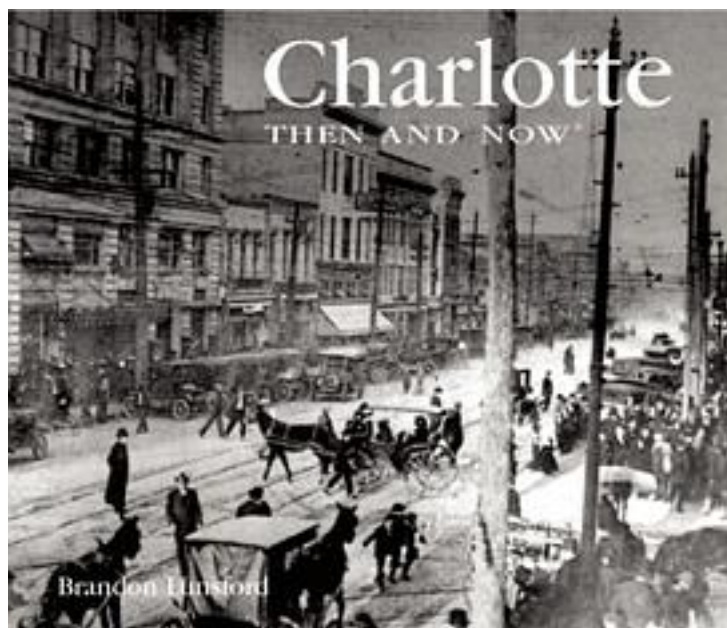


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Charlotte, The Queen City” of North Carolina, was named in honor of King George III’ s wife, Queen Charlotte, and continues to be an important player in American history. From her early days as a pre-revolutionary hotbed of ideology to her modern incarnation as the nation’ s second-largest financial center, Charlotte is fascinating. See this southern belle in all of her past and present glory in Charlotte Then and Now. Discover Charlotte’ s beloved landmarks, past and present, in this unique tour of the Hornet’ s Nest,” a nickname bestowed on the rambunctious city by British general Cornwallis. Sports fans take note: Charlotte’ s pre-revolutionary legacy lives on in the NBA’ s Hornets. Stop by the corner of Trade and Tryon Streets, better known as The Square.” It was at this intersection where the original East-West Trading path crossed with the Great Wagon Road that modern Charlotte began to take shape. Spare any change? Before the California Gold Rush, Charlotte was a major gold town and even

had its own mint. The Charlotte Mint was active until Confederate soldiers seized it; today the U.S. Mint building is one of Charlotte’s most popular museums.

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