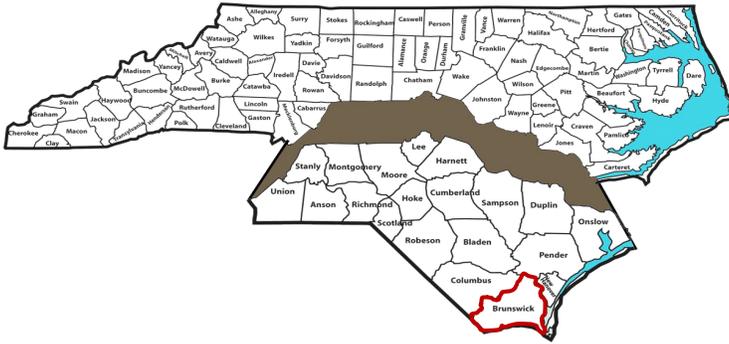


# Region of Responsibility

We thought you might like to know—The Museum of the Cape is one of seven museums in the Division of State History Museums. We are one of three regional museums and our exhibits reflect a 20 county region. Be on the lookout as we begin to focus on the history of those counties.



The 20 Counties in alphabetical order:

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| 1. Anson       | 11. Moore       |
| 2. Bladen      | 12. New Hanover |
| 3. Brunswick   | 13. Onslow      |
| 4. Columbus    | 14. Pender      |
| 5. Cumberland  | 15. Richmond    |
| 6. Duplin      | 16. Robeson     |
| 7. Harnett     | 17. Sampson     |
| 8. Hoke        | 18. Scotland    |
| 9. Lee         | 19. Stanly      |
| 10. Montgomery | 20. Union       |

## A Brief History of Brunswick County

Brunswick County was established in 1764 out of Bladen and New Hanover counties. It is interesting that Brunswick County is named after the town that established in 1726, prior to the county—Brunswick Town. The town named itself after the Duke of Brunswick who also happened to be King George I of England.

It is North Carolina's southern most county and encompasses Cape Fear and the mouth of the Cape Fear River; both of which provide direct access to the Atlantic Ocean.

The Native Americans in the area were first referred to by the settlers as Town Creek Indians, then, as with so many, they became known collectively as Cape Fear Indians. Brunswick County was settled mostly by the English and French Huguenots. Prior to settlements, the area had been explored by both England and Spain in the 15th and 16th centuries.

With a number of slave-holding plantations along the lower Cape Fear River, the area became known for raising corn, cotton, rice, indigo, and tobacco. Two colonial governors made a home in Brunswick County—Arthur Dobbs and his successor, William Tryon, and Benjamin Smith, governor from 1800-1811, who had several residences there; and, Governor Daniel Russell was born at Winnabow Plantation.

Brunswick County has been home to Civil War forts, built along the Cape Fear River, including one that is preserved as Ft. Anderson State Historic Site. The county is a wealth of history and beaches; and, approximately 40 miles of the Intracoastal Waterway runs through it.

