



**EMELINE PIGOTT  
CONFEDERATE SPY  
FEATURED AT  
THE HISTORY PLACE  
THROUGH  
THE END OF SEPTEMBER.**

Emeline Pigott was in her early twenties when the Civil war came to Morehead City. She lived on a plantation off what is today 20th street on the other side of Calico Creek. She was a fierce supporter of the confederacy and went to New Bern to help with the wounded in 1862 when General Burnside's men defeated the Confederacy and forced them to Kinston. She nursed the wounded there but soon returned to Morehead to spy on the Federal troops occupying Carteret County. She gathered information on the Northern blockade ships in port to resupply, took letters and items from family members to their loved ones on the battlefield and hid them in places pre-arranged for pick-up by the soldiers in gray.

In 1865, as the war was ending, she was arrested and found to have 30 pounds of contraband under her skirts. This included a pair of boots, 4 to 5 pounds of candy, combs, socks and many other items. She was never tried but after about two months was released having been nothing but trouble to her guards in New Bern. This fascinating story is told in an exhibit at the History Place through September.



The carriage Emeline Pigott and her brother-in-law were riding in when they were arrested in 1865



Personal items belonging to Emeline Pigott from her trunk that was lent to the museum by Ruth Barnes



The local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy is named for Emeline Pigott. Here is a shawl that was worn on formal occasions.



Dress from Emeline's trunk



Fabulous embroidered robe and under-garment found in the Emeline Pigott trunk