between "just an idea" and a magnificent reality. Her prudent, top-quality management of the completed palace only adds lustre to the achievement."

On the cover of its issue of January 5, THE STATE shows Miss Carraway standing within the grounds of the Restoration, with the Palace in the background. Appropriately, clasped in her hands is a volume of "Governor Tryon." The photo was snapped by another well known North Carolinian, Hugh Morton of Wilmington.

Historical Gleanings

—By—
ELIZABETH MOORE

PARTITION OF JOHN WASHINGTON ESTATE

To the Honble., The Judge of the Superior Court of Law for the County of Craven:

The Petition of John C. Washington, James A. Washington, Eliza Grist, James A. Washington, Eliza H. Grist, James W. Bryan and Ann, his wife, William A. Graham and Susan, his wife; George Washington by his guardian James W. Bryan and Mary A. G. Washington by John C. Washington, her guardian, respectfully sheweth unto your Honors, That John Washington, late of the Town of New Bern in said County, died intestate on the ---day of August, 1837, leaving your petitioners his children and heirs at law, that said John Washington was seized and possessed of divers tracts of land lying in different counties of this state, that said lands have descended to your petitioners as heirs of afore said, and are now held by them in common as copartners, subject to an estate in dower in Elizabeth, the widow of said John. 866 1/2 acres of land in Lenoir County, near Kinston. Lot #9 in Kinston with store house and ware house; Lots Nos. 28, 27, 26, 25, 35, 34, 34, 32, in Kinston; 100 acres of land in Craven County bought at execution sale as the property of Jacob Waller by John Washington; 96 acres of land in Caswell County bought from D. Caswell; 1054 acres Craven County called EGYPT Plantation, 146 1/2 acres adjoining Egypt bought of William Russell, 377 1/2 acres in Lenoir County bought of Benjamin Robinson, 41 acres in Lenoir County bought of Rigdon Moore, 870 1/2 acres in Lenoir called the Allen Lands; 8 1/3 acres of Marsh land on Trent River, in Craven County; 5 1/8 acres in Craven County adjoining New Bern bought of T. B. Wallace, 250 acres in Craven County Francis Hawks land; 604 acres in Craven County bought of Joseph Bell; --- acres of Marsh Land on Neuse River in Craven County; 630 acres in Craven County bought of Mary Ann Pasteur, 446 acres in Lenoir County called the Croom Lands; 75 acres in Lenoir County bought of M. Jordan, 136 acres in Lenoir County bought of R. Jones 115 acres in Lenoir County, bought of T. Jones; 360 acres of land in Craven County bought of Alexander Stanly.

Lots Nos. 81 and 83 in the Town of Waynesborough, Wayne County, 300 acres of land in Lenoir County called Branton Lands, 290 acres in Lenoir County bought of R. Wetherington; Lot No. 34 in Smithfield: 719 1/2 acres of land in Lenoir County, Croom lands; 687 acres of land in Pitt County bought of Thomas H. Blount, 1256 acres in Pitt County, George Blount lands, 47 1/2 acres in Pitt County, the Richard Croom lands; Half of lot #84 in New Bern on Broad Street; Lots Nos. 3, 4, and 40 in New Bern, Water Front of lot No. 3 in New Bern with warehouse and wharf; 800 acres of land on Brice's Creek in Craven County, being the two tracts formerly belonging to James G. Stanly;

Your petitioners further show unto your Honor, that they are desirous of having partition

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HAPPY TO HAVE YOU

Don't count yourself a stranger,
If you've just moved into town;
And forget that you are homesick,
Treading unfamiliar ground.
The children playing on our streets
Are like the ones you know;
And here you'll find the sun and moon
That used to shine for you.
An alley cat is still just that,
In Boston or New York;
The gossipers out in Dallas
Spread our type of idle talk.
We have our share of pompish folks,
Who try to put on airs,
And other souls of simple faith
Who go to God with prayers.
In short, you'll find that New Bern
Really is of stock design;
But I do so hope you'll learn to love
This lovely town of mine.

—JGMCD

made of said lands so that the share of each of said heirs may be allotted in severalty and confirmed by the decree and judgment of your Honor. To the end that said partition may be made,

may it please your honor to appoint commissioners to divide said lands, and make due return of their proceedings to your Honor, and that your petitioners

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