PUBLIC BUILDING

INSCRIPTION ON TABLET

Exitus Acta Probat

Washington in the United States. Established A.

D. 1789. In Washington, Beaufort County, North

Caralina. The First Town named Washington in

the United States, December 1776.

North Carolina. 1913.

To commercrate the first Post Office named

PUBLIC BUILDING IS NOW OUR OW

Formally Presented to City by Assistant Secretary Bryan R. Newton of The United States Treasury.

WAS MEMORABLE OCCASION IN HISTORY OF WASHINGT

PARADE NEARLY HALF MILE IN LENGTH, LUNCH-EON AT THE ELKS HOME

and Interior equip ment of Washington's public building, said Assistant Secre-tary of the Treasury Newton, today in his speech presenting the building to the city, a-mounts to \$129,995,84; deducting this from the appropriation of \$140,000 it will be seen that you still have a balance of \$6.18 Therefore Mr. Chairman and citizens of Washington, it is my asureable duty, on behalf su, here it is; well built nament to your elts, and it is yours for keeps. Congress Small is really the man should thank for it. He prohe made the speeches. He talk ed about it up at the capitol, and we did the business in the Treasury building. We selected the cite, made the plans, let the contract, supervised construction, handled the money and hired the belg. In short we did the hard work and the esbman did the hard talking,

Dedication Washington's handsome public Washing Juilding in which is situated the all the positionice, United States court room Jowing the band marched the seamen in the conscience of man the sense etc., was formally presented to the from the Revenue Cutter Pamilco of civic justice as that of Washington the banks of Pamilco river names to their proper places in the men:—As he r p sentative of the state, upon its port little rival to restore as far as possible these upon the banks of Pamilco river names to their proper places in the men:—As he r p sentative of the state, upon its port little rival to restore as far as possible these upon the banks of Pamilco river names to their proper places in the men:—As he r p sentative of the last of the state, upon its port little rival to restore as far as possible these upon the banks of Pamilco river names to their proper places in the men:—As he r p sentative of the state, upon its port little rival to restore as far as possible these.

They are dding their best, and why false Gods or worshipping at unholy the pleasure for me to be here today shrines. They are the town of Washington in the state, upon its port little rival to restore as far as possible these.

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building the Daughters of the Amer ican Revolution presented the tab-let erected in the corridor of the building commemorative of Wash, ington as the oldest town and post-office so named 1776—1788, by Miss Idda T. Rodman in behalf of the pairs, each grade being in charge of manent Major Readus Blount Chapter and its teacher. This was a sight to himself unveiled by Miss Majorie Blount make any citizen proud. The students of t The speaker of the day, Hon. By in length. With faces bright and ron R. Newton, was presented by eyes sparkling they marched to mar-Hon. John H. Small. Mayor F. C. Ital mails and took the length. visitors and invited the public building. guests at the Elka Home.

came as far as Elizabeth City where tary of the Treasury and orator of he boarded the Revenue Cutter Pam- the day; Captain West in command

cocasion had been looked forward thanks to Him on this auspicous octon and its realization was certainly casion. The opening prayer was made by Rev. H. B. Seargist. Passing of the picture of the made by Rev. H. B. Seargist. Passing of the picture of the passing the program. By the time the parade passed down Main street the representative of the government and other distinguished guests away Old Slory kining the brosses from house too. Regarde and window—kunting and decorations of syary conceivation of which appears also on a lackground of the fact forms the beautory was personal of the picture of the parade passed down Main street the representative of the government and other distinguished guests away Old Slory kining the brosses from house too. Regarde and window—kunting and decorations of syary conceiva-

ble kind and shape could be

At the public building, take place, were seen the most clab orate decorations. Here the entire front was a mass of flags etc., typi-cal of Southern hospitality and pa-tivotism. Those in charge of the thotism. Those in charge of the day had roped off the front of the building for the exercises and in consequence those wishing to secure their mail had to enter the side en-This rule did not cause any kick for if there is a people who are loyal to their state and nation it is

As scheduled the parade formed front of the residence of Hon. J. Small, corner of Main and Bridge streets promptly at 10.30 o'clock. The parade amid cheers from the citizens and visitors wended its way down Main street to Bon-Wiley C. Roeman in command of it. There is magic in such a sofficial mark, a town in the clouds the military and Lieutenant Commander Charles Morton of the North to conjure with, and to kindle the soft in the content of the North to conjure with, and to kindle the land bells making marky. This per-

Prior to the presentation of the Sixth Division N. C. Naval Militia tenant W. B. Rodman, Jr. Following the band and militia

were the pupils of the Washington Public Schools, nearly eight hun-dred in number. They walked in pairs, each grade being in charge of of the American Revolution gave a packed the streets in and around

Immediately following the stu-Secretary Newton Arrives

dents of the public schools were automobiles, the first containing Hon.

igton City Saturday night and Byron R. Newton. Assistant Secrearriving here early this morn- of the Revenue Cutter Pamileo

City in Gala Attire

Washington today was in holiday garb and nearly every business house on Main and Market streets was decorated for an occasion memorable in city's history—the formal turning over to the city of the public and the proper legal turning over to the city of the public building in the mayor cald that on October 12; the formal turning over to the city of the public building just completed by Uncle sam. For weeks this auspicious odd so we down it fitting to give charks to the major cald that the proper began. The proper began and the major cald that on October 12; they when Columbus landed on the washington, Beaufort county, North Carolina, was the first to be so named, and this fact forms the major with the anticastion by an early hour today people were of the First Presbyterian church people of Beaufort county county and the First Presbyterian church.



Hon. Byron R. Newton

Ladies and Gentlemen, Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of the Confederacy, the Hon. Secretary of the Treasury, and Member of Congress;-The immortal Shakespeare has told us that a rose by any other name would smell as ner street, thence to Second street sweet, this may be true of the rose and thence to the piblic beliding. At but believe it not as regards a name John C. Rodman chief marshall, Col. ness of the immortal goal that

Lieutenant' R. R. Handy and the in wisdom and virtue. To quickly loke, it had come to stay, and in ac.

Sixth Division N. C. Naval Militia

recognize and pay tribute to the highest type of merit and patriotism is proof that you, yourself, share the And when Colonel James Bonner, December 7, 1776, gave the name of Washington, to his intended township, he left a per-

The founders and early commis-Cowper, Robert-Salter, Henry Bonner, John Gray Blount, Nathan Keals, Richard Blackledge and Jo- and broad acres lived in abundance John Gladden and Hadrianus Van some of the prorities of this section Washington and New Bern. Norden. The action of these men were old Bath town first town in the Norden. The action of these men and others confirmed what the historian, Wheeler, wrote, that "the in-habitants of Beautort county were the state, date 1791; and one time which would have been disast

ardent patrict, received from the State Congress at Hillsboro; his commission to sommand the regiment of Beaufort county militis. The spirit

ad a town for this great man, but the iment N. C. Troops in the Continen-records in our court house prove tal line, he was commended for that Washington, Beaufort county, bravery and was a member of the

Buff and blue, the British colors, but | regiment, a dashing The Americans were what was disblayed by his drawing in one corner. as official mark, a town in the clouds

The old Mulberry Tavern, on Wacord with the motto of its great ter street was the first house built beautiful new structure. I belong are, simply substituting common numesake, "the result has proved the in-the town of Washington, letters to the working branch of the govern good for common greed and striving manent record of the patriotism of the historian and surveyor general colonies met in the Provisional Consloners with Col. Bonner, were John of Pampticocgh river in 1700. Time Massachusetts to Georgia by post

William Blount, a member of the

sent for it. shows that Beaufort all for troops made in North dina for Revolutionary service

ived up to their grand old names, and it behooves us of today to live ip to this beautiful building which has been secured to the town of Washington through the untiring eforts of our distinguished citizen. and member of Congress, Hon. Jno. H. Small. In this endeavor, we, the mbers of Major Reading Blount Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution present this tablet to Mr. Small, to the city, and to the government as a fitting memorial to ing. At the conclusion of the presenta-

tion of the tablet it was unveiled by weet little Miss Majorie Hoyt and Master Charles M. Brown. A fitting climax to the unveiling of this tablet was the singing of Amer ica" by the school children.

ed the speaker of the day, Hon. Byron R. Newton. Mr. Small said s cuit in the citizenship of the comen him his jot the present building warehouse not otherwise appropri-would not have been possible so far ated. as he was concerned. "Now that this building has been completed we like Congressman Small in the and is beautiful in exterior and interior's said Mr. Small, "let us to-day make good that assertion, our friends, there is new order t ever loyalty to the old flag and today in Washington. bring us closer together not simply der of things means that men as citizens of North Carolina but as control are working with an honor citizens and loyal subjects of the purpose and they are working hard. greatest republic on this earth."
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Small stated that all of us should phere and in an environment when and that he knew all felt proud in

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Secretary Newton in presenting the same time. They at

and perform my humble part in the wild theories. Nor are they trying ceremonies which convey to you this to perform modern miracles. were carried there by the captains ment, and whatever I shall have to to do those things which any set the vessels, or other travellers, say to you must be said in the simof the vessels, or other travellers, say to you must be said in the sim-of the vessels, or other travellers, say to you must be said in the sim-and left until called for, or given ple terms of a working man, for I with the solemn responsibility of to passing neighbors, or friends. know no other form of expression. the welfare of ninety millions of in-But when the representatives of the I represent the Treasury Department dustrious, struggling human beings. know no other form of expression. the welfare of ninety millions of in-The oratorical and ornamental They are trying to be just as comgress they resolved to expend and branch of the government is situat-improve the carrying the mail from ed at the other end of Pennslyvania dealing with the affairs of the ed at the other end of Pennsilyania avenue, up at the Capitol. and the tions homes, as they would be in functions of that department must dealing with the affairs of their own be performed on this occasion by firesides.

> It is now a little more than seven On June 30, 1906, an Act of Congress was passed authroizing a site not be just as honest and prudent in and building for a postoffice and the District of Columbia as anywhere etc., court house, at a cost of \$75,000.

Meanwhile on January 29, 1909, the Treasury Department accepted the present site, offered Mrs. J. K. Three of the land was vested in the United States government. te- that, on July 21, 1911, the conthe awarding of the contract the

The total cost for site, construction and interior equipment amounts to \$139,993.84. Deducting this from the appropriation of \$140,000 that you still have Therefore, Mr. Chairman and cit-

lina. I hold this commission in my lizens of Washington, it is my please ands-to me it is a precious docu- urable duty, on behalf of the Fed. eral government, to say to you, here ounty gave her portion in the last it is; well built, free and unencumbered, an ornament to your city, and it is yours for keeps.

Cong man you should thank for it. He procured it for you. That is to say be made the speeches. He talked about it up at the capitol and we did the business in the Treasury building. We selected the site, made the plans, let the contract, see the money and hired the help. In the Congressman did the hard talk-

But I am not here to hearthstone. All congressmen talk. They are all very much alike in that respect, except that some keep them selves in Congress by talking and others keep themselves at ho the same process. It is all in kno Hon. John H. Small then present- ing how to talk. This beautiful edifice is a testimonial to Congress-man Small's ability as a talker, so, that it was his distinct pleasure as if you want to continue getting good things from the National Capitol, munity to take an humble part in my counsel to you is to keep Mr. this endeavor. Spoke of his work Small in Congress. We like him, in aiding towards its possibility and we've grown used to him, and he that if the people here had not giv- can have anything in Uncle Sames But there is another reason why

> party and his highest ideals all at not steking the enrichment or the

There isn't nything idealistic It is now a little more than seven experimental about that. It is just years since the initial step was tak. plain, human, twentieth century toward procuring this building. prudence and honesty, and I don't Before active operations began, inherent frailties of human nature

There is however, one little matter I want to speak about, that is the beautiful tablet which the Daughters of the American Revolumonths later in April 1909, the title tion have placed here in the walls of this new structure. It is the ty-pical of the magnificent work they are doing all over this great countract for construction was anarded try; and in saying this I am not talk-to Mr. Jose G. Unkefer for \$194. ing politics, for while I admire the And exactly two years from Daughters, it by no means follows that I am advocating equal suffrage In fact one of the reasons why E suffrage is the danger that modern politics might creep into the affairs of the Daughters and interrupt and profane the beautiful work they are

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(Record of Beaufort County Book 4 Page 253) Tablet erected by the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution of Washington Washington had but recently been begged to be sent to the front that an officer in the British, or colonial he might fight under the command army, in the French and Indian wars of General Washington; Nathan and as early as 1776, no great Keals, captain in the second regionange in uniforms had taken place. ment, Hes buried in old St. Peter's churchyard in this city; Caleb Foreman, lieutenant in the Eighth regiment, rests in the old Snod burying
groupd near the Norfolk Southern
depot; Richard Respess was a lieuBeilding Presente

The settlements on Pamlico and Tar rivers were almost, if not quite, co-incident with the first permanent settlements in the state. Lawson, for the Lords Proprietors, found settiers and hospitality on the shores does not permit the those who with comfortable homes state, chartered in 1705, which con-

temptible port of Ocracoke" Of those who bore arms in the Pevolution, and won laurels iment N. C. Troops in the Continenoriginal society of the Cincinnatti, ment, rests in the old Snoad burying the Revolution, acting as Reading Blount received a commis-sion as Capt. in the Fifth regiment N. C. Continental Troops, served un

at the battle of Guilford

mander thanks where the state of love and patriotism in hearts and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are not permanent to conjure with, and to kindle the and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are not permanent to conjure with, and to kindle the and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and bells making merry. This per tenant in this regiment. There are stowed in presenting and the building to the city of Washington concert beautiful to restore as far as possible these the building to the city of Washington concert beautiful to restore as far as possible these the building to the city of Washington concert beautiful to restore as far as possible the sealed the building to the city of Washington concert beautiful to restore as far as possible the sealed the building to the city of

carriagys if practicable.

Rugger acted as master of ceremoday's exercises by singing America seph Blount. The nearest neighbors, whose lands were incorporated lie building the Daughters of the Sons places from the large crowd which John Gladden and Haurianus Van some of the profittee of this section. Congress of 1787, from the district Congressman Small. this route in opposition to the one habitants of Beaufort county were distinguished for their early devotion to the principles of liberty."

In 1775, Col. James Bonner, an ardent patrict, received from the State Congress at Hillsboro; his commissioned and garrisoned by Gov. Hyde in 1712, and successfully withstood mission to commission to found the residence of Governor Olds. For Reading nearly opposite on the state of the river was commissioned and garrisoned by Gov. Hyde in 1712, and successfully withstood come personally responsible for the first contemplated, are two fivers engaged in transporting the mail over this route. From this concerns with a request that the improvement of successfully withstood come personally responsible for the first contemplated, are two diverse engaged in transporting the particle, received from the State Congress at Hillsboro; his commission to come personally responsible for the first contemplated, are two diverse engaged in transporting the particle of the state, date 1701; and one time which would have been disastrous on this basis of cost it became on this basis of co lico arriving here eafly this more ing a dispatch to the Releigh News and Observer from Washington heard the midem appears that Washington heard the midem appears of the Revenue Cutter Pamlicos's of independence was at white heat the midem appears of the Revenue Cutter Pamlicos's of independence was at white heat the midem appears of the Revenue Cutter Pamlicos's of independence was at white heat the midem appears of the Revenue Cutter Pamlicos's of independence was at white heat the mission to go in the Revenue Cutter Pamlicos's of independence was at white heat the mission of only ten men. Forta Read the maid was established January 1, and what more natural than the first administration when the united States. The of the Pamlicos's of the American Revolution and the United States. The of the Pamlicos's of the American in 1773, and what more natural than the first administration when the serve the two first history, and when Samuel Ossood was established in 1789 under the first administration when the first administration when the serve of the Confeders and when Samuel Ossood was strain postmanter general.

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Once of Exercises

Other Pamlicos of the Confeders and all the time it drivers engaged in transporting the mail over this route From this correct the mission to some the time of the state. Here the season at the constant of the cast for the two first forth the mail over this route that Go of the Revenue Cutter Pamlicos's of independence was at white heat in frest contended an attack of 200 Indians with a gar and all the time it drivers engaged in transporting the mail over this route that the congress with a request that the limit of cost for state and building be in 1773, and what more antered to the state. Here the section of the Revenue Cutter Pamlicos' of independence was at white heat first contended an attack of 200 Indians with a gar and all the time it from content to the congress with a request that the its grown deriver the mail over this route that the time of from Ebenezer Hazard, postmaster General during the Revolution, and of Samuel Osgood, Postmaster General in President Washington's cab-Col. John Patten, of the Second Reg inet, and of Gideon Grainger, in the Hoyt, at a cost of \$15,000. under President Jefferson, each written to John Gray Blount, who was prominent in the affairs of this city and state during aster, member of Governor's supplies for the government in the the awarding of the contract the West Indies in 1777, Assistant Com building was completed and ready missary stationed at Washington in the battle of faulton and the battle at the bravery on the field of battle at the bravery on the field of battle at the bravery on the field of battle at the bravery on the was, also, an chase, or impress the equipment for member of the Cheinnati. He was

county as its quots of the 4,000 men ordered by the Assembly to be sent from this state to ald South Caro-