

Noted Potters From Moore

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Road Pottery in 1960, other Owens were ready to step in. M.L.'s son Vernon now owns the Jugtown Pottery, where he is assisted by his brother Bobby. And right next door Boyd Owens runs the old family shop and calls on his father M.L. and his sister Nancy for the bulk of the turning.

Were he alive today, Dorris Craven would be taken back by the types of wares his "descendants" are making, a varied and multicolored array of art, horticultural and tablewares, many of which he would likely dismiss as mere useless "toys." However, he worked throughout the second half of the nineteenth century, when the folk tradition was at its zenith. Thus, he could not have foreseen the impact of Prohibition, commercial dairies, supermarkets, and cheap glass, plastic, and paper containers on his business.

At the same time, Dorris would not be surprised at the vitality of the modern potteries. He would probably cite other names omitted here—Cagle, Campbell, Cole, McNeil, Milton, Moody, Scott, Spencer, Spinks, Williamson—families who were also important to the craft. And he would point to ongoing developments—Ben Owen's son and grandson



CRAVEN POTTERY — The Daniel Z. Craven Pottery, 1915, Moore County. Courtesy of the Division of Archives and History, State Department of Cultural Resources, Raleigh.

reopening the old shop; Laura Teague Moore's Pot Luck Pottery in her grandfather John Wesley's homeplace; and newcomers like Mary and David Farrell who produce a tremendous range of traditional forms at their Westmoore Pottery. Above

all, he would see much that was familiar to him: old forms and glazes; the same informal, cluttered shops; and a pervasive sense of family and place. Surely, he would be pleased at his work.

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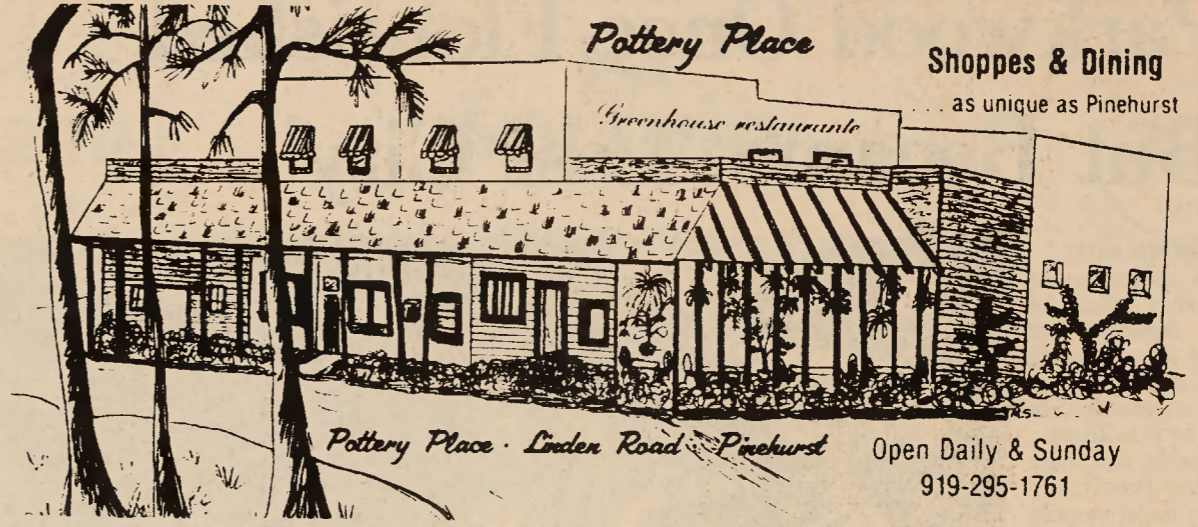
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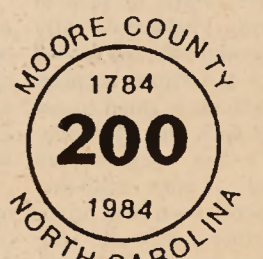
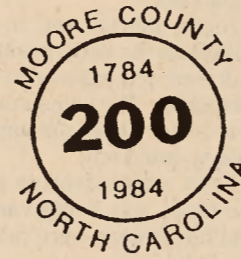


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