

Script for volunteers at 17 E 2nd St. not in character/costume

A Day In Old New Castle 2016 by Phee Price

- Land grant to Fop Outhout around 1680.
- Purchased by George Hogg and built home between 1703-1721
- Originally attached to the house next door (#15) and was known as the Hogg Mansion
- Purchased by John Passmore and passed to his son William around 1768
- Passmore involved in the NC Market across the street
- A 1729 town decree had made Wednesdays and Saturdays market days and no provisions were to be bought or sold anywhere except in the Market House.
- You can still see where the Market House was attached.
- Passmore and his business partners Thomas Janvier and John Darragh set the rent for the market stalls. For folks to bring in their livestock, vegetables and other merchandise, the rates were \$4 per year, 40 cents per month, 12.5 cents per week or 2 cents per day.
- The reality of the market: mauvais odeur; pigs, horses, chickens and people all shared the dusty and sometimes muddy street, full of holes and ruts made by pounding of feet, horse's hooves and wagon wheels.
- large and noisy crowds gathered regularly to watch the public whippings and hanging at the jail and the debtor's prison. It was a busy, prosperous town!
- Passmore also owned large parcel of land next door/maintained as a garden for folks to enjoy and come and sit a spell.
- Construction of homes during this time, English/Flemish bond, handmade nails, bricks in the alley being exposed
- around 1800, the Passmore daughter married a young, handsome cobbler named Adam Barr.
- As part of her dowry, William Passmore rented Adam the empty lot next door, which had been our garden for two Spanish milled dollars per year
- he built a grand townhouse on the property. (Wynn's house, #13)

- Adam Barr wanted to increase his community importance by building a house right next to Hogg Mansion in this busy focal point of the town.
- Built the house right on the street, not recessed, like George Reed had done on the Strand to make residents to feel like that the home was really connected to the community.
- Tried to match the architectural style of with this house so it would seem to a part of the grand Hogg Mansion and be associated with the memory and success of the people that had lived there.
- spared no expense and used the best building materials he could find.
- After the house was done, Adam would sit on the 2nd floor and gaze over the market to see if he could pick out some men he wanted to do business with.
- Adam was not very cautious in his business dealings.
- When the Passmores died, they inherited this house home, which was still adjoined with the one next to it. owned nearly the whole block.
- borrowed \$1,800 from Joseph Hamilton, unable to pay it back.
- Divided the home to produce rental income
- Eventually, in disgrace, we had to leave NC and go to Philadelphia, where Adam took up his cobbler business again.
- The three grand houses on Market Street were seized by the Sheriff in 1819 and eventually Adam's brother Robert bought them all for \$500.
- When Adam died, his wife Elizabeth opened a school to support herself and her children.
- Despite his lack of financial savvy, the Barrs, the Passmores and the Hogg family were some of the most influential early New Castle residents and helped shape the future of our wonderful little town.

