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The depressions in the ground show the former site of Fort Dobbs, a French and Indian War fort in Statesville, North Carolina. The colony of North Carolina built Fort Dobbs in 1756 to guard the western frontier. Named after royal governor Arthur Dobbs, it was the only North Carolina fort site built during the French and Indian War. On February 27, 1760, Cherokee Indians attacked the fort and were ultimately defeated. Following the French and Indian War, British settlement of the North American continent moved further west. Fort Dobbs was abandoned, no longer serving its purpose of defending the western frontier. By 1766 the fort had fallen to ruins. Depressions on the ground mark the site of its cellar.



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