

# *Gov. Richard Caswell Memorial Partnership*

Colonial Commission  
and  
Richard Caswell Memorial State Historic Site

Working together to help make the Richard Caswell Memorial Site a rich experience in interpreting the authentic history of one of our great colonial leaders and heroes

# Gov. Caswell Memorial Project

Educating the Public



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# *Richard Caswell – A North Carolina Patriot*

## *Leading the Way for North Carolina*



- Deputy surveyor of the North Carolina Colony
- Served in the North Carolina Colonial Assembly
- Sponsored legislation to form the town of Kinston
- Commander of the Dobbs County Militia
- State controller (treasurer)
- Fought at the Battle of Alamance
- Delegate to the first and second Continual Congress
- Revolutionary War Hero at the Battle of Moore's Creek
- Served as Brigadier General of the New Bern District of North Carolina
- Helped draft the first North Carolina constitution
- Major General of all North Carolina troops
- Fought at the Battle of Camden
- North Carolina's first constitutional governor
- Stricken with a fatal stroke while presiding over the NC General Assembly

## Gov. Richard CASWELL PROJECT

### Educating the Public

The Richard Caswell Memorial Site located on Vernon Ave. in Kinston, NC., is dedicated to telling the story of this great leader. Recently the visitors center has done renovations to make the building more accessible and provide additional operating space. We are ready to design and install exhibits.

Some of the Caswell artifacts on display will be:

- A law book used by Caswell during his legal studies
- The bell used to bring the general assembly to order.
- A family bible of Dallam Caswell, son of Richard Caswell
- A child's tea set used by the family
- Currency signed by Caswell as state controller

### New Exhibits Needed

While displays of these items are appropriate,, we want to do more to highlight the accomplishment of Richard Caswell. We want to make the exhibits more interactive. His military career lends itself to several education features such as:

- A video touch screen describing his involvement at the Battle of Alamance with reenactors vividly recreating Gov. Tryon's troops moving against the regulators.  
**Estimated Cost \$1300**
- A full scale reproduction uniform showing how Caswell would have been dressed as a major general during the Revolution. Since the uniform is a reproduction it may be available for people to touch and literally get the feel for an officer's uniform.  
**Estimated Cost \$2500**
- A flintlock musket—if not original then a reproduction musket is essential for completing the story on the colonial militia. A video detailing the firing of the musket is essential for telling the story of the colonial militia. This video can be produced or added to the touch screen noted above.  
**Estimated Cost \$1200**

The state budget for the Caswell Site exhibits is very limited. The site anticipates having around \$5,000 for the panel and casework exhibits. To accomplish the interactive educational features we need to raise approximately \$5,000 in additional funds, bringing the total project to \$10,000.

# Our Goal

As members of the Kinston community we take great pride in the fact that Gov. Richard Caswell, a Revolutionary war hero and the first constitutional governor of North Carolina, lived in Kinston at the location of the memorial site.

It is our goal to help make the Gov. Richard Caswell Site an outstanding site for the purposes of preserving our history, education and heritage tourism.





*We need your help  
to make the exhibits  
tell the story  
of Gov. Richard Caswell  
up close and in a personal way.*

**TOTAL FUNDS NEEDED                      \$5,000**

*Special naming opportunities exist for especially large gifts.*

# Gov. Richard Caswell Memorial Project

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