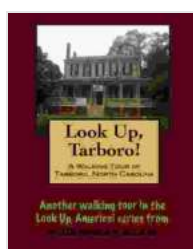


# Walking Tour of Tarboro, North Carolina: A Journey Through Time and Charm



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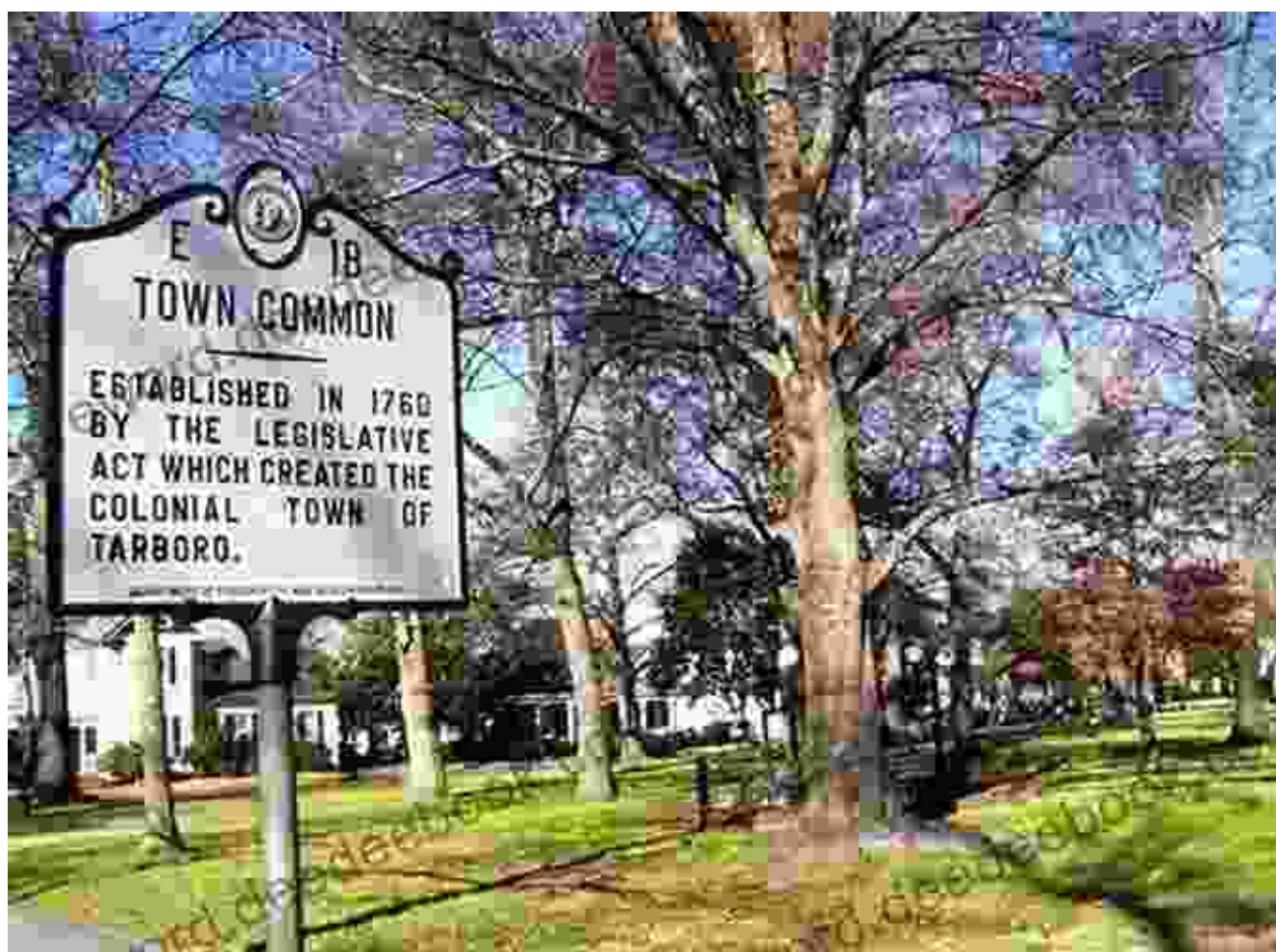
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Nestled amidst the verdant landscapes of eastern North Carolina, Tarboro beckons travelers with its timeless charm and rich historical tapestry. Embark on a captivating walking tour of this captivating town, and be transported back in time as you explore its iconic landmarks, admire its architectural heritage, and delve into the stories that have shaped its enduring legacy.

## **Tarboro Town Common: The Heart of the Town**



Your journey begins at the heart of Tarboro – the Town Common. This sprawling, grassy expanse has served as the town's central gathering place since its founding in 1760. Here, beneath the shade of towering

trees, locals and visitors alike gather to socialize, relax, and witness a slice of everyday life in Tarboro.

### **Blount-Bridgers House: A Window into the Past**



Just a short stroll from the Town Common stands the majestic Blount-Bridgers House, an architectural gem that embodies Tarboro's grandeur. Built in 1796 by William Blount, one of North Carolina's first senators, this Federal-style mansion has witnessed centuries of history unfold within its walls. Today, it serves as a captivating museum, offering visitors a glimpse into the lives of Tarboro's elite during the 18th and 19th centuries.

### **The Cotton Press: A Symbol of Tarboro's Economic Heritage**





As you continue your walk, make your way to The Cotton Press, a reminder of Tarboro's deep connection to the cotton industry. This massive, wooden structure was once used to compress cotton bales for shipment, and its presence serves as a testament to the town's pivotal role in the antebellum cotton trade.

### **The Enfield Academy Building: A Beacon of Education**



Tarboro has long been a center of education, and the Enfield Academy Building stands as a proud symbol of its academic heritage. Founded in 1806, the academy provided education to both young men and women, and its alumni include notable figures such as Confederate General Robert Rodes and North Carolina Governor Zebulon Vance.

### **St. John's Episcopal Church: A Sanctuary of Faith**



Step into the tranquil sanctuary of St. John's Episcopal Church, a testament to Tarboro's rich religious heritage. Founded in 1730, this historic church has served as a spiritual haven for generations of Tarboro residents. Its graceful architecture and stained-glass windows create an atmosphere of reverence and inspire contemplation.

### **The Double House: A Tale of Two Families**



Next, visit the intriguing Double House, a unique structure that tells the story of two families intertwined by fate. Built in 1850, this unusual home was designed to accommodate two separate families under one roof, each with its own entrance, kitchen, and living spaces. Explore its fascinating history and imagine the lives that unfolded within its walls.

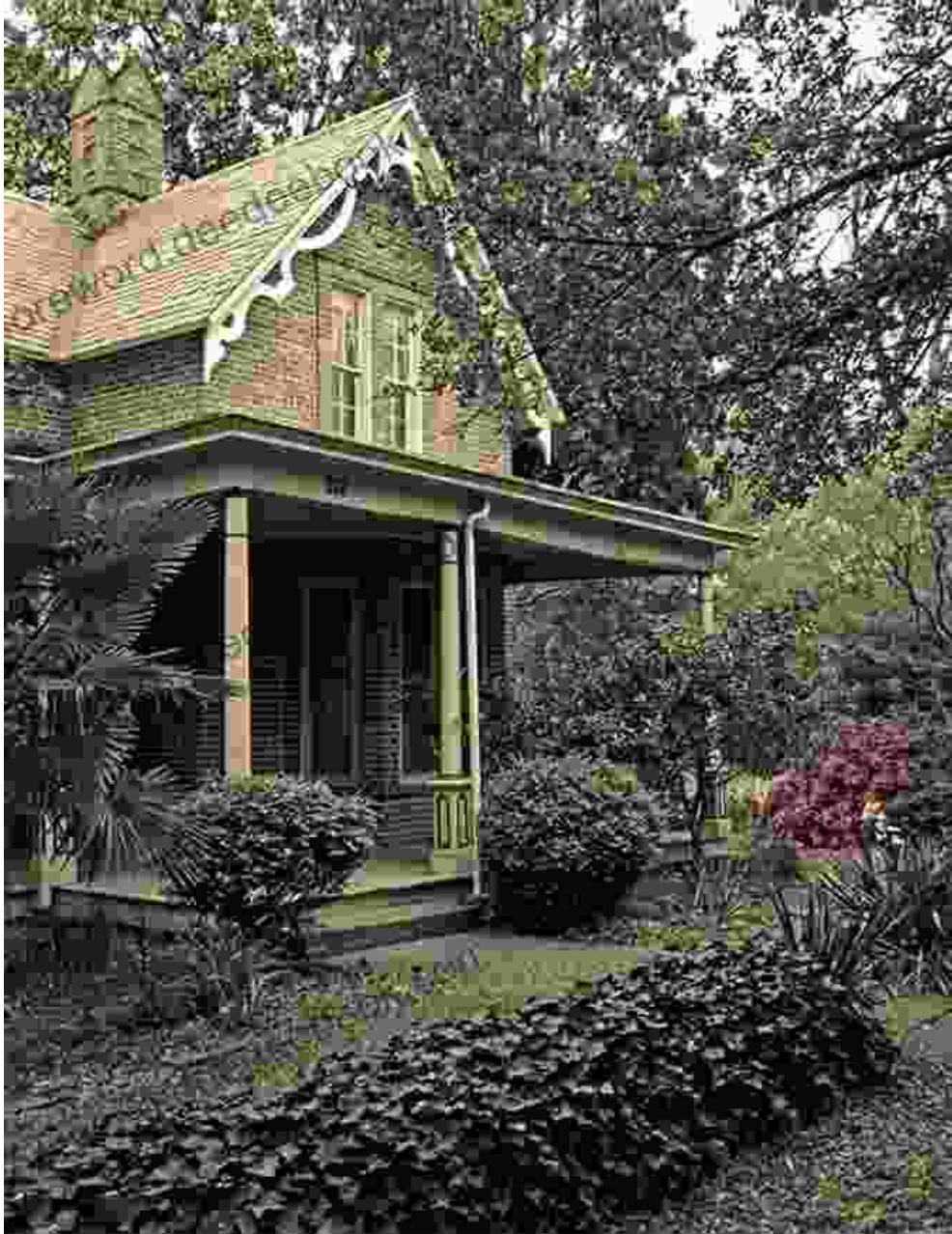
### **The Tarboro Granary: A Relic of Bygone Days**



A short walk from the Double House leads you to the Tarboro Granary, a reminder of the town's agricultural past. This towering brick structure once stored vast quantities of grain, and its sturdy walls have witnessed the ebb and flow of harvests and the changing seasons.

### **The Martin-Nash House: A Touch of Victorian Elegance**





As you approach the end of your tour, admire the Victorian elegance of the Martin-Nash House. Built in 1886 by a wealthy lumberman, this opulent home boasts intricate woodwork, bay windows, and a wraparound porch. Its grandeur reflects the prosperity that Tarboro experienced during the late 19th century.

### **Rediscovering Tarboro's Past and Embracing its Present**



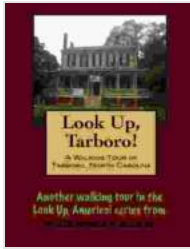
As you complete your walking tour of Tarboro, you will have gained a deeper appreciation for its rich history, architectural heritage, and enduring charm. From the bustling Town Common to the stately homes that line its streets, Tarboro is a living testament to the passage of time and the resilience of a community that has embraced its past while looking forward to a bright future.

Whether you are a history buff, an architecture enthusiast, or simply a traveler seeking a glimpse into the heart of a charming Southern town, a walking tour of Tarboro is an experience that will leave you captivated and inspired.

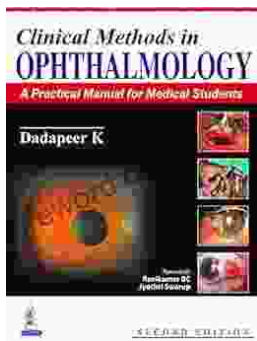
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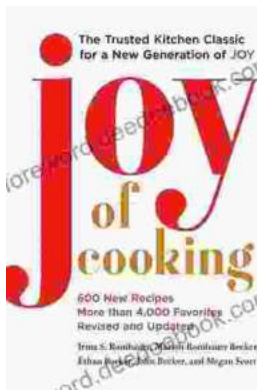


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