



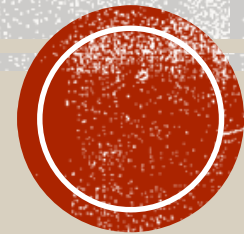
THE WASHINGTON-ROBERTS HOUSE

Portsmouth, NC

HIST 6825-Material Culture

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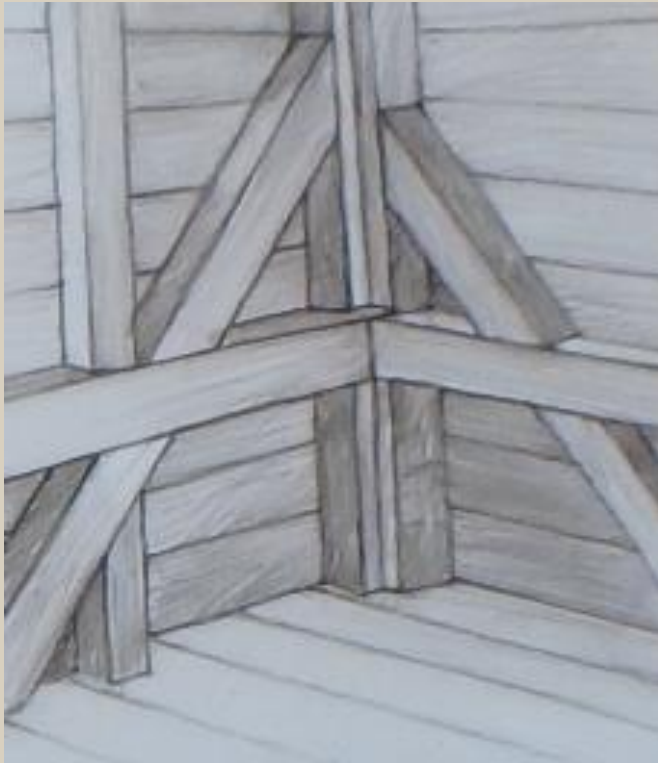




- One of the oldest houses in Portsmouth.
- Built around 1850.
- Prime example of early Outer Banks architecture.



ARCHITECTURE AND CONSTRUCTION



Brace-Frame Construction



Plaster and Lath



Bird's Mouth Storm Brace



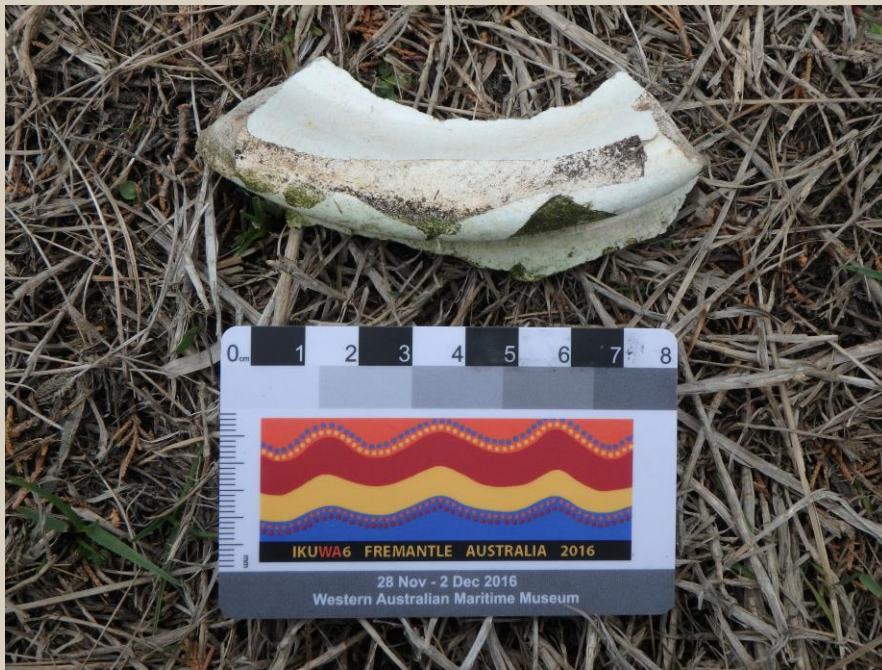
“WASH” ROBERTS

- Grew up in the Washington-Roberts house.
- Resume:
 - Life-Saving Service Crewman
 - Carpenter
 - Boat Builder
 - The “unofficial” coffin maker of Portsmouth.
 - He left the house and island in 1933.



ARTIFACTS FOUND

Ceramic Rim



ARTIFACTS FOUND PT. 2



Tooth
(Pig/Human?)



ARTIFACTS FOUND

Copper Roofing Tile



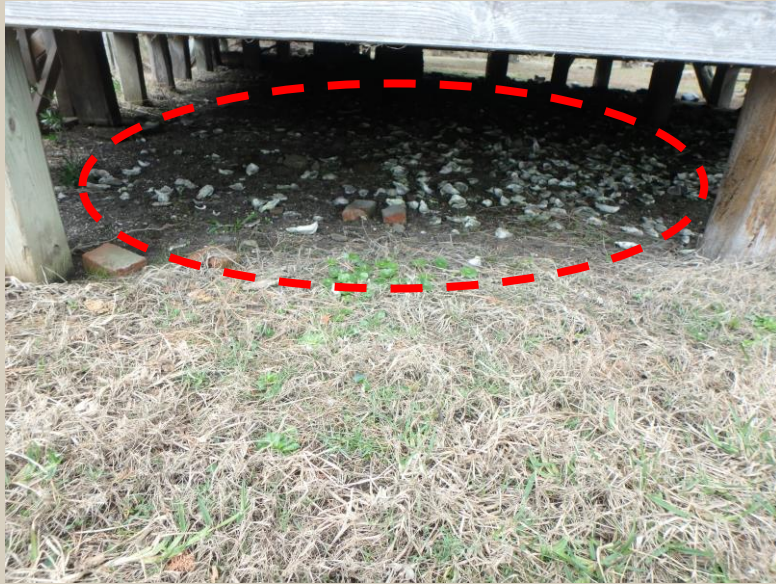
Brick



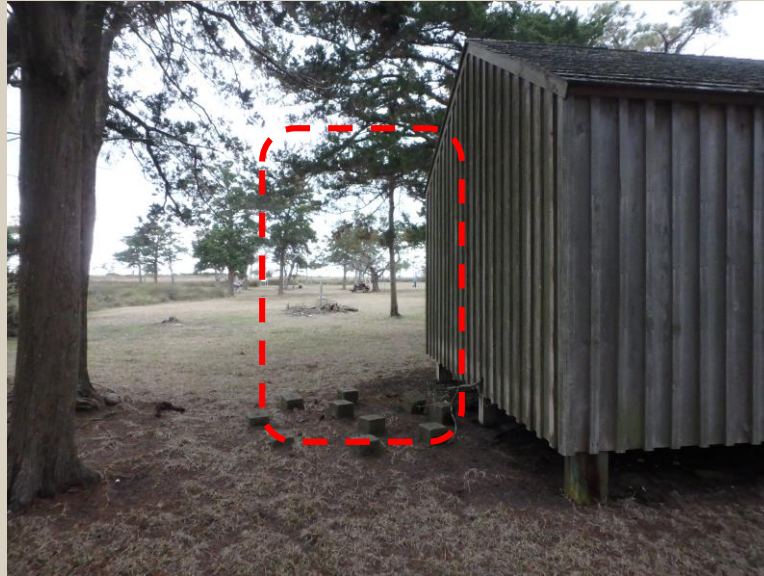
Water Heater Accessory



SITE FEATURES



Shells



Water Unit



Decking



SITE FEATURES PT.2

- Layers in Step:

- Cement

- Brick and Cement

- Shell and Cement



THE END



Sources

- National Park Service (NC)
- Photos Taken by Tyler Ball



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