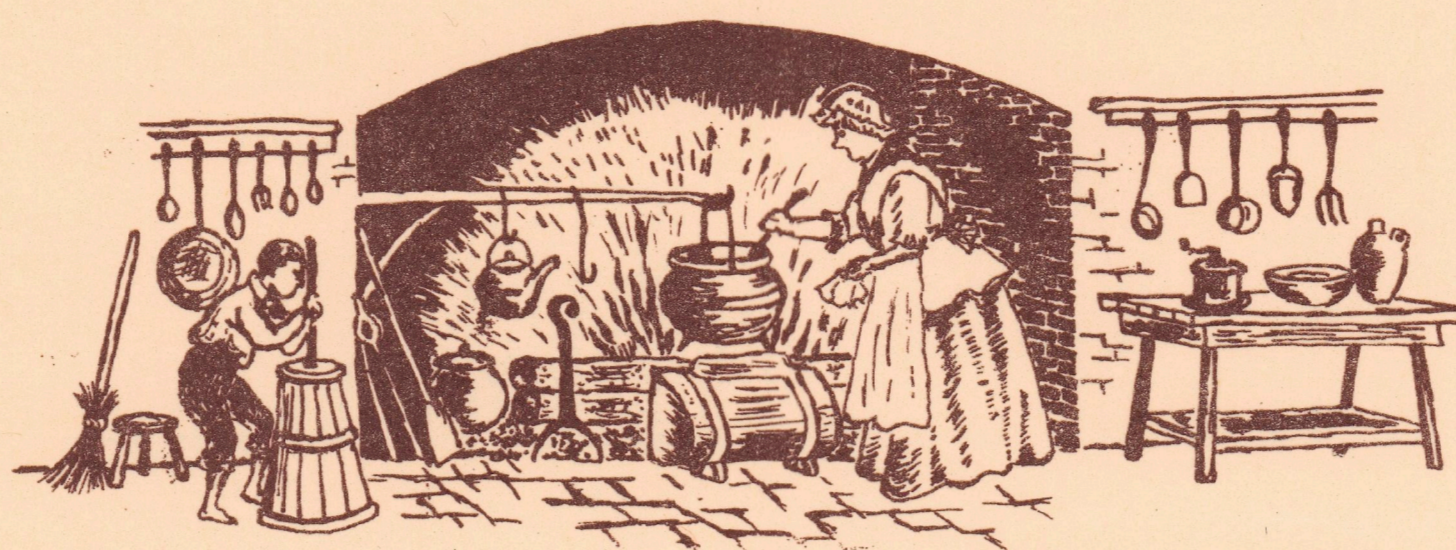


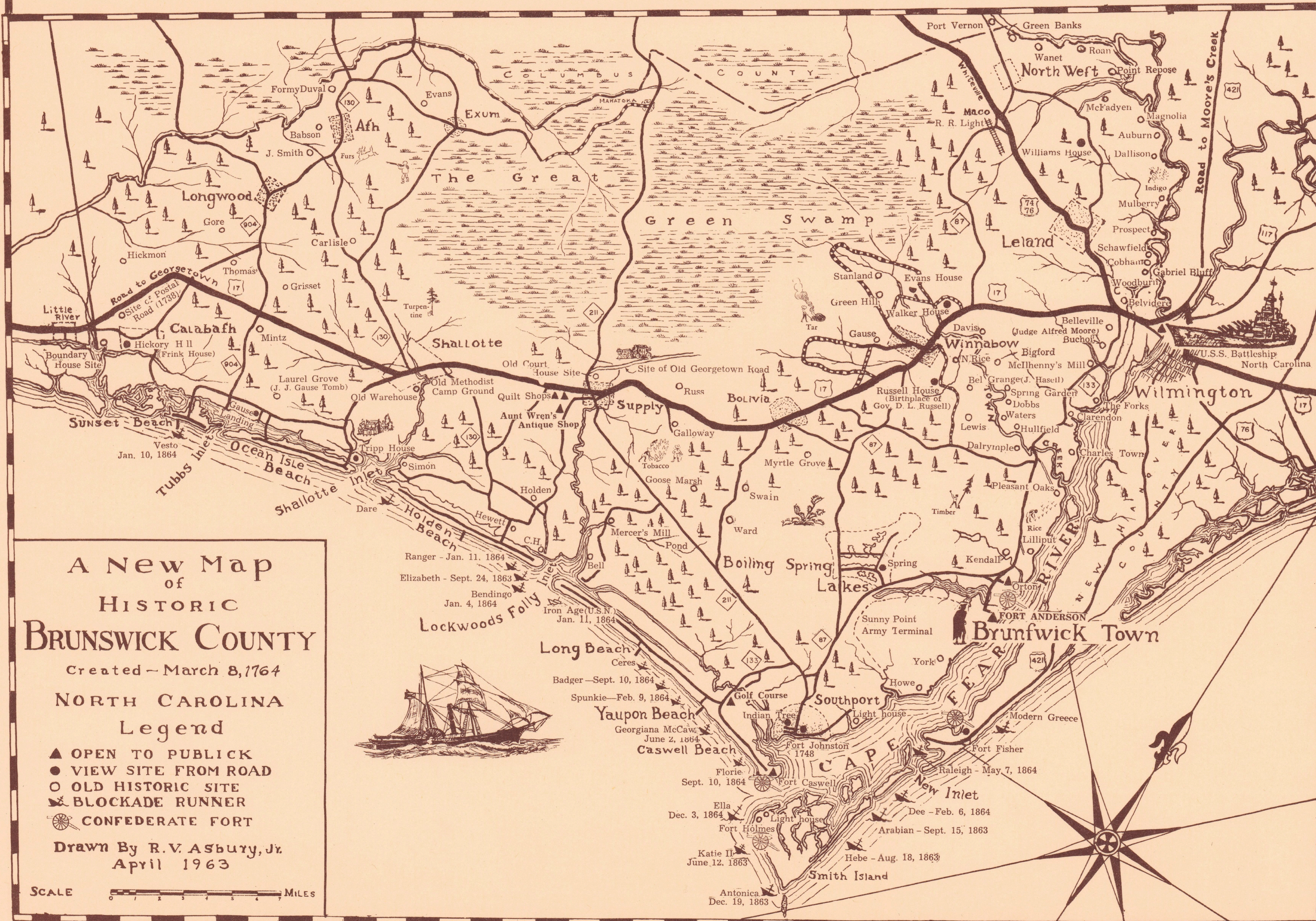
The Cape Fear River area was explored by Verrazano in 1524, and Ayllon in 1526; then, Hilton in 1663, followed by 1664 settling of New Englanders, and landing of Sir John Yeamans 1665, climaxed by the founding of Brunswick town in 1726



In Colonial times, meals were prepared in open fireplaces.



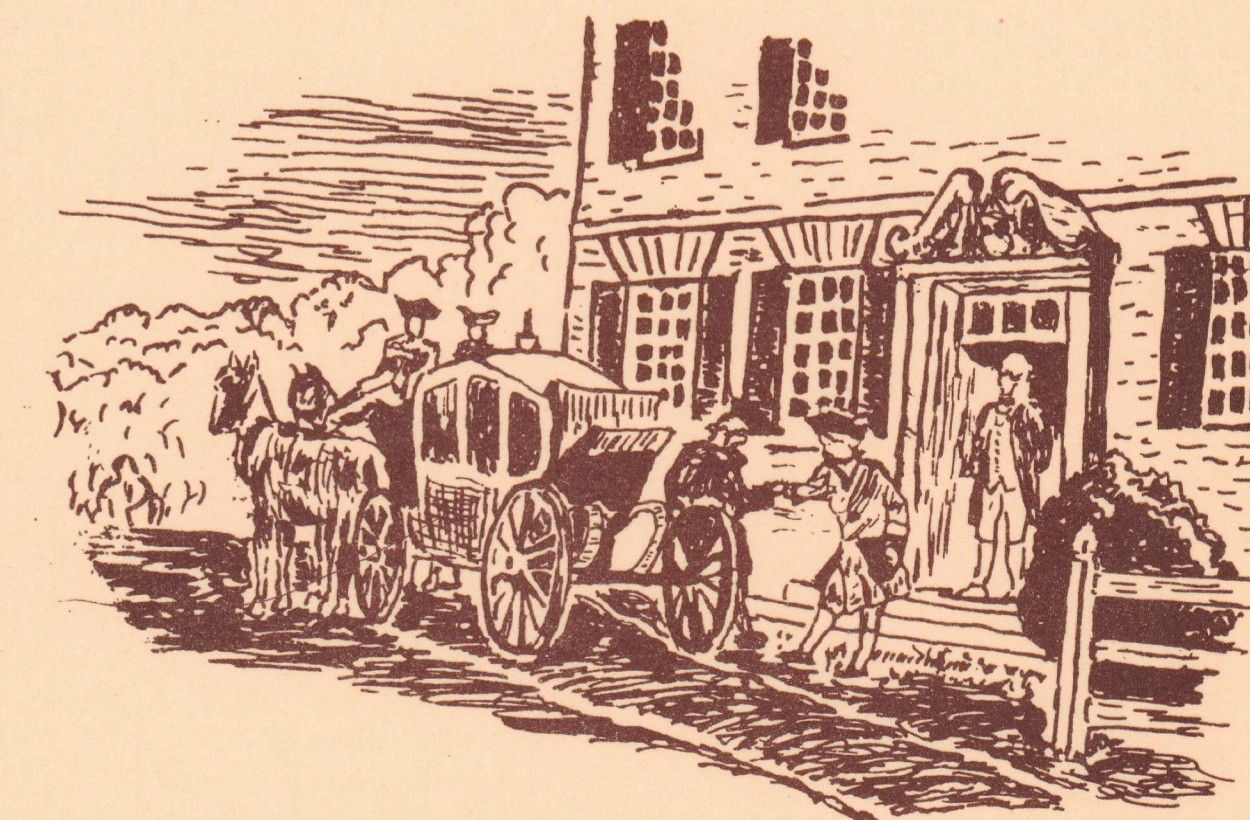
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News of the April 19, 1775, Battle on the Lexington Green reached Brunswick County on May 8, 1775.



The minutemen of Brunswick County were eulogized in Wheeler's North Carolina History: "To no county in the State is the course of liberty more indebted for fearless and devoted sons than to Brunswick."



Touring the Southern States, George Washington paid a visit on April 26, 1791, to Belvidere, home of Benjamin Smith, who later became Governor of North Carolina. Other Brunswick County residents who also held this top post as Governor were Nathaniel Rice, Matthew Rowan, Arthur Dobbs, William Tryon, James Hasell, and D. L. Russell.