



Walnut Grove
Plantation



Price House
1795

Walnut Grove Plantation & Historic Price House

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CLASSROOM ACTIVITY TO ACCOMPANY “A TRIP TO PRICE’S POST OFFICE”

Grade 2 Standard 2-1 Indicator 2-1.4: Summarize changes that have occurred in the local community over time, including changes in the use of land and in the way people earn their living.

Thomas Price’s many roles in his community (merchant, postmaster, tavern keeper, and farmer) present a good example of how access to goods and services has changed over time.

Imagine you are traveling through Spartanburg District in 1820. Write a letter to a friend describing your stay at Thomas Price’s tavern. Think about what goods you may have bought (the Prices sold fabric and sewing implements, coffee and tea pots, tobacco, looking glasses, lead and gun supplies, spices and dyes, bowls and dinnerware, shoes, stockings, hats, molasses, sugar (it came in cones), knives, beeswax, rope, chocolate for making chocolate drinks (not for eating like candy), and even cheese and fish). What will you do with the items you bought? What kinds of people did you encounter during your visit (other travelers, the Prices, slaves, etc.). What were they doing? As you write, think about how a visit to Thomas Price’s tavern was different from a trip to a grocery store, post office, restaurant, or hotel today.

Letters should be written on one side of a single piece of paper so that they can be folded and mailed in the early 19th century fashion.