

**Why I Feel that “Hancock’s Resolution” is
A NATIONAL TREASURE**

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Why do I feel that Hancock’s Resolution is a national treasure? I ask you to name the number of 18th century, middle class dwellings that would fit the following criteria:

1. They remain virtually unchanged from the 18th century.
2. They remain on their original sites.
3. They are still in a view shed which allows one to view the past without numerous modern intrusions.
4. They still are on 18th century “middling-sort” farmsteads.
5. They are open to the public.

Various dwellings might come to mind, as they do for me, but in applying the above criteria, I find that they have either been encapsulated into bigger structures that bear little resemblance to their humble beginnings or they have been moved to another site or have been placed in a contrived village. If they remain on their original locations, modern America has so encroached upon them that it would be worth your life to step out the front door.

“Hancock’s Resolution” has it all. **It is a national treasure.** I challenge you to find another.

Most sincerely,

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