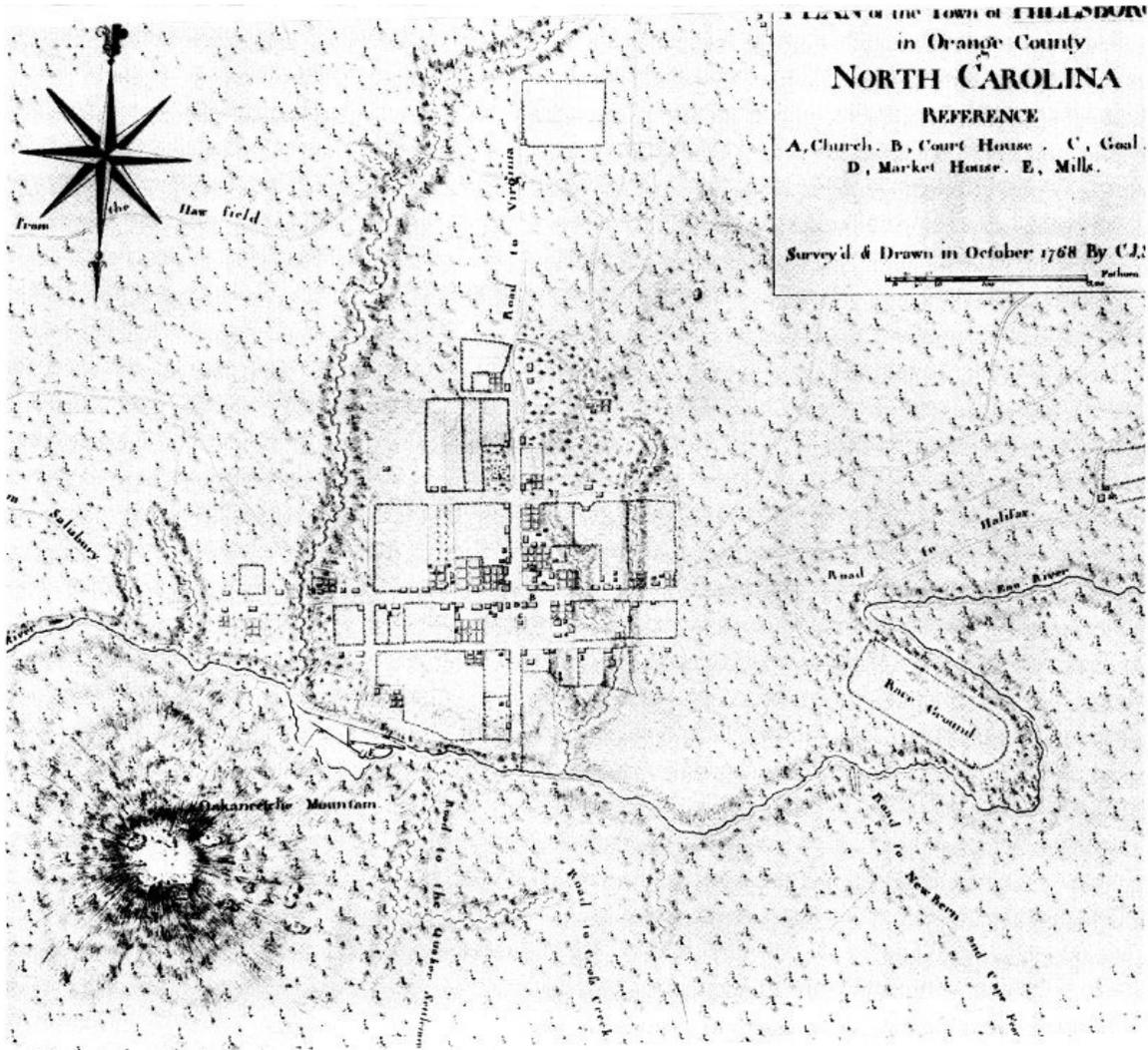


Town of Hillsboro in 1768



Hillsboro, North Carolina

Sauthier's Plan of Hillsboro, 1768.

The majority of the buildings shown on the maps have disappeared, however the town is depicted as it was in 1768. The Sauthier map dated October 1768 was made after the spring uprising of the Regulators in that town and immediately following the arrival of Governor Tryon in

September. From this it may be suspected that (in commissioning the map) Governor Tryon had military maneuvers in mind. The little town is shown on the Eno River in the wooded land of Orange County. The big star at upper left shows north, south, east, and west, and one notes that the town seems to be laid out "properly" on these directions. Roads leading to neighboring towns are carefully marked. There are the Roads from Salisbury to Virginia; to Halifax; to New Bern; to the Quaker Settlement; and to Cross Creek. Observing the layout of the land roads, the genealogist may imagine the routes taken by his ancestors.

At lower left is Oakaneetche Mountain, which was a great hump of earth overlooking Hillsboro. Another of the Occoneechee mountains is seen at the edge of the map. The Occoneechee Indians were one of several Indian tribes in the area. Later on, boy scouts in this part of Orange County belonged to the Occoneechee Council and had camporees at the Hillsboro race ground, not far from the "Race Ground" marked on our map.

This Race Ground lies neatly within a bend in the Eno River, as though the river wanted to mark out this area of flat land for such special use and farms were scattered outside of the town. The rectangular plots of farm land are clearly marked, and the farm houses and secondary buildings are placed at corners convenient to the road.