COLONIAL VILLAGE

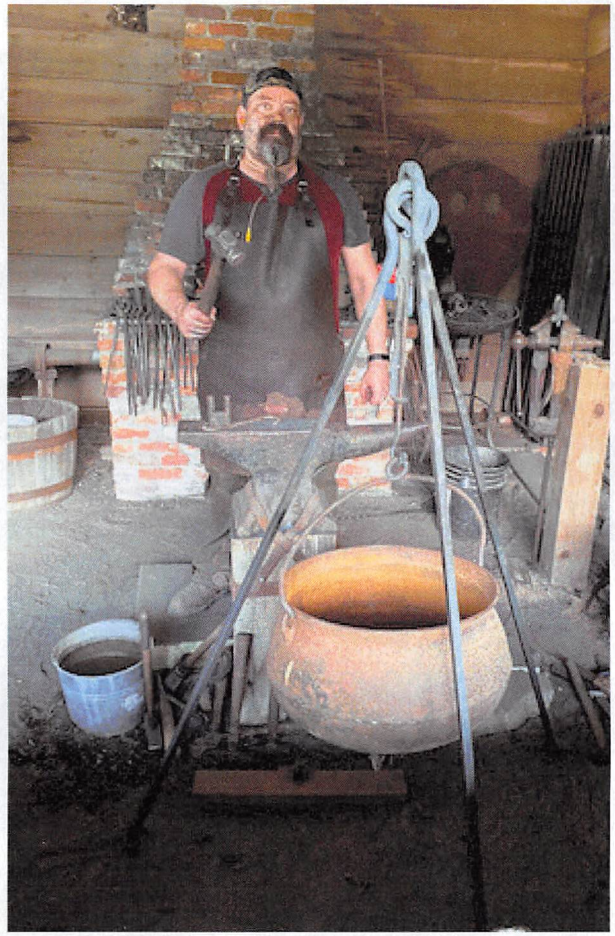
By the 1770's the town of Camden (known as Pine Tree Hill prior to 1768) had developed into a major flour producer and was also home of the Bartlam Potworks, the first manufacturer of porcelain in America.

LIVING HISTORY

The focus of the new hands-on Joseph Kershaw Horticulture & Trade Program is to understand, interpret and demonstrate the tools and manufacturing processes used within the context of an 18th century non-plantation, semi-subsistence society.

2nd SATURDAY'S

On the 2nd Saturday of every month Historic Camden welcomes visitors to join us for enhanced living history demonstrations and special presentations.



Pictured above is our blacksmith after a 10-hour day of forging our wonderful soap kettle tripod. The old iron kettle can be seen at work making soap in the Brickyard & Pottworks.

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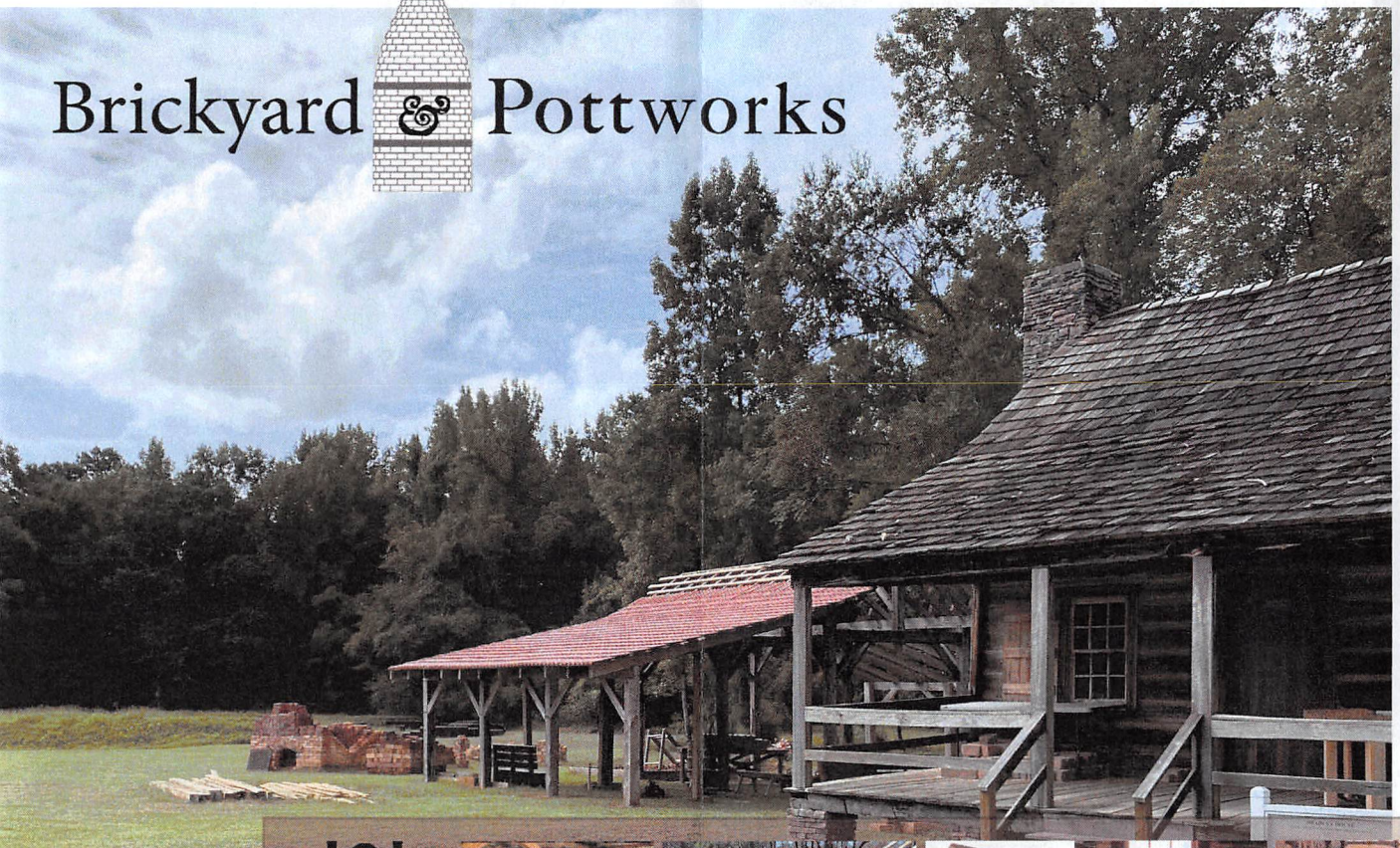
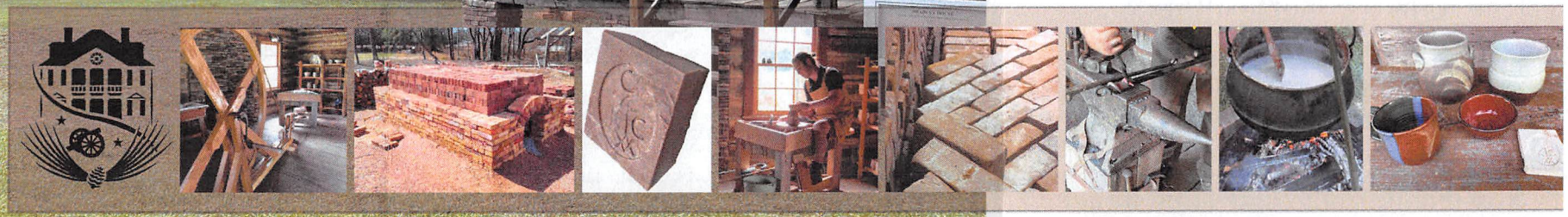




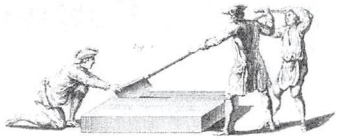
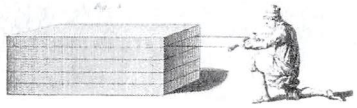
BLACKSMITH SHOP

At our iron forge blacksmiths make a variety of 18th century tools and other materials like nails, used by our growing historic trades program. The blacksmiths spend a good part of his time making a variety of handmade items, some of which are available for sale.

Brickyard & Pottworks

We handmake and woodfire bricks and pottery using 18th century tools and technology. We also process local wild clays into ceramic clay bodies and wood ash from our kilns into soap. The finish products are available for sale.

Carpentry

Our current project in the colonial trade village

is the construction of a large timber framed pavilion at the Brickyard & Pottworks. Our next project is the restoration of our oldest home in the village, which when completed, will be the future home of our horticulture exhibit.