

Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace ^[1]

Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace

by David Tate, 2006

Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace ^[2], a North Carolina State Historic Site ^[3] established in 1955 and located 12 miles northeast of Asheville ^[4] on Reems Creek Road near Weaverville, serves as a memorial to North Carolina's Civil War ^[5] governor and U.S. senator Zebulon B. Vance ^[6] (1830-94). The site, where Vance spent his early childhood, is representative of an 1830s mountain farmstead. The modern State Historic Site consists of a two-story, five-room log house reconstructed around the original chimneys, six log outbuildings, and a visitors center. Throughout the year, visitors can learn about the Vance family through exhibits, a media presentation, and guided tours of the house and grounds. Seasonal demonstrations of the skills and trades needed to survive in the mountains during the early years of the nineteenth century are also offered.



Photograph of the birthplace of Zebulon B. Vance, 1936. Image from the North Carolina Museum of History.

^[7]

References:

Frontis W. Johnston, "Zebulon B. Vance: A Personality Sketch," *NCHR* 30 (April 1953).

Richard F. Knapp, ed., *North Carolina's State Historic Sites: A Brief History and Status Report* (1995).

Richard E. Yates, *The Confederacy and Zeb Vance* (1958).

Additional Resources:

"Vance Birthplace." North Carolina Historic Sites. <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/vance/vance.htm> ^[2] (accessed August 28, 2012).

Travel and Promotion Division, Department of Conservation and Development. "Sheltering a heritage: North Carolina's historic buildings." Raleigh, N. C." Litho Industries, Inc. 1969. <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/sheltering-a-heritage-north-carolinas-historic-buildings/2533499> ^[8] (accessed August 28, 2012).

"An Act Repealing Chapter 1234, Session Laws of 1953 and Transferring the Appropriation Made in Section 4 of Said Act to the State Department of Archives and History for the Purpose of Aiding Said Department to Acquire the Zebulon Baird Vance Birthplace and to Establish the Same as a Perpetual Memorial to the Name and Memory of Zebulon Baird Vance." *1955 Session Laws and Resolutions passed by the General Assembly at the Regular Session* Winston-Salem, N.C.: Winston Printing Company. 1955. p.1339. <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/session-laws-and-resolutions-passed-by-the-general-assembly-1955/4218034?item=4229358> ^[9] (accessed August 28, 2012).

Conway, Robert O. "Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace," *Tar Heel Junior Historian* XII. May 1973.

Tarleton, William S. "Division Of Historic Sites." p.20. <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/biennial-report-of-the-north-carolina-state-department-of-archives-and-history/1951768> ^[10] (accessed August 28, 2012).

Image Credits:

Tart, Edith W. "Photograph, Accession #: [H.1961.98.14](#)." ^[7] 1936. Image from the North Carolina Museum of History.

Subjects:

[Antebellum \(1820-1861\)](#) ^[11]

[Governors](#) ^[12]

[Places](#) ^[13]

Authors:

[Tate, David](#) ^[14]

Origin - location:

[Buncombe County](#) ^[15]

From:

[Encyclopedia of North Carolina, University of North Carolina Press](#).^[16]

1 January 2006 | Tate, David

Source URL: <https://ncpedia.org/zebulon-b-vance-birthplace?page=0>

Links

^[1] <https://ncpedia.org/zebulon-b-vance-birthplace> ^[2] <http://www.nchistoricsites.org/vance/vance.htm> ^[3] <https://ncpedia.org/state-historic-sites-program> ^[4] <https://ncpedia.org/geography/asheville> ^[5] <https://ncpedia.org/history/cw-1900/civil-war> ^[6] <https://ncpedia.org/vance-zebulon-baird-research-branch> ^[7] <http://collections.ncdcr.gov/RediscoveryProficioPublicSearch/ShowItem.aspx?34404+> ^[8] <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/sheltering-a-heritage-north-carolinas-historic-buildings/2533499> ^[9] <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/session-laws-and-resolutions-passed-by-the-general-assembly-1955/4218034?item=4229358> ^[10] <https://digital.ncdcr.gov/Documents/Detail/biennial-report-of-the-north-carolina-state-department-of-archives-and-history/1951768> ^[11] <https://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/antebellum-1820-1> ^[12] <https://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/governors> ^[13] <https://ncpedia.org/category/subjects/places> ^[14] <https://ncpedia.org/category/authors/tate-david> ^[15] <https://ncpedia.org/category/origin-location/mountain-8> ^[16] <https://ncpedia.org/category/entry-source/encyclopedia->