Settlement of Carolina Colony

- Carolina colony was originally chartered in 1629, but was left unused
- George Durant and Nathaniel Batts are the first documented settlers in the Carolina colony (early 1650s)
- After King Charles II reclaimed the throne in England, he chartered this colony to eight Lords Proprietors, or rich landowners (1663)
- These Lords Proprietors were expected to pay yearly rent, so they made the settlers pay it (quit-rents)
- Problem? The settlers never paid "taxes," so they rebelled

Bath/New Bern

- Bath became the first official town in the Carolina colony (1705); New Bern became the second, and the first colonial capital (1710)
- The two major counties, or local governments, were established; Albemarle (North), and Bath (South)
- A General Assembly started, featuring settlers and other politicians who made decisions for the colony

Rebellions against Lords Proprietors

- Taxes and religious politics pitted the settlers against the Lords Proprietors
- Round #1; Culpeper's Rebellion (1677)-A group of settlers captured a royal official, Thomas Miller; Miller escaped to tell on the settlers
- Culpepper was pardoned
- Round #2: Gibbs' Rebellion (1689); a settler didn't win the governor's seat
- Round #3: Cary's Rebellion (1711); Thomas Cary and settlers fought with the Lords Proprietors over religious requirements for office; Cary was replaced as governor by Edward Hyde
- Cary and crew tried to bombard Gov. Hyde and others at a meeting house near the Albemarle Sound
- Cary and his crew failed; they even hit a sandbar while escaping!