

One of Oldest Homes Still Stands in East Carteret



This is the 139-year-old home of Mrs. Hilda Royal Gillikin of Smyrna, known as the Hancock place. An example of the workmanship of early days, all doors are extra high to avoid stooping by the tallest men of the period.

Editor's Note: This historical sketch was compiled by William Moore Davis of Smyrna and read before the County Historical Society at the April meeting held at Smyrna.

Years ago Carteret County had many historic homes, but with progress at the door, many of these homes have been torn down. Yet there is still one old home, unreached by modern roads, that has been left intact. This is the 139-year-old home of Mrs. Hilda Royal Gillikin of Smyrna.

Though there have been some repairs in the last few years that Mrs. Gillikin has lived there, one can still gaze upon this old house as one of the few remaining in Carteret County.

Long before the Revolutionary War, King George of England granted to Cromwell Hancock over 140 acres of land some place in the New World. But before he could start to locate his land, the Revolutionary War broke out. Cromwell fought at the battle of Boston Harbor, but no honors were attributed to him. Instead his cousin, John Hancock, the first and best signer of the Declaration of Independence, went down in history.

After the war, Cromwell started south to look for his large tract of land. He found his property to be a peninsula jutting out into Jarrett's Bay, in the eastern part of Carteret County. At his death, Hancock divided his estate among his children, Sally, James, Cromwell, William, Abbie. A son, Benjamin had been lost at sea in a storm.

In the early part of 1818, William Hancock at the age of 27, married Hannah Shackelford. Between the years 1820 and 1822, he had a fine house built by his six slaves, on the peninsula jutting out into Jarrett's Bay. Great logs cut from Pool's swamp were used to form the

framework of the six room house, which was held together with wooden pegs.

William Hancock had the high walls plastered and a great fireplace built, in which to cook and for the heating of the house. The fireplace with its 135 year-old chimney and its handcarved mantel, which was built by the grandfather of George R. Wallace of Morehead City, can still be seen today, partly covered with ivy.

William and Hannah Hancock had seven children. The first two died in 1823 as infants. The other five were John, Samuel, William, Mariam and Sabra. The youngest daughter, Sabra, was married to Whittington Davis on Valentine's day in 1857.

To this union was born ten children, Lottie, William, Charles, George, Hannah, Norman, Samuel and twins, Nannie and Louis. One other child, Milton, died in infancy.

Miss Lottie, the oldest daughter never married. She became one of the early school teachers of the county. She first joined the faculty at Hatteras. With the opening of the Graham Academy at Marshallberg she became a member of the faculty, teaching in this institution until its close.

While teaching at the Academy, Miss Lottie bought a parlor organ, one of the first instruments of this sort east of Beaufort. The Hancock house became the center for all young people in the Smyrna area to enjoy the organ and the community singing.

The Star Methodist Church and the Graham Academy were the chief interests of Miss Lottie during her active days. She died in 1942 at the grand old age of 84.

The twin, Nannie, was married to Walter Moore Royal of Marshallberg in 1895. To them were born

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TOWN OF BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1958

ASSETS:

Taxes Receivable	\$ 45,252.18
Deposit with Local Government Commission	175.16
Front Street Lots	2,199.00
Property, Buildings, and Equipment	542,886.43
Total Assets	\$590,512.77

LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND SURPLUS:

Deferred Income — Prepaid Taxes	\$ 15,541.30
Accounts Payable	1,742.61
Bank Overdraft	360.95
Bonds and Notes Payable	363,500.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	45,252.18
Total Liabilities and Reserves	\$426,397.04

Surplus or Deficit:	Deficit	Surplus
General Fund	\$63,833.04	\$
Debt Service Fund		40,562.12
Beaufort Cemetery Fund		2,407.92
Otway Burns Memorial Fund		92.30
Capital Fund		184,886.43
	\$63,833.04	\$227,948.77
Net Consolidated Surplus		\$164,115.73
Total Liabilities, Reserves, and Surplus		\$590,512.77

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1958

RECEIPTS:

Town Taxes, Penalties, and Costs	\$ 62,310.86
State Intangible Tax	1,323.79
State Franchise Tax	1,285.40
State Beer and Wine Licenses	3,029.78
Automobile Licenses	451.00
Business Licenses	2,405.65
Powell Bill	10,483.44
Carteret County A.B.C. Board Profits	9,620.05
Parking Meter Receipts	6,920.35
Parking Fines and Violations	831.90
Court Costs	85.00
Sewer Cut-Ins	165.00
Sale of Supplies	88.00
Telephone Booth Rentals	120.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	261.00
Mosquito Control	1,750.00
Refunds and Miscellaneous	161.57
Anticipation Note Proceeds	5,500.00
Total Receipts	\$106,792.79
Cash Balance (Overdraft) July 1, 1957	(2,249.61)
Total Receipts and Balance	\$104,543.18

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund:		
Administrative Expenses	\$15,072.44	
General Expenses	17,244.61	
Police Department	23,241.45	
Fire Department	11,239.71	
Street Department	24,388.52	\$ 91,186.73
Debt Service Fund:		
Bond Retirement	\$ 2,880.00	
Bond Interest	10,760.21	
Bank Charges	25.81	13,666.02
Cemetery Fund:		
Surveying	\$ 35.00	
Labor and Pipe for Water Line	108.68	143.68
Total Disbursements	\$104,996.43	
Cash Balance (Overdraft) June 30, 1958	(453.25)	
Total Disbursements and Balance	\$104,543.18	

CERTIFICATE

We have made an examination of the financial records of the Town of Beaufort, North Carolina, for fiscal year ended June 30, 1958 and have filed our Audit Report thereon with the Town Commissioners. The above condensed Financial Statements were prepared from our Audit Report and are in agreement with our report and the Books of Account.

WILLIAMS & WALL
By: Frank P. Wall,
Certified Public Accountant

TOWN OF BEAUFORT, NORTH CAROLINA

CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1959

ASSETS:

Taxes Receivable	\$ 84,194.50
Deposit with Local Government Commission	175.16
Hurricane Funds Receivable	8,470.98
Front Street Lots	2,199.00
Property, Buildings, and Equipment	558,756.07
Total Assets	\$653,795.71

LIABILITIES, RESERVES, AND SURPLUS:

Bank Overdraft	\$ 3,791.90
Deferred Income Prepaid Taxes	13,030.53
Accounts Payable	19,333.58
Bonds Payable	354,000.00
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes	84,194.50
Total Liabilities and Reserve	\$474,350.51

Surplus or Deficit:	Deficit	Surplus
General Fund	\$81,023.08	\$
Debt Service Fund		53,129.41
Beaufort Cemetery Fund		2,490.50
Otway Burns Memorial Fund		92.30
Capital Fund		204,756.07
	\$81,023.08	\$260,468.28
Net Consolidated Surplus		179,445.20
Total Liabilities, Reserve and Surplus		\$653,795.71

CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1959

RECEIPTS:

Town Taxes, Penalties, and Costs	\$ 62,577.80
State Intangible Taxes	1,388.07
State Franchise Taxes	1,280.05
State Beer and Wine Licenses	2,985.70
Automobile Licenses	451.00
Business Licenses	3,014.25
Powell Bill	10,418.92
Carteret County A.B.C. Board Profits	8,511.33
Parking Meter Receipts	5,972.57
Parking Fines and Violations	610.95
Court Costs	57.75
Sewer Cut-Ins	120.00
Telephone Booth Rentals	120.00
Mowing and Cleaning Lots	51.50
Mosquito Control	1,000.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots	135.00
Miscellaneous	173.06
Election Filing Fee	95.00
Equipment Rental	21,286.25
Repayments on advance to Hurricane Fund	4,700.00
Total Receipts	\$124,949.20
Cash Balance (Overdraft) July 1, 1958	(453.25)
Total Receipts and Balance	\$124,495.95

DISBURSEMENTS:

General Fund:		
Administrative Expenses	\$15,206.19	
General Expenses	20,958.02	
Police Department	21,857.43	
Fire Department	7,729.14	
Street Department	29,671.89	\$ 95,422.67
Debt Service Fund:		
Bond Retirement	\$ 3,680.00	
Bond Interest	10,801.36	
Bank Charges	38.20	14,519.56
Cemetery Fund:		
Deed	\$ 1.25	
County Property Tax	16.17	
Surveying	35.00	52.42
Miscellaneous:		
Advances to Pay Salaries —		
Hurricane Fund	\$12,885.50	
Retirement of Anticipation Note	5,500.00	18,385.50
Total Disbursements	\$128,380.15	
Cash Balance (Overdraft) June 30, 1959	(3,884.20)	
Total Disbursements and Balance	\$124,495.95	

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