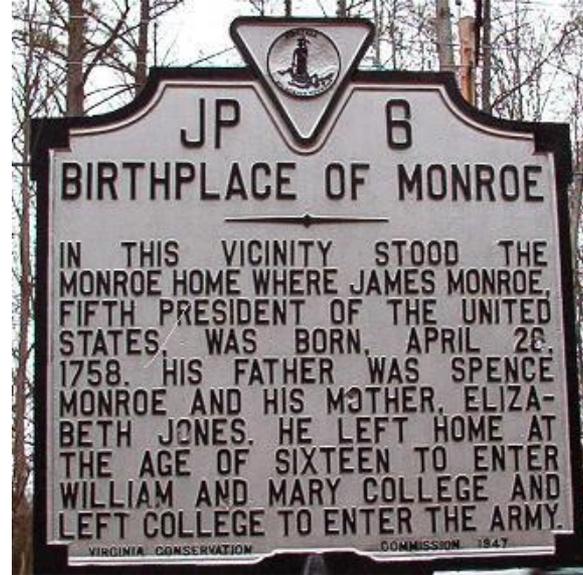




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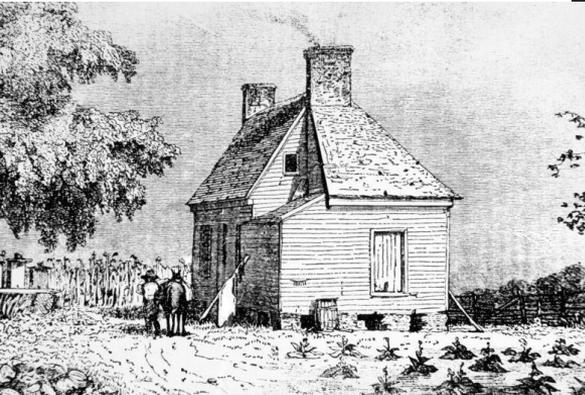
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James Monroe's Birthplace



History of James Monroe's Birthplace

James Monroe spent his first 16 years in a 20 by 58 square foot house. The reproduction house sits on the original foundation, uncovered in 1976 by the College of William and Mary. The James Monroe Memorial Foundation began reconstruction of the Birthplace House in 2017 and are currently completing final touches on the interior. They are having a grand opening ceremony, October 2.



Project

Our project is raising funds for 16,500 bricks that in its foundation and its two massive chimneys. In 1932, when the George Washington Birthplace Memorial House in Westmoreland County was built, children were asked to donate Washington quarters(25 cents per brick) to help pay for its construction. So I am asking for a \$1.00 contribution per brick for the James Monroe Birthplace.

Our goal is \$10,000. Any extra funds over \$10,000 will go towards additional bricks. If more than \$16,500 is raised, the funds will go towards signage along the trails.

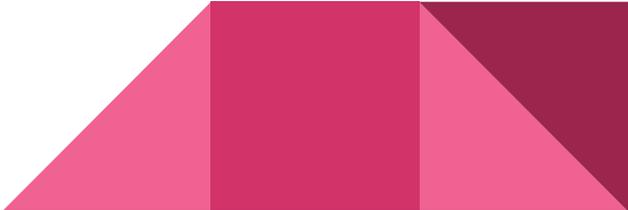


About the Bricks

The bricks are hand made by the Old Carolina Brick Company in Salisbury, North Carolina. Old Carolina Brick Company bricks have been used for restoration work at Colonial Williamsburg, Mount Vernon and Monticello. The particular soft color of the bricks at the reconstructed Birthplace House was based on bricks and brick fragments from the original brick foundation(most of the original bricks at the house were removed in the mid to late 1800s and likely used in a nearby African American church). The Old Carolina bricks are handmade in wooden molds, and are larger and heavier than modern bricks. They also have irregularities in them, making each somewhat different. The mortar was also specially selected for its typical colonial color, with ground oyster shells added(as they would have done in the 1700s).



Why I chose this project?

- Importance of James Monroe
 - Dedicated his life to working for his country
 - True patriot, wounded in Battle of Trenton and fought in five other battles of the Revolutionary War.
 - Served as President, Governor, Secretary of War and State(during the War of 1812), Ambassador to France, Spain and Great Britain
 - Expanded our country with the Louisiana Purchase
 - Died on July 4, 1831
 - Life was centered on making the U.S. a better place
 - Known for Era of Good Feelings
 - Love of country
 - Desire to protect our country
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Why I chose this project? (cont.)

- Since I live locally, I have watched the development of the building of the house
 - I have been going to James Monroe's Birthplace for many years.
 - Every year in April, since I have been in C.A.R., I have attended the birthday ceremony and presented a wreath.
 - I have seen this project from the beginning. The first time I went there, it was just a piece of land. I have watched various stages of the building project.



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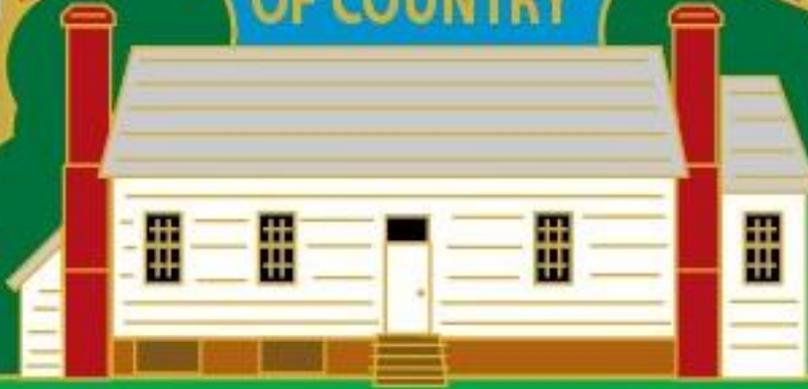
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