Washington, N.C. August 12th, 1958.

01d Marsh house and lots, "own of Bath, N.C. He : Lots Nos. 24, 25, 26, 40, 41, 42, 43 and 44, according to plan of Town of Bath; Map Book 12, page 59 (old and original map -- Bath Town, Feby. 28th. 1766, Map Book # 2, page 13, Register's office of Beaufort County, No. Car.

Deed: Bessie Ormond Wade et als to BEAUFORT COUNTY HIS-TORICAL SOCIETY, Incorporated; March 26th, 1958; recorded May 7th, 1958, Book 486, page 192, office of the Register Of Beeds for Beaufort County, No. Car.

This Marsh property, in Bath, N.C., consists of Lots 24, 25, the major portion of Lot 26, Lots 40, 41, 42 and 43, and a part of Lot 44, according to the plan of the Town of Bath, as first herein-above referred to.

The old Marsh house and dwelling (subject of this inquiry) is located on Lots 24, 25 and 26; and this investigation etc deals, primarily, with these lots, with a view of ascertaining the age of this house and dwelling.

These lots (three) are shown as having an original frontage on Main or Water Street, "own of Bath, of 289.1 feet.

M.A.Garris owns the north-east corner of Lot 26, fronting on Main Street a distance of 65 feet; a depth of 75 feet on Carteret Street, a depth of 66 feet on the line adjacent the Marsh house etc. Thus leaving a frontage of this present Marsh property, on Water or Main Street, of 224.1 feet.

These Lots 24-25-26 are shown as having a depth of 250 feet.

This report is submitted from an historical standpoint; and not as a complete abstract of the title to these lots.

Jan. 19th, 1909; Mattie Marsh, Admx. upon the estate of James S. Marsh, filed her Fetition in the Superior Court of Beaufort County, N.C., praying a sale of these lots, under order of court, in order to make assets to pay the debts of James S. Marsh. -his is Special Proceeding No. 1116 in the office of the Superior Court of Beaufort County.

An Order was made in the proceeding, above referred to, condemning the property to public sale and appointing A. D. MacLean as Commissioner of the 'ourt to make such sale.

MacLean, as Commissioner, conducted a public sale of the property; and, in April, 1909, conveyed the property to J.D.Eborn, this deed is of record in Book 159, at page 592.

J.J.Eborn conveyed the property to Mattie Marsh, March 1st, 1910; by deed in Book 159, at page 592.

The grantors in the deed to Beaufort County Historical Society, by inheritance and mesne conveyances, acquired the property from J.D.Eborn and Mattie Marsh.

So that this investigation begins, primarily, at the time of the acquisition of these lots by James S. Marsh.

James S. Marsh acquired these lots under a deed from Geo. H. Brown, Jr., and wife, Jany. 2nd, 1900; 105/444.

Thos. H. Blount, Trustee, Feb. 4th, 1898, sold the lots under a deed-in-trust given by James S. Marsh and wife (March 3, 1885), for non-payment of the mortgage debt; and conveyed the lots to Geo. H. Brown, Jr. (Brown, there-after, re-conveying to James S. Marsh, as aforesaid). Book 99. p. 177.

Deed-in-Trust: James S. Marsh and wife, Augusta E. Marsh, to Thomas H. Blount, Trustee; March 3rd, 1885; Book 59, page 30.

-his mortgage secured a recited debt of \$ 2200.00.

March 3rd, 1885; Geo. H. Brown, Jr., Trustee, conveyed the above lots Augusta E. Marsh (wife of J. S. Marsh); reciting, as his right to do so, a deed of assignment from James S. Marsh. Book 59, page 33.

The homestead exemptions of James S. Marsh were allotted to him Jan. 9th, 1885. Book 58, page 228.

Jan. 5th, 1885; James S. Marsh and Wife, Augusta E., executed deed of assignment to Geo. H. Brown, Jr., transferring all real and personal property owned by them, and where-ever situated; and giving to said Brown the right and power to sell any or all of the

real and personal property of said Marsh and wife either at public or private sale.

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There appears to have been seven children of Wm. M. Marsh, to-wit -- Mary Virginia (married Geo. Boyd), James S. Marsh, Julia H. Marsh, Jonathan Marsh, B.G. Marsh, James B. Marsh and William Marsh. Or I assume this from the reading of their deeds to James S. Marsh, in 1881 and 1882.

At any rate; James S. Marsh acquired the interests of his brothers and sisters, in Lots 24, 25 and 26, by some five or six deeds; these deeds reciting reciting their ownership in the property by way of inheritance from William Marsh (sometimes written as William M. Marsh).

March 20th, 1833; James B. Marsh conveyed to William M. Marsh -- Lots 1, 2, 3, 89, 11, 22, 23, 24, 25 26 (and other lots) in the Town of Bath. B 17. p 456. Consideration -- \$ 60.00. B 17, p 456. This deed conveys Lots 24, 25, 26, 40, 41, 42, 43 44, together with other lots in Bath Town. This deed covers all of what is now the old Marsh property, etc, first herein-above referred to.

Feb. 21st, 1831, Stephen Owens, Sheriff of Beaufort County, sold to 'ames B. Marsh the lots above-referred to, under an execution against James B. Ellison and Wm. M. Marsh. B 16, p 383.

© Consideration for this deed is given as \$ 2070.00 \$ 60.00 for the lots (other property being also sold under this execution).

The property was sold as the property of Ellison add Marsh.

There is a break, here, in this chain of title; for I am unable to find any deed connecting James B. Ellison and James B. Marsh with the ownership of this property.

Prior to the above, I find a deed from David W. Marsh to James Bonner Marsh, David Wilson Marsh, William Magimpsey Marsh, Samuel Barilett Marsh and Sally Ann Marsh; May 10th, 181al; 9/76. This deed conveys Lots 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 43, 63

and 64, in Bath Town. Consideration -- Fifty Pounds -- \$ 243.00.

Deed from Slade Pearce, Sheriff of Beaufort County, to David W. Marsh; April 29th, 1808; 9/81. This deed conveys Lots 24, 25 and 26, together with other lots in Bath Town; and recites that these lots are sold under executions issued against Jonathan Marsh. The consideration named in this deed is seve-hundredfifty pounds -- (a pound being valued at \$ 4.86), or at \$ 3,645.00.

Deed: Wm. Farris to Jonathan and Daniel G. Marsh; Jan. 2nd. 1798. 1/18.

Conveys thirteen lots in Bath Town, among which is Lot 40. (No other lots of the present Marsh property conveyed by this deed).

Deed: Wm. Earris to Jonathan and Daniel Marsh; Aug. 17th, 1797; 7/386:

Consideration -- 150 pounds; \$ 729.00 This deed conveys property, in Bath, described as: "Bounded on the north by Carteret Street; to the west by Town Creek; to the south by the large house whereon said Jonathan Marsh now lives; to the east by Lot No. 40, the property of Wm. Farris. The said lot hath a warehouse upon it, turpentine distillery, and the said Marsh's old wharf, and distinguished by No. 26."

Note that the next, foregoing deed recites "the large house whereon said Jonathan Marsh now lives" to be south of Lot 40; and that the deed conveys Lot No. 26.

No. 26. This would indicate that the old Marsh house is on either Lots 24 or 25, or both; likewise indicating that the old Marsh house had been built and was being occupied by Jonathan Marsh during the year 1797. It is apparent, from the reading of this descrip-

tion, that the Marsh house, proper, is not conveyed by this deed; but that Jonathan Marsh was living in this house at the time (or in 1797).

I do not find how Daniel Marsh disposed of his interest in this property.

July 11, 1764, Lillington Lockhart and James Lockhart made a deed to Robert Palmer, of Bath Town; Book 4, page 48:

This deed conveyed the following lands:

255 acres adjoining Bath Town (not concerned in this investigation).

"Also one other tract in the County aforesaid, situated at Bath Town and bounded by the ditch that divides the said land from the town; bounded by James Ellison's land on the north, by the Michael Coutank land on the east, by Bath Town on the south, and Town Creek on the west; with, all and singular, the appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining whatsoever; together with all the lots, wharves, houses, store-houses, ware-houses, barns, stables, out-houses, orchards, gardens and appurtenances thereto belonging unto the said lots; and being in Bath Town and distinguished by the Nos. 24 and 25, Rowans lots in the plan of said town. Being the lots and houses whereon the said Michael Coutank, in his lifetime, dwelt, together with five other lots lying and being in said town and distinguisged by the Nos. 34, 48, 33, 23, 63 and 64 in the plan of said town, and all the houses, out-houses and appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining."

This deed names a consideration of 1012 pounds, pro-

## clamation money (\$ 4,868.36).

Semble:

I am unable to connect the ownership of Robert Palmer with that of Jonathan Marsh; and no deeds or wills of record which will explain this.

It will be noted in this report etc that the Lots 24, 25 and 26 were sold by Slade Pearce Sheriff, to David W. Marsh, April 29th, 1808.

It would appear from the consideration named in this deed (1808) compared with the consideration named in the Jonathan and Daniel Marsh deed of 1797 (if that deed did cover the old Marsh house) that the improvements were put on Lots 24, 25 and 26 (to-wit -- the old Marsh house) sometime between these dates. The deed from Wm. Farris to Jonathan and Daniel Marsh, 1797, indicates that Jonathan Marsh was thenliving in the large house south of Lot 26.

It is, therefore, speculative as to when the old Marsh house was built; and the reader will have to form his own opinions as to this time; and as to the precise year.

It will be noted, from this examination, that Jonathan Marsh was living in a "large house" -- boundeed to the east by Lot 40.

Jonathan and Daniel Marsh acquired this property in 1797, under deed from Wm. Farriss, p. this abstract. The particular lots, 24, 25 and 26, were sold by Slade Pearce, Sheriff of Beaufort County, in April 1808, under executions for debts owing by Jonathan Marsh. And the title to these lots thereby went out of Jonathan Marsh.

Jonathan and waniel Marsh bought the old "elfair home, on the north side of Water St., Washington, N.C., from John "ray Blount in 1795. ( his property is now owned by the estate of J. Lester Wynne).

Jonathan Marsh is reputed to have built this old Telfair house, on Water Street. It was sold by the children of Daniel G. Marsh in March, 1817, subsequently came into the ownership of James L. Fowle as Trustee for Sarah A. Telfair.

At least, this old Telfair house, in Washington, is built and modelled along the plans of the Marsh house in Bath, and bears much resemblance to the old Marsh house in Bath.

And Jonathan Marsh lived the latter years of his life in Washington, N.C., and in this "Telfair" house.

It will be noted that the deed to Jonathan and Daniel Marsh, in 1797 (p. this abstract), gave a consideration of 150 pounds (\$ 729.00).

Slade Pearce Sheriff, sold this property, in 1808, under

executions, for 750 pounds (\$ 3645.00).

On this basis; it would seem reasonably certain that the old Marsh house, in Bath, was built sometime between the years 1797 and 1808. And this is the most reasonable conclusion I can arrive at as to the date of construction of the Marsh house in Bath.

## sale by Slade Pearce, Sheriff in 1808.

Respectfully submitted:

H.Bonner.

