

Barker House historical notes

By Marguerite McCall
Prior to reporting January and February activities, a tabulation shows 23,594 visitors came into the Barker House during 1985. Registrations indicate all fifty States represented and twenty-four foreign countries, including people from Europe, Africa, Asia, Central and South America, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and British Columbia. This cosmopolitan list of current visitors would seem to rival the era when Edenton's port trade brought crewmen here from exotic lands.

Visitation in January 1986 was 812, with 85 hearty folks braving the cold to take the tour.

An attractive, bronze plaque, listing Edenton Historical Commission chairmen and given in memory of Walter Abbe, III, was mounted recently on the staircase wall in the Barker House. Spaces are provided for adding future chairmen's names.

Carpentry repairs have been done on the Zeigler House this winter, as a stabilization effort until later, complete restoration is undertaken. Also, the plaster in the Iredell House dining room was painted in January.

Fifty-four history lovers—the largest enrollment to date—signed up on January 20, for the Barker House History Class,

taught by Phil Evans. Because of size, we have been meeting on Monday evenings in the Old Chowan County Courthouse. The semester concludes on March 10.

Plans for the 1986 Symposium have been formalized. Co-sponsored by the Edenton Historical Commission and North Carolina State University, this year's topic will be "Growth and Change in Historical Towns", with architects and city planners scheduled as speakers, an architectural walking tour of Edenton planned, and Symposium participants treated to meals in historical settings.

In addition, a special dinner is on the agenda to acquaint local people with Symposium members. The dates are May 14-16, and advanced registration is required.

February visitation was 893, with 143 taking the guided tour. A school group of sixty-six, from Trigg Elementary in Pasquotank County, toured on February 18. Sheila Hufton demonstrated the art of making cornshuck mops. Several youngsters were interested in knowing whether Sheila used the mop to scrub her floors at home. She answered truthfully. No!

A three week guide training program was conducted in February. The itinerary consisted of lectures by staff, State Historic Site per-

sonnel, Colonial Williamsburg personnel, and local people with specialized knowledge. Field trips were taken to Newbold-White House in Perquimans County and Somerset Place in Washington County.

On February 20, Sheila Hufton, Ruth Rose, David McCall, Peggy Wright, and I took a staff development trip to the Lynnhaven House in Virginia Beach. Members of The Association for the Preservation of Virginia's Antiquities opened the house especially for our Edenton group and provided us with a guided tour. Wanda Miller, a former guide on our staff and now a volunteer at Lynnhaven, arranged the tour. She also hosted our group and the APVA officials to a lovely luncheon in her new home.

As Penelope Barker, I gave an off-site program to the Coast Guard Officers' Wives' Club in Elizabeth City on January 14. Again in Elizabeth City on February 11, as Ann Durant a seventeenth century Albemarle woman, I presented a program for Museum of the Albemarle's Taste of History series.

Our site manager, Linda Eure, is currently designing exhibits on North Carolina Historic Sites for the Legislature Building in Raleigh.

A historic tidbit: "The State Gazette, Edenton, N.C. August 29, 1798. Mr. Lailson most respectfully informs the Ladies and Gentlemen of Edenton, that he will perform on Thursday evening next... The Famous Horse Bucephalus, will leap through a Hoghead with both ends closed with paper, in full speed, at the command of his rider... Tickets to be had at Capt. Cox's Tavern."

The first Bucephalus was Alexander the Great's favorite charger. This one mentioned in the article may have been far more interesting, however, for no matter the reported size of the old hogheads, it is difficult to imagine horse and rider leaping through one. Exciting events took place in "Old Edenton".

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Cape Colony — Seaview Drive, "A" frame home w/3 bedrms, 2½ baths; great room, kitchen w/all appliances; game room; wraparound deck; detached room for shop or office; detached garage; swimming pool w/fence for privacy; 2½ corner lots. Shown by appointment only.....\$105,000.

Cape Colony — Blue Gill Circle. Cozy 2 bedroom, 1 bath home located on canal with boat dock and screen back porch to enjoy the view\$29,500.

Arrowhead Beach — Creek Trail. Nice 2 bedroom, 1 bath home located in secluded area for privacy. Access to Chowan River via creek behind house. An excellent buy! Reduced from \$38,000. TO.....\$28,000.

East Queen Street — Step back into time and enjoy spacious & gracious living with this built to last colonial home. 4 bedrooms; 2 baths; kitchen; family room; dining room & large foyer.....\$61,000.

Hwy. 17, South — 3 BR's, 1 bath, living and dining room combination, large eat in kitchen with stove, laundry room, new carpet, central heat and air, new hot water heaterREDUCED \$40,000.

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Willow Drive — Mobile Home on two lots. Living room w/wood stove, 2 bedrooms, kitchen with built in stove & oven. 1½ baths! In good neighborhood!.....\$20,000.

Cape Colony — Comfortable home, easy to heat, with spiral stairway. Located on three lots on Bluegill Circle. 3 BR's and 1½ baths. Beautiful wooden kitchen cabinets and large utility room.....\$45,000.

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Colony Dr. — Very quiet neighborhood, 3 bedrooms, 1½ baths, living room, kitchen with washer, ref., stove, window air conditioner and satellite antenna. Attached garage. All for.....\$48,000.

Cape Colony — 3 bedroom 1972 Star mobile home with 1-½ baths; eat-in kitchen; dining room & large great room with fireplace located on 2 large corner lots. Can be yours for only.....\$25,000.

Country Club Drive — "Waterfront" Nice lot which consists of 32,500 sq. ft., over ½ an acre. Includes small bungalow in which one could live while building permanent home. Not many left.....\$75,000.

Arrowhead Beach — Powhatan Trail - A neat well-kept home which is ready to move into. 3 BR's, 2 full baths, living room, den w/fireplace, kitchen with refrigerator and stove. Washer, dryer hook-up. Central heat and air. A steal for.....\$32,000.

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Country Club Drive — Colonial style home. Master BR and bath downstairs, formal living room, formal dining room, large den with fireplace, large eat in kit., utility room with ½ bath, screen porch. Immaculate.....\$165,000.

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W. Albemarle Street — Large parking lot in prime location.....\$50,000.

Chowan Beach — 50' x 120' Pamlico Trail with water hookup.....\$6,000.

Arrowhead Beach
Pueblo Trail — 50 x 110.....\$2,000.

Apache Trail — 50 x 100.....\$3,000.

Winebago Trail — "waterfront" 50 x 165.....\$12,000.

Apache Trail — 4 acres with access to creek.....\$4,000.

Cape Colony
White Oak — 2 adjoining building lots.....\$5,000 or \$2,500 ea.

Coral Lane — Lot close to recreation park and water.....\$3,500.

Rockfish — 50 x 150.....\$2,000.

Bluegill Circle — approx. ¼ acre.....\$4,000.

Corner of Coral Lane — 50 x 156.....\$5,500.

Sycamore Circle — "on canal" 130 x 165.....\$6,000.

Willow Drive — 100 x 150.....\$6,600.

Country Club
Bayview Trail — 2 lots.....\$10,000. each

Fairway — 3.12 acre.....\$45,000.

Paradise Rd. — 66 x 660.....\$3,500.

Center Hill — approx. 1 acre.....\$6,300.

Merry Hill — 0.5 acre.....\$8,000.

Paradise Rd. — approx. 1.23 acre.....\$10,000.

Hwy. 32 N. — 110 frontage.....\$6,500.

Albemarle Sound — 300 ft. water frontage, 2 lots left.....\$25,000 ea.

Washington County — Driftwood Estates across from water, 11 lot already approved.

Developers Dream — 55 acres boarding town limits.....\$165,000.

Oakdale Drive — 2 Beautiful building lots with large trees. Perfect for your dream home.....\$10,500.

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