

## FOOTNOTES

<sup>1</sup>John R. Harding, ed. and comp. Genealogy of the Harding Family in the Eastern Counties of North Carolina (Tulsa, New York: Thomas J. Griffin Press, 1938), 14-36; Edmund H. Harding scrapbook in the possession of Mrs. Henry L. Hodges of Washington, N.C., hereinafter cited as Harding's Washington scrapbook; and William S. Powell, ed., North Carolina Lives: The Tar Heel Who's Who (Hopkinsville, Kentucky: Historical Record Association, 1962), 545-546.

<sup>2</sup>Harding's Washington scrapbook; and Harding, Genealogy of the Harding Family, 4-14.

<sup>3</sup>Edmund H. Harding<sup>7</sup>, Saint Peter's Parish Washington, North Carolina: A Record of the Century 1822-1922 (Charlotte: Queen City Printing Co., 1922), 18-30; and Harding, Genealogy of the Harding Family, 14-36.

<sup>4</sup>Harding<sup>7</sup>, Saint Peter's Parish, 28-29.

<sup>5</sup>*Ibid.*, 29.

<sup>6</sup>Roanoke County Church Records, Saint Peter's, Washington, microfilm copy in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, N.C.

<sup>7</sup>Harding<sup>7</sup>, Saint Peter's Parish, 21. For photographs of these two rectories, see Harding's Washington scrapbook.

<sup>8</sup>Harding<sup>7</sup>, Saint Peter's Parish, 28; and Harding's Washington scrapbook. The latter source also contains a picture of old Trinity School, which burned in 1928.

<sup>9</sup>Harding's Washington scrapbook.

<sup>10</sup>Harding<sup>7</sup>, Saint Peter's Parish, 28.

<sup>11</sup>Harding's Washington scrapbook.

<sup>12</sup>*Ibid.*; and Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1954.

<sup>13</sup>Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966; and Powell, North Carolina Lives, 545.

<sup>14</sup>State Magazine, 19 May 1945, p. 1.

<sup>15</sup>Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1954 and 22 October 1961.

<sup>16</sup>Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966.

<sup>17</sup>Harding's Washington scrapbook.

<sup>18</sup>*Ibid.*; and interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 6 November 1977.

<sup>19</sup>Interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979.

<sup>20</sup>Harding's Washington scrapbook; Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966; and Harding, Saint Peter's Parish, 15 and 22.

<sup>21</sup>Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1954.

<sup>22</sup>Raleigh News and Observer, 22 October 1961.

<sup>23</sup>Harding, Saint Peter's Parish, 33.

<sup>24</sup>Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966.

<sup>25</sup>Ibid.; State Magazine, 19 May 1945, p. 1; Harding's Washington scrapbook; and Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1954. B. L. Sumner formed the Sumner Motor Company in Washington in the mid-1920s, and was killed in an automobile accident a few years later.

<sup>26</sup>Washington Daily News, 21 September 1970. William Brogan died on 24 May 1953, and his brother John on 19 December 1960.

<sup>27</sup>Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1954. Figures given in the Washington Daily News of 21 September 1970 are slightly at variance with those in the News and Observer, stating that between 1924 and 1956 Washington tobacco sales rose from three million to fifteen million pounds annually. Harding was succeeded as sales supervisor by his son-in-law, Julian Davenport.

<sup>28</sup>Roswell, North Carolina Lives, 545; and Washington Daily News, 21 September 1970.

<sup>29</sup>Ibid.

<sup>30</sup>H. W. Horseley to Edward Harding, 4 May 1966, in the Edward H. Harding papers, housed in the Historic Bath Visitors Center, Bath, S.C., hereinafter cited as Harding papers; and Washington Daily News, 21 September 1970.

<sup>31</sup>Roswell, North Carolina Lives, 545; Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1954; and Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966.

<sup>32</sup>Interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979.

<sup>33</sup>Harding's Washington scrapbook.

<sup>34</sup>Ibid.

<sup>35</sup>Ibid.

<sup>36</sup>For a discussion of the "Queen Anne's Bell" production, see below pp. 37-39.

<sup>37</sup>Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966.

<sup>38</sup>Harding's Washington scrapbook; and Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966.

<sup>39</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>40</sup> Harding's Washington scrapbook. Throughout his life, Harding had a deep appreciation for flowers and landscaping. He built a greenhouse at his home on Short Drive, and at his summer home planted a large field of azaleas.

<sup>41</sup> Harding's Washington scrapbook; and Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966.

<sup>42</sup> Harding's Washington scrapbook; and Washington Daily News, 21 September 1970.

<sup>43</sup> Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966.

<sup>44</sup> Interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979. Harding's widow, Carolyn Whitley Harding, has a large collection of these cards; several are also to be found in the North Carolina Collection of the Louis Round Wilson Library at U.N.C., Chapel Hill.

<sup>45</sup> Harding's Washington scrapbook; Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966 and 21 September 1970; Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1964; and Powell, North Carolina Lives, 545.

<sup>46</sup> Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1964.

<sup>47</sup> State Magazine, 19 May 1945, p. 1.

<sup>48</sup> Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966; Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1964; and Powell, North Carolina Lives, 545.

<sup>49</sup> Interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979; Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1964 and 22 October 1961; Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966; and State Magazine, 23 December 1939, p. 21, 19 May 1945, pp. 1 and 20, and 14 February 1948, pp. 3 and 17.

<sup>50</sup> Interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979; Raleigh News and Observer, 22 October 1961; and Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966.

<sup>51</sup> Raleigh News and Observer, 22 October 1961.

<sup>52</sup> Interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979; and Raleigh News and Observer, 22 October 1961.

<sup>53</sup> Raleigh News and Observer, 22 October 1961.

<sup>54</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>55</sup> *Ibid.*; interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979; and Raleigh News and Observer, 21 September 1970.

<sup>56</sup> Interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979; and interview with Mrs. John F. Tankard in Bath on 5 November 1979.

<sup>57</sup> Eugene Nicholson to Edmund Harding, 28 June 1966, Harding Papers.

<sup>58</sup> Various letters and brochures in Harding papers; and interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979.

<sup>59</sup> Interview with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 8 November 1979; interview with Mrs. John F. Torkard in Bath on 5 November 1979; Harding's Washington scrapbook; and Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1954.

<sup>60</sup> Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966; Raleigh News and Observer, 31 October 1954 and 27 October 1961; and Powell, North Carolina Lives, 346.

<sup>61</sup> Raleigh News and Observer, 5 May 1966 and 7 May 1966.

<sup>62</sup> Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966.

<sup>63</sup> Harding's Washington scrapbook.

<sup>64</sup> "This is Edmund Harding," a copy of the printed program in Harding papers.

<sup>65</sup> Washington Daily News, 5 July 1969.

<sup>66</sup> *Ibid.*

<sup>67</sup> In a letter in the Harding papers of 25 August 1969 to H. G. Jones, Director of the Department of Archives and History, Harding commented upon his new house and compared its cost with that of the new Visitors Center at Bath: "My bride and I are building a new home which will cost me half the amount of the visitors center, and I am promised the house for Thanksgiving."

<sup>68</sup> Interview with Mrs. Julian Devenport, Mrs. Edmund H. Harding, and Mrs. L. Hodges in Washington on 5 November 1979; and interview with Mrs. John F. Torkard in Bath on 5 November 1979. In a letter of 3 August 1964 to Mrs. Ernest West, in the Harding papers, Edmund Harding gave the following account of a recent birthday:

Things here at home are about as usual. The other day I had my 74th birthday; rode the lawn mower two hours, got up a forty foot ladder and painted the gable of a house I was having painted here on the farm, jumped off the pier and could still swim, ate two ears of corn with my own teeth at supper and then had a date with a 34 year old friend.

<sup>69</sup> Interview with Mrs. Edmund H. Harding in Washington on 5 November 1979.

<sup>70</sup> Washington Daily News, 21 September 1970; and Raleigh News and Observer, 21 September 1970. At the request of civic and business leaders in the community, Washington merchants closed their doors during the funeral service.

<sup>71</sup> Washington Daily News, 21 September 1970.

<sup>72</sup> Interview with Mr. John F. Torkard in Bath on 5 November 1979; and Winston-Salem Journal and Sentinel, 17 March 1963.

<sup>71</sup>Beaufort County Church Records, St. Thomas, Bath, microfilm copy in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, N.C.; and Harding, Genealogy of the Harding Family, 19-21.

<sup>72</sup>Harding, Genealogy of the Harding Family, 4-7; and Harding's Washington scrapbook.

<sup>73</sup>Colonial Records of North Carolina, edited by William L. Saunders, 10 vols. (Raleigh: 1886-1890), 1:837-838.

<sup>74</sup>State Records of North Carolina, edited by Walter Clark, 16 vols. (Winston, Goldsboro: 1893-1905), 23:77-79 and 25:159.

<sup>75</sup>See, for example, Beaufort County Deeds, Book 1, pp. 161, 234, 235, 240, 245, 246, 313, 413, and 445. Microfilm copy in the N.C. State Archives, Raleigh, N.C. Hereinafter cited Beaufort County Deeds with appropriate book and page reference.

<sup>76</sup>Beaufort County Deeds, Book 1, pp. 161-162.

<sup>77</sup>*Ibid.*, pp. 304 and 313.

<sup>78</sup>Edmund H. Harding scrapbook in the Historic Bath Visitors Center, Bath, North Carolina. Hereinafter cited as Harding's Bath scrapbook. This scrapbook of Bath related materials is also on microfilm in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, N.C. The restoration work of the mid-1960s was led by George C. Royall and the Rev. A. C. D. Noe.

<sup>79</sup>Several newspaper articles in the Harding Bath scrapbook; and various materials in the Harding papers, including lists of officers. The meeting of 12 May 1955, the first meeting of the Beaufort County Historical Society, was held in Edmund Harding's home, "Sunnyside." Harding later recalled that the bylaws of the Society had been "copied from Bertie County," and indeed, there is among the Harding papers a copy of the "By-laws for the Bertie County Historical Association," dated 17 April 1953 at Windsor, N.C.

At the meeting of 12 May 1955, Mrs. Ford S. Worthy was elected vice-president and Dr. Allen Moore was elected secretary. At the meeting in Bath on 24 June 1956, Harding and Mrs. Worthy were reelected to their offices, but the secretary-treasurer elected at that time was Miss Abeline Mayo. In addition, Fred Mallison was elected historian. At the Bath meeting, attended by approximately 150 people, it was decided that the society's board of directors would consist of members from throughout Beaufort County: twenty-nine persons from Washington (including Harding); fourteen from Bath; six from Bellhaven; two from Pinetown; six from Pantego; five from Aurora; two from Elizaveta Creek; and four from Chocowinity.

<sup>80</sup>Harding's Bath scrapbook.

<sup>81</sup>For copies of both the appointment and the proclamation, see Appendixes.

<sup>84</sup>"Queen Anne's Bell" program in Bath files of the Historic Sites Section of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Raleigh; newspaper articles in Harding's Bath scrapbook; numerous letters in the Harding papers; minutes of the meeting of the Historic Bath Commission of 6 October 1964 in Harding papers; Washington Daily News, 5 May 1966; and interview with Mrs. John F. Tankard in Bath on 5 November 1979.

<sup>85</sup>Typed summary of William S. Tarlton's preliminary historical survey of Bath on 11 January 1957, in Harding papers. Hereinafter cited as Tarlton survey.

<sup>86</sup>State of North Carolina, 1959 Session Laws and Resolutions passed by the General Assembly (Winston-Salem: Winston Printing Co., 1959), 1014-1015.

<sup>87</sup>Minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 21 October 1959, Harding papers.

<sup>88</sup>Harding to members of the Historic Bath Commission, 26 February 1965, Harding papers. Harding was chairman of the Executive Committee, the Gift Shop Committee, and the Special Events Committee. The remaining two committees were the Acquisitions Committee and the Yard and Flower Committee.

<sup>89</sup>Harding to Charles Wade, 21 July 1955, Harding papers.

<sup>90</sup>Beaufort County Deeds, Book 486, p. 192.

<sup>91</sup>Minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 2-3 October 1966, Harding papers.

<sup>92</sup>Jerry Cross, "The Palmer-Marsh House Bath, North Carolina," a report prepared for the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Historic Sites Section, n.p.

<sup>93</sup>Minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 6 October 1964, Harding papers. See also Washington Daily News, 21 April 1962.

<sup>94</sup>For details of the purchase and restoration of the Bonner House, see Wilson Anpley, "The Bonner House Vicinity of Bath, North Carolina: Four Hundred Years of Its History," a report prepared for the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Historic Sites Section, 120-132.

<sup>95</sup>Harding to members of the Historic Bath Commission, 26 March 1962, Harding papers.

<sup>96</sup>Newspaper articles in the Harding Bath scrapbook.

<sup>97</sup>Washington Daily News, 27 April 1962.

<sup>98</sup>Raleigh News and Observer, 10 June 1962.

<sup>99</sup>Minutes of Indian Village Conference in Bath on 21 November 1966, Harding papers; and Beaufort County Deeds, Book 524, pp. 292-293.

<sup>100</sup> Minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 7-8 March 1965, Harding papers.

<sup>101</sup> "Report on trip to Bath," typed report written by William S. Tarlton on 21 September 1966, Harding papers; and minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 3 October 1966, Harding papers.

<sup>102</sup> Joffre Cox to William S. Tarlton, 1 April 1968, Bath files of Historic Sites Section, North Carolina Division of Archives and History.

<sup>103</sup> See Harding to C. C. Crittendon, 30 October 1965, Harding papers; and Herbert Paschal to William S. Tarlton, 9 April 1968, Harding papers.

<sup>104</sup> Harding's Bath scrapbook.

<sup>105</sup> Sam Jones to Joye E. Jordan, 10 November 1970, Harding papers.

<sup>106</sup> Minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 14 April 1969, Harding papers.

<sup>107</sup> Harding to members of the Historic Bath Commission, 4 February 1960, Harding papers.

<sup>108</sup> William S. Rodman to Raymond M. Taylor, 9 May 1962, Harding papers.

<sup>109</sup> Harding to Malcolm Paul, 3 June 1962, Harding papers.

<sup>110</sup> William S. Tarlton to Harding, 7 and 12 June 1962; and "Chairman's Report" to the Historic Bath Commission of 26 September 1963, Harding papers.

<sup>111</sup> Tarlton survey.

<sup>112</sup> Harding to Mrs. Ernest Ives, 25 May 1964, Harding papers.

<sup>113</sup> Harding to William S. Tarlton, 3 February 1967, Harding papers; and undated estimate by Tarlton, Harding papers. There are several letters and documents in the Harding papers concerning the disputed chain of title to the property.

<sup>114</sup> This house is believed to have been built by James Franklin Carrow about 1880. The contemporaneous owner of the Bonner House, Joseph Y. Bonner, was also a farmer and fisherman.

<sup>115</sup> Harding to Edmund Jones, 5 September 1961, Harding papers. For information on Thomas Harding and his probable relationship to Edmund Harding, see above pp. 24-26.

<sup>116</sup> Tarlton survey.

<sup>117</sup> Jerry Cross, "Van der Veer" House Bath, North Carolina," a report prepared for the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Historic Sites Section, 7, and Appendix E; and minutes of the Executive Committee of the Historic Bath Commission of 24 August 1969, Harding papers. The decision to accept and relocate the Van der Veer House was based in part upon the report of A. L. Nanceyatt, Jr. of the Division of Archives and

117 (continued) History, who had examined the structure on 29 May 1969 and recommended "very strongly" that it be restored.

118 Cross, "Van der Veer House," 7.

119 "Historic Bath State Historic Site: A Master Plan," a report prepared for the North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Historic Sites Section, 22 and 43.

120 Numerous letters from 1967-1970 in Harding papers.

121 Harding to members of the Historic Bath Commission, 25 April 1968.

122 Sam Jones to \_\_\_\_\_, 3 November 1970, Bath files of Historic Sites Section.

123 Washington Daily News, 18 August 1960. The Harding papers contain numerous letters concerning the bridge and approaching road.

124 Tarlton survey.

125 William S. Tarlton to Harding, 8 May 1958; and same to same, 26 April 1960, both in Bath files of Historic Sites Section.

126 Copy of Ordinance 25; and minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 6 October 1968, both in Bath files of Historic Sites Section.

127 William S. Tarlton to Wilbur M. Burch, 6 February 1967; and minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 2-3 October 1966, both in Harding papers.

128 Harding to Walter Jones, 27 June 1966, Harding papers.

129 Several letters to and from Harding regarding these markers in Highway Marker Program research files, Research Branch, Archaeology and Historic Preservation Section, North Carolina Division of Archives and History, Raleigh.

130 Minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 3 October 1966, Harding papers.

131 Harding to Mrs. Ernest Ives, 15 November 1961, Harding papers.

132 Same to same, 9 June 1961, Harding papers.

133 Mrs. Kauno A. Lehto to Harding, 6 May 1960, Harding papers.

134 C. A. Grosscurth to Harding, 24 July 1963, Harding papers. Out of appreciation for Grosscurth's generosity, Harding used to drink Kentucky Tavern bourbon, the brand produced by Grosscurth's distillery.

135 William S. Tarlton to Harding, 20 June 1963, Harding papers.



146. Harding to prospective members of the Committee of Fifty, 17 March 1960, Harding papers.
147. Herbert C. Bonner to Harding, 9 May 1962, Harding papers.
148. Luther Hodges to Harding, 28 October 1959, Harding papers.
149. Washington Daily News, 14 March 1960; and several letters in the Harding papers. Among those present at the organizational meeting of the Washington Committee were Edward Harding, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Morrison (hostel), Senator Sam J. Ervin, Senator and Mrs. B. Everett Jordan, the Honorable and Mrs. L. H. Fountain, the Honorable and Mrs. Paul Kitchen, Mrs. Herbert C. Bonner, and the Honorable and Mrs. Charles S. Jones.
140. Harding to Dan Paul, 10 May 1962, Harding papers.
141. Mrs. John F. Tankard to Harding, 6 June 1961, Harding papers; and interviews with Mrs. John F. Tankard in Bath on 5 November 1979, with Mrs. Julian Davenport in Washington on 5 November 1979, and with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 5 and 8 November 1979.
142. Harding to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ives, 18 March 1963, Harding papers.
143. Harding to Dan Paul, 4 June 1961, Harding papers.
144. There can be no attempt here to indicate all the sources of information regarding finances at Bath. Such records comprise a considerable portion of the Harding papers.
145. Harding to members of the Historic Bath Commission, 1 July 1960.
146. Harding to "Friends of Historic Bath," 20 January 1961; and Harding to Charles Cannon, 24 November 1960, both in Harding papers.
147. Harding to Carolina Telephone and Telegraph and other firms, 2 and 3 March 1965, Harding papers.
148. Harding to J. F. Neighart, 1 June 1965, Harding papers.
149. Interviews with Mrs. John F. Tankard in Bath on 5 November 1979 and with Mrs. Henry L. Hodges in Washington on 5 and 8 November 1979.
150. There are various fleeting references to personal expenditures in the Harding papers.
151. Harding to members of the Historic Bath Commission, 30 May 1960, Harding papers.
152. Harding to Miriam Nath, 25 March 1962, Harding papers.
153. Washington Daily News, 21 April to 5 May 1962.
154. Minutes of the Historic Bath Commission meeting of 6 October 1964, Harding papers.

- 155 Charles Harris to Harding, 2 January 1962, Harding papers. Apparently, no evidence was found concerning this.
- 156 Harding to British Museum, 11 June 1958; and Harding to Lord Mayor of Bath, England, 11 June 1958, both in Harding papers. Apparently, no conclusive evidence was found concerning this connection.
- 157 Harding to C. Gerlach, 2 July 1960, Harding papers.
- 158 Herbert R. Ponchal, Jr., A History of Colonial Bath (Raleigh: Edwards and Broughton, 1955), Foreword, v-vii.
- 159 C. Wingate Reed, Beaufort County: Two Centuries of Its History (Raleigh: Edwards and Broughton, 1962); and Washington Daily News, 28 August 1961.
- 160 Robert E. Lee to Harding, 30 May 1967, Harding papers. The title of Lee's book is Blackbeard the Pirate: A Reappraisal of His Life and Times, published in Winston-Salem, North Carolina in 1974 by J. F. Blair.
- 161 Harding to Jack Bass, 9 June 1961, Harding papers.
- 162 There are numerous letters to and from Harding concerning legal matters in the Harding papers, his chief correspondent in these matters being the Washington lawyer, John H. Bonner.
- 163 Charles C. Wall to Harding, 6 February 1961, Harding papers.
- 164 Harding to Carl Humelsine, 28 February 1961, Harding papers.
- 165 There are numerous letters in the Harding papers concerning furnishings and related matters.
- 166 Harding to Mrs. Roy Charles, 9 November 1962, Harding papers. It had been largely due to Mrs. Smith that the \$75,000 had been obtained from the Oscar F. Smith Foundation for purchasing, restoring, and furnishing the Bonner House.
- 167 Minutes of the Historic Bath Commission meeting of 2-3 October 1966, Harding papers.
- 168 Harding to members of the Historic Bath Commission, 14 December 1964, Harding papers.
- 169 Harding to C. C. Crittendon, undated letter of late December 1964, Harding papers. Donald Carrow had done much of the carpentry work on the Palmer-March and Bonner houses during the major phases of both interior and exterior restoration.
- 170 Interview with Mrs. Julian Everport in Washington on 5 November 1979; and several letters in Harding papers.
- 171 William S. Tarlton to George E. Fickett, 23 November 1966, Harding papers.

- 172 Several letters in Harding papers. For a discussion of the Rev. Israel Harding, see above p. 24.
- 173 Several letters in the Harding papers concerning Hope Plantation, including one from Harding to Governor Terry Sanford, dated 11 August 1961.
- 174 Several letters in the Harding papers written in 1961.
- 175 Harding to Tucker Littleton, 4 July 1962, Harding papers.
- 176 Harding to Terry Sanford, 31 January 1963, Harding papers.
- 177 Printed program of the first annual meeting at Tryon Palace on 18 February 1964; and minutes of the Executive Committee of this organization in Raleigh on 16 March 1964, both in Harding papers.
- 178 Records of the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh; and Carolina Comments, IX, No. 4.
- 179 Harding to members of the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, 18 November 1957, Harding papers.
- 180 Printed program of "Christmas in Carolina: A Pastime in Five Parts," Harding papers; and Records of the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities, list of officers, 1940-1964, list of lifetime members, and minutes of annual meetings. "Christmas in Carolina" was dedicated to Ruth Coltrane Cannon (Mrs. Charles A. Cannon), who had died in December of 1945.
- 181 Minutes of the North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities meeting of 3 December 1976, North Carolina Society for the Preservation of Antiquities records.
- 182 State of North Carolina, 1961 Session Laws and Resolutions Passed by the General Assembly (Winston-Salem: Winston Printing Co., 1961), 1269-1270.
- 183 Beaufort Co. Deeds, Book 577, pp. 396-398.
- 184 There are numerous references to these feelings in the Harding papers.
- 185 Minutes of meeting in Raleigh on 6 January 1964, Harding papers.
- 186 Harding to members of the Historic Bath Commission, 3 September 1964, Harding papers.
- 187 Harding to C. C. Crittenden, 4 October 1964, Harding papers.
- 188 State of North Carolina, 1965 Session Laws and Resolutions Passed by the General Assembly (Winston-Salem: Winston Printing Co., 1965), 455-456. This bill was drawn by Harding, C. C. Crittenden, and Representative Wayland Semons, who subsequently introduced it in the lower house of the General Assembly. See also minutes of the Historic Bath Commission meetings of 7-8 March 1965 and 2-3 October 1966, both in Harding papers.
- 189 For visitation data from 1962 to 1977, see "Historic Bath State Historic Site: A Master Plan," Appendix I, 55.

<sup>190</sup>Mrs. E. A. Branch to Harding, 11 November 1955; and Harding to Mrs. E. A. Branch, 15 November 1955, both in Harding papers. See also Harding's Bath scrapbook.

<sup>191</sup>Minutes of Historic Bath Commission meeting of 2-3 October 1966, Harding papers.

<sup>192</sup>Harding to E. A. Brooks, 11 June 1958, Harding papers; and undated mayoral proclamation in Harding's Bath scrapbook.

<sup>193</sup>Harding's Bath scrapbook.

<sup>194</sup>Raleigh News and Observer, 5 May 1966.

<sup>195</sup>*Ibid.*, 7 May 1966; and Harding's Washington scrapbook.

<sup>196</sup>Minutes of the Historic Bath Commission meeting of 3 October 1966, Harding papers; and Harding's Washington scrapbook.

<sup>197</sup>Henry C. Bridgers to G. C. Eichhorn, 31 December 1971; and Mary Cornick to G. C. Eichhorn, 29 September 1971, both in Bath files of the Historic Sites Section.

<sup>198</sup>Memorandum from Steve Massengill, Edward Turberg, and Allan Doul to Richard W. Sawyer, Jr., 16 March 1976, Bath files of the Historic Sites Section.