

Arthur Dobbs

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Arthur Dobbs (1689–1765) was royal governor of North Carolina from 1754 to 1764. Note the globe and ship in the behind Dobb, and the map of North Carolina (viewer's right) and compass (viewer's left) in each hand.

Dobbs was born in Ayrshire Scotland, 1689. In the 1710s Dobbs moved to Ireland to manage the family's estate there. In Carrickfergus, Ireland 1733 he was mayor, High Sherrif of the county, Antrim, and a member of the Irish Parliament. Dobbs' interest in colonial governorship and improving the British Empire granted him the position as governor of North Carolina twenty years later. The next year Dobbs traveled to the colony. As governor Dobbs encouraged, unity, industry, a strong military, loyalty to England, and the Anglican Church. He also tried to make "Tower Hill", Dobbs' plantation, in Kingston (today, Kinston) North Carolina's capitol. But, his efforts were blocked by the British government. Dobbs became unpopular in the 1760s with his handling of financial problems. In 1765, Dobbs was planning on returning to Ireland, but died before his departure. William Tryon succeeded Dobbs.

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