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WILLIAM TRYON'S WINDMILL AT "RUSSELLBOROUGH"

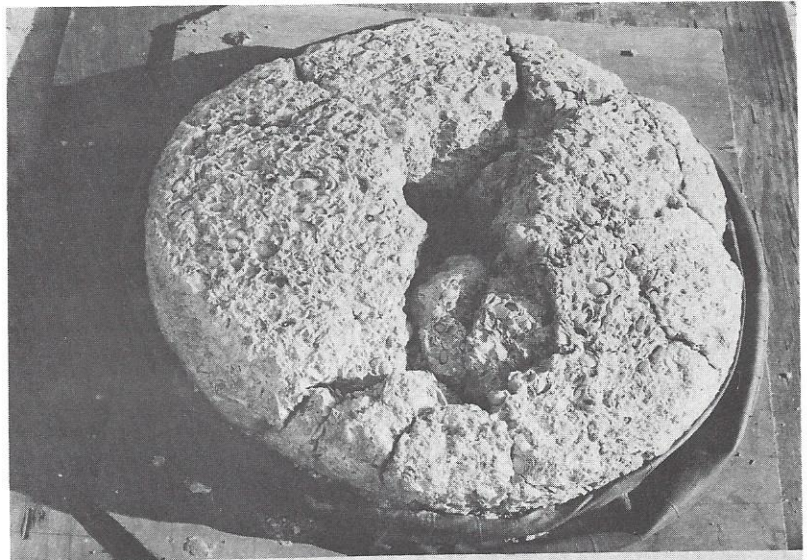
Two years after Royal Governor William Tryon moved into the mansion at Brunswick Town known as "Russellborough", but which was sometimes referred to as "Castle Tryon", the governor was interested in stimulating trade between Brunswick Town and the Moravian town of Bethabara, some two hundred miles inland. The Moravians were in a habit of trading with Charleston merchants, and Tryon was concerned about this fact. In order to help stimulate trade with Brunswick Town Tryon visited the Moravian settlement in September, 1767. While there Mrs. Tryon enjoyed playing the organ in the "Gemein Haus", and the governor placed an order for various goods to be delivered to Brunswick Town on November 6th.

On October 27, four wagons left the Moravian settlement for Brunswick Town carrying with them a windmill, 478 pounds of candles, 150 pounds of butter, six bee-hives, a new gun, three bushels of rye, tallow, flax-seed, and other items. They wanted to receive cash to take back with them, along with four wagon loads of oyster shells for making lime for plaster, an item in short supply among the Moravians. However, when they arrived at "Castle Tryon", they found that the governor had gone, having left only a few hours before their arrival. He had left payment for the goods he had ordered, but the merchants in Brunswick had no money, and offered store goods in exchange for the other items the Moravian brethren had brought. Since the Moravians were largely self sufficient, their need for store goods was far less than their desire for money, so they were disappointed. Tryon's attempt to stimulate trade between the two settlements had failed.

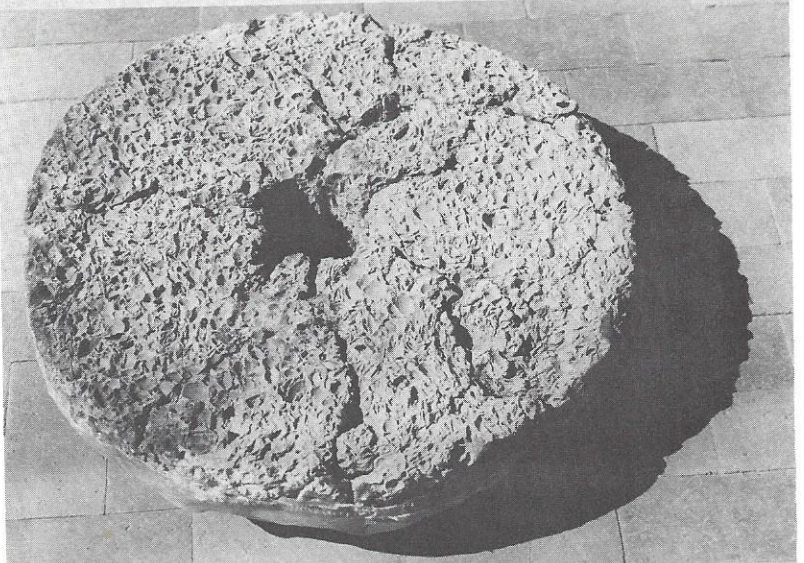
Of particular interest to the archaeologist in regard to this trip of the Moravians, is the fact they they brought a windmill to "Russellborough". It might be conjectured that this windmill was used in connection with the flooding of the fields used for the cultivation of rice, or it may have been for use as a grist mill. During the excavation of the ruin of "Russellborough" three millstones were found lying on the floor of the south room. Scattered fragments of a fourth were also found. These stones were made of fossiliferous limestone, and were in an extremely fragile state, having been badly damaged in the fire. The limestone is not of a native type, and the question of the origin of these stones arises. An archaeologist who has worked on the sunken wrecks off the coast of Florida reports that on one wreck he found hundreds of limestone millstones, similar to those found in "Russellborough". His subsequent research revealed the fact that this was apparently a vessel that had sailed from Yucatan in the eighteenth century carrying a cargo of over 500 millstones, bound for ports on the east coast, but was lost in a storm off the Florida coast. Perhaps these stones came from quarries in Yucatan.

The fragile nature of the stones presented a problem. They could hardly be touched without crumbs of the stone falling away, and numerous cracks indicated that if moved, the stones would crumble into thousands of tiny fragments that might not be too easy to reassemble. In order to move the stones, and yet allow them to be held in their intact position, a number of alternatives were suggested. Finally it was decided to stretch an automobile inner tube over the circumference of the stones. This would create an inward pressure and tend to hold all the fragments in place. This done, a piece of plywood was slipped beneath the stone, allowing it to be supported and transported to the archaeological laboratory.

Once the stones had thoroughly dried, archaeologist George Demmy used fiberglass to form a layer over the exposed face of the stone. Once this had hardened the stone could be turned over and the opposite face revealed for viewing in an exhibit in the visitor-center museum. No further treatment of this side was necessary since it had been somewhat protected from the fire by being face-down on the floor.



Millstone with Supporting Collar



Stabilized Millstone

The 1800 Census of Brunswick County, continued from August and November issues.

Hugh Stanaland	-3	-0	-2	-0	-1	-2	-1	-0	-1	-0	-0	-2
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Jacob Thompson	-3	-0	-0	-1	-0	-1	-0	-0	-1	-0	-0	-0
Stephen Loftin	-0	-0	-0	-1	-0	-1	-0	-1	-0	-0	-0	-1
David Ross	-2	-0	-0	-1	-0	-2	-3	-0	-1	-0	-0	-0
James Smith	-1	-2	-0	-1	-0	-1	-2	-0	-1	-0	-0	-0
Phillip Foulk	-1	-1	-1	-1	-0	-1	-2	-0	-1	-0	-0	-0
Gabriel Long	-1	-0	-0	-1	-0	-1	-0	-0	-1	-0	-0	-0
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