

The Burgwin-Wright House and Gardens is the cover story of the September 2018 issue of Salt Magazine. The eight-page article includes almost a dozen photographs of the house's recently restored interior.

The Manor Reborn

Rebirth of the Burgwin-Wright House

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John Burgwin was a mover and shaker in Colonial North Carolina. Born in Hereford, England, in 1731 and educated at Cambridge, by 1750 he had landed in Charleston, where he worked for a merchant firm that also had offices in North Carolina. Shortly thereafter, Burgwin resettled among the merchant elite of Wilmington, where he eventually became a prominent lawyer and financier. After an advantageous marriage to Margaret Haynes, of Castle Haynes Plantation, the daughter of a wealthy planter, Burgwin received a number of important appointments, including as private secretary to Gov. Arthur Dobbs. Gov. William Tryon appointed Burgwin treasurer of the Province of North Carolina. He also served as the member of the General Assembly from Bladen County. And most importantly, he managed to deftly walk the tightrope between Whig and Tory (an astute tactic for a merchant)...

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