President George Washington’s Birthday Celebrated With A Martha Washington Reception
In New Bern, North Carolina on February 22, 1906 • 115th Anniversary Year of his Visit To New Bern.

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Considerable interest in being taken in the gasoline launch parade on Washington’s birthday. There are enough boats to make a fine appearance on the river. If all participate there may be more than twenty boats in the procession.

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The Daughters of Confederacy will give a Martha Washington reception at their rooms at 8:30 o’clock Thursday evening February 22nd.

Tuesday, February 20, 1906, Page 4, Column 2

There will be given a “Washington Reception” at the Daughters of the Confederacy rooms on Broad street, Thursday night at 8 o’clock. Refreshments will be sold for the benefit of the piano fund. Admission 10 cents.

Ye pleasure of your gracious presence is requested at a Washington Reception, to be given at the rooms of the Daughters on Broad street, at 8 o’clock, ye 22nd of February, 1906.

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If George Washington were living today he would be 174 years old.

The Washington reception will be held at Hughes Hall over the Express office instead of at the Daughters of the Confederacy rooms. Admission 10 cents.

The public are invited to attend a Washington reception tonight to meet George Washington and his court. Those in costume representing characters were

William Stevenson, George Washington;
Martha Washington, Miss Octavia Hughes;
John Adams, R. A. Nunn;
Mrs. John Adams, Miss Rebecca Street;
La Fayette, William Dunn, Jr.;
Alexander Hamilton, Jesse Claypoole;
Mrs. Hamilton, Miss Elizabeth Ellis;
James Madison, Adolph Nunn;
Mrs. Madison, Miss Mary Emma Street;
Mrs. Harrison Gray Otis, Miss Bettie Windley;
Richard Caton, E. B. Robards;
Mrs. William Bingham, Miss Sadie Congndon;
Mrs. James Beekman, Miss Agnes Foy;
James Beekman, Dr. Hand;
Mrs. Rufus King, Miss Annie Foy;
Lawrence Lewis, R. L. Grinstead;
Patrick Henry, George Henderson, Jr.;
Eleanor Custis, Miss Adeline Claypoole;
Waitingress were Miss Margaret Bryan, Besie Thorpe and Carrie Arendell and Mrs. John Whitford.

Martha Washington Reception.

Thursday evening February 22nd is noted -- Washington’s birthday.

A reception was held in Hugher Hall which had all Colonial features which was much enjoyed.

The entertainment closed with the old time Virginia reel, Misses Wyatt furnished the music.

Some of the party were attired in Colonial costume which gave a very pleasing effect. Those in costume

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A Hatchet Party.

The Bright Jewels of Centnsary M. E. church will give a “Hatchet Party” on Friday evening in the Social Rooms of the church. All are familiar with the story of George Washington and his hatchet, and are invited to come and take a “chop” at the Washington tree. No admission will be charged but refreshments will be sold.

Sunday, February 25, 1906, Page 4, Column 2

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The Daughters of Confederacy were hosts in a most delightful affair Thursday evening which was in observance the particular event for which February 22d is noted -- Washington’s birthday.

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Notes: (1) The newspaper does not list Mabel Young Andrews. It does list Miss Adeline Claypoole (1874-1935) as Eleanor Custis. (2) The newspaper lists Miss Elizabeth Ellis who was Elizabeth Gavine Ellis Hand (1882-1960) as Mrs. Elizabeth Hamilton. (3) The newspaper lists Mr. F. B. Robards (1884-1960) who was Francis B. Robards as Lawrence Lewis. The gentlemen (3) and (4) could be either one.

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