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A Goodly Dowry

On the 20th of April in 1836 Adam Brevard Davidson (1808 – 1898) and Mary Laura Springs (1813 – 1872) were married. The following December Mary Laura's father wrote his new son-in-law a letter detailing how to best use the generous dowry he had given to his daughter. It is a charming letter filled with fatherly advice, and interesting insight into the characteristics of some of the twenty Negroes he gave her. Enclosed with the letter was an inventory and evaluation of the dowry which in addition to the slaves included furniture and household goods, 19 head of livestock, farm produce and equipment, and a 959 ½ acre plantation in Lincoln County. John Springs valued the slaves at \$7,450, and the entire dowry at \$16,175. His letter is quoted in its entirety below; the numbers in brackets are the ages of the Negroes.

But first a bit of context. Mary Laura's parents were first cousins, Mary Springs and John Springs, III, one of many in the extended family to bear the name of John Springs. Mary Laura grew up on the family plantation called Springfield near present day Fort Mill, SC. Her mother had died in 1834. Adam Brevard Davidson, always called Brevard, was a son of Jacky Davidson, and grandson of Major John Davidson of Rural Hill. After Brevard and Mary Laura were married they became the third generation of Davidsons to live in the Rural Hill plantation home. Mary Laura and Brevard had sixteen children, one of whom was John Springs Davidson who married Margaret (Minnie) Caldwell, daughter of David and Harriet Caldwell of Rosedale. John and Minnie's son Baxter Craighead (Craig) Davidson inherited Rosedale. His daughters Mary Louise and Alice were its last inhabitants. Minnie and John Springs Davidson (and perhaps Brevard and his second wife Cornelia) were living in the Rural Hill mansion when it burned in 1886.

Springfield York, D. S. C. 8 Dec^r 1836

D^r Sir

I have been expecting you and Mary down, but perhaps it is not material, as I have sent up Mary's Negroes &c to your house, and you can select out such as you wish to keep at home and place the others on the plantation

I think Ann [42] the best cook, but she has a large Family I dont know how you would arrange with them. Peggy [50] has Cooked longer for me than any Negro I own, or at least Mary's Mother kept her at it longer, but I never admired her for a Cook and she is getting old and blind. Julia says she has cooked a good deal, but she is likely to have a larger encumbrance of Children. Fanny [21] has no encumbrance of children and probably wont have, but she has never been put to cooking, and is equal almost to a Man on a Plantation I have an expectation of getting Ann's Husband, if so I will take back Wilbert [15] in his place. I will send you up Bill [51] one of my Black smiths, Christmas Holidays, you can hire him out or work him at home. I have had three or four applications could

get \$250 next year for him without any trouble, but I think I would try it at home. a constant shop always can find a good deal of work any where, and Bill is getting old, you ought to learn a young one before he wears out, unless you have a choice boy of your own. you could put Henry [18], Alek [15], or Wilbert, at any rate I would learn one of my own and not for another. These however were the reasons I wanted to have seen you before I sent up the Negroes to have advised with you. I send you 3 heifers of my improved stock and a pair of little steers, which all you had better keep at Home. I bought 3 fine Young Cows from M^r Duffy that will all have calves between this and Spring and two yearlings which will be enough to commence with there as forage will be scarce. I send 250^{lb} Bacon to feed the Negroes on the Plantation, you had better take it in charge and not let them cut on it to waste

I have taken a little cold and feel rather unwell but if nothing happens I will meet you at the Plantation on Monday, till which time you can keep the Negroes at home. send Wheeler back on sunday from your House with the little Bay Colt. the pair of Dun Horses the two Fillies, Waggon gear & harness &c I allow you to keep. You can probably go with four Horses to the Plantation, if not you can put one in the place of the Bay Colt as I want Wheeler to return on Sunday

I am inclined to think I would try Alek with Bill if so it would be convenient if Mary would take his Mother [Peggy] for a Cook. I send 3 ½ bushels salt When the Waggon came up I found one of the Dun match Horses snagged in the shoulder and as sendded [?] he was not fit to go. you must keep the bay Colt till he gets well, and then we can change. send the bay filley by Wheeler

Respectfully yours
John Springs

A note on the Slaves: According to the inventory the twenty slaves appear to be members of three or perhaps four families. Only Bill the blacksmith is listed alone. Ann is listed with seven children, ages 3 to 21. Her oldest is Fanny who is mentioned as a potential cook who will probably have “no encumbrance of children”. There is no explanation for this. Tom (age 30) and Julia (no age given) are listed with four children, ages 7, 5, 2, and a “child” who might have been an infant. Burrow (54) and Sirrai (14) are listed on one line; Peggy (50) and Henry (18) and Alek (15) are listed on the next line. They might be two families or one. A value is given for each person and an age for everyone except Julia.

Many thanks to the staff at Rural Hill for sharing this wonderful letter!

Ann Williams

From the Chairman

Telling our stories

We tell stories. These are the stories of our historic sites, city, and region. We do keep history alive for all those who come in contact with us.



MHA Docents Past Presidents

But what about our own story? At the 20th anniversary luncheon, we told our Docent story. We have quite a history, starting from humble beginnings and in 1990, merging with the Mecklenburg Historical Association. During this twenty year period with MHA, Docents have become united to accomplish many things. Most significantly, I think, was establishing the Regional History Consortium to share items and information among our historic sites. Planting the seeds for the creation of the Levine Museum of the New South was another visionary idea. Anne Batten helped us with this one.

After our program, I realized what a progressive and visionary group we are. So, WELL DONE, Ladies. Here’s to another 10-20 years of telling more stories.

Education lecture series: From Wagon Roads to New South City

Every 2 years, the MHA Docents present a lecture series to help educate the community to our regional history. Starting with this 2012 series, the Docents are partnering with the Charlotte Museum of History and the Levine Museum of the New South. This partnership will allow us to share ideas, secure top notch speakers, and handle the mechanics of registration easier.

For 5 Saturdays, starting January 28, 2012 and ending February 25, 2012, we will have speakers talking about Charlotte and the Carolinas, from how we started and what we became and are. The last program will be an innovative presentation of "Southern History in Musical Form." Look for details elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the March/April issue of the Dandelion is February 16th. Keep us informed of your special events, and keep sending us interesting articles about history. The Dandelion email subscription list now tops 800; my how we have grown! Send items to Ann and Jim Williams at 1601 S Wendover Road, Charlotte, NC 28211, or email mhadandelion@mindspring.com.

MHA Docent Programs

Tuesday, January 3, 2012

Where in the World Has Your History Passport Taken You!

The meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian church. Refreshments at 9:30 am, business meeting at 10, program at 11. Visitors are always welcome.

Audrey Mellichamp will talk about our adult History Passports, show pictures of us visiting sites, and tell about sites she enjoyed this year. Then it will be our turn. If you've made history travels, nearby or far away, tell us your stories. Brings books, postcards, and souvenirs to share. The projector and screen will be available to show your pictures or power-point presentation. Audrey asks us to keep our narrations under five minutes each.

And remember the prizes. The board decided that everyone who visits fifteen sites in a calendar year will be awarded an orchid or have their dues nullified for the upcoming year. The choice is yours. If you've already completed your passport and would like to have an orchid by Valentine's Day, let Audrey know by January 10th. It can be included in an order her husband is placing for the UNCC Botanical Garden for the occasion.

Tuesday, February 7, 2012

The "Servants" Speak Out at Rosedale Plantation

We will meet at the new visitors' center at Historic Rosedale, 3427 North Tryon Street for refreshments at 9:30 and the business meeting at 10. Visitors are welcome.

After the business meeting Bridget Strong will lead us on a tour of Rosedale featuring the points of view of the Plantation's enslaved people. We'll go back to 1845 and meet the Caldwell's nurse maid Cherry, and their cook Jenny. We're invited to talk to Cherry and Jenny about their life on the plantation, and learn how they and other enslaved people survived the cruel system and helped the family gain its wealth.



Bridget came to Charlotte from Cleveland where she worked at an underground railroad museum. She is currently Events and Program Coordinator for Historic Rosedale and participates in the African American History program at Historic Brattonville. Bridget is an excellent first person interpreter, and we will be treated to a very informative and interesting program.

MHA Docent Dues

As the New Year rolls in, it is time to pay your Mecklenburg Historical Association dues. I realize that it seems like we just finished dealing with this, but the truth is an entire year has slipped past. (Our MHA year runs from January 1 to December 31.) Since we docents are a committee of the Mecklenburg Historical Association, we pay our dues to that parent organization. But, to facilitate *our* record keeping, the docent board asks that you pay your dues *through* the docents. The docent treasurer then will remit one large check, along with a detail sheet listing who has paid dues and at what level, to the MHA treasurer. (If you also receive a dues reminder from the MHA sometime later this year, and if you have already paid dues for 2012 through the docents, just disregard the letter; or regard that letter as a reminder that your dues still need to be turned in to us if you have not already done so.)

Again, docents, please do not send your dues directly to MHA as this makes it difficult to determine for our records if your dues have been paid.

Please make **checks payable to MHA DOCENTS** and give them to Valerie Jones, your docent treasurer. If you cannot be at the monthly meetings, please mail your check to Valerie at 4700 Coronado Drive, Charlotte 28212. And if you have any questions, email her at vyjones@carolina.rr.com or call at 704-567-0599.

Levels of MHA Membership

	<u>Single</u>	<u>Couple</u>
General	\$30.00	\$50.00
Senior (60+)	\$15.00	\$25.00
Patron	\$60.00	\$100.00
Life (single payment)	\$300.00	\$500.00
Student	free	n/a

PLEASE NOTE: If you are not a docent, but a member of MHA, and would like to pay your dues, please make your check payable to *Mecklenburg Historical Association* and send them to the MHA Treasurer at

Mecklenburg Historical Association
P.O. Box 35032
Charlotte, NC 28235

MHA Docent Board Retreat

The Docent Board retreat will be on January 16th and 17th from 10 am to 3 pm each day. We will have reports from committees, discuss our 2012 programs and events, and prepare the docent budget for 2012. Anyone who has something to bring to the board's attention, or a project that needs approval or funding, please contact Audrey Mellichamp so she can schedule a time for you to meet with the board. We will meet at Valerie Jones' home on the 16th, and at Ann Williams' home on the 17th.

MHA Docent 20th Anniversary Celebration

November's Docent Anniversary luncheon was a grand success. We were pleased to see a number of docents who have not been active for a while, and especially Joyce White who was our primary cheerleader and booster all those years ago. The tables looked elegant set with the finery of some of our members, and the luncheon provided by Encore Catering was superb. Our Trip Down Memory Lane reminded us how much we have accomplished and what great camaraderie we have shared along the way. We are indeed a unique group! The many photos and memorabilia were wonderful, and we were pleased to hear what this group has meant to so many of our members. Let's not wait 20 years to do this again.



Hearth Death – Another Myth Busted?

You've probably been told by historic site interpreters that kitchen fires were the second leading cause of death among women, exceeded only by childbirth. Amy Scott of Toronto, Canada decided to examine the evidence, and concluded that this is simply not true. Her article, "Hearth Death: Putting Out the Popular Myth", was published in the ALHFAM *Proceedings of the 2010 Conference and Annual Meeting*. The article is scholarly and includes numerous end notes and an extensive bibliography.

Scott consulted modern and historic research, and found no mention of hearth death prior to the 1980s. She examined a large number of primary sources, such as letters and journals, and official mortality statistics from the 18th and 19th centuries. Death from burning or scalding accounted for about 2% of deaths when the cause was known and recorded, and those were divided almost equally between males and females, the vast majority involving small children. Infectious diseases were the leading cause of death for both genders of all ages. Even childbirth ranked very low. She warns however, that the cause of a person's death was often unknown or not recorded, and that infections resulting from an earlier scald, burn, or childbirth could be misattributed.

She did find a handful of deaths attributed to cooking fires, several of adult women, and a few more of teenaged girls and children. However most recorded burning and scalding deaths did not appear to be associated with long skirts dragged through cooking hearths. Adult women are usually alert enough to notice when their clothes are afire before it becomes deadly. Men, who were equally affected, don't wear skirts, and the deaths peaked in winter when candle use and heating fires were prevalent. Cooking occurs year round. Scott concluded that reading in bed by candle light, smoking in bed, bed covers being kicked toward the hearth, house fires, and steam engine or boiler explosions accounted for many deaths. Falling into a fireplace or pulling a container of boiling liquid onto oneself were also prevalent, especially among children.

Scott ends her article with a plea to all of us: "I encourage anyone with an interest in this issue to share this material as widely as possible."

Ann Williams

Past Events – Historic Brattonsville

The Celebrating Heritage Crafts program was held Nov 25 and 26. Visitors were able to see 12 historic artisans throughout the site demonstrating their crafts and to purchase their wares. The weather was beautiful and visitors enjoyed the experience while learning about the past and getting a jump on their holiday shopping.

A Valuable On-line Resource

Two early Charlotte newspapers have been added to the North Carolina Newspapers digital collection at UNC, Chapel Hill. They are *The Catawba Journal* (1824-1828) and *The Miners' and Farmers' Journal* (1830-1835) which document life in a town that was very different from today's thriving metropolis.

<http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/catawba-journal-charlotte-nc>

<http://digitalnc.org/collections/newspapers/miners-and-farmers-journal-charlotte-nc>

The Catawba Journal covered news of national and local importance, and printed some of the early discussions about the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. The *Miners' and Farmers' Journal* included news of a more practical nature, especially for those active in mining what was then known as the "gold region" of North Carolina. Both titles include a wealth of fascinating information: the articles, reprints, and advertisements give a rich impression of life in Charlotte in the early 19th century.

Regional History Course

Once again it is time for our biennial history course, **From Wagon Roads to New South City**. As you can see from the schedule below we have a most impressive list of speakers this year. We are also pleased that the Charlotte Museum of History and the Levine Museum of the New South have agreed to take on much of the responsibility for hosting and arranging for the classes which makes lighter work for all involved. We are charging a \$10 registration fee this year which covers any or all sessions you wish to attend. Register by phone or on line at the Charlotte Museum of History, or send them a check by mail. Registration deadline is January 22nd.

Books by Mary Kratt and David Goldfield will be available for purchase, and they will be happy to sign books after their sessions.

Our speakers will have lots of new information to present this year, so there will something to learn for experienced docents, those new to our group, or members of the community who want to learn about regional history. Please share this information with anyone you know who may be interested. History education is our docent mission, and this exciting series of talks is our gift to the community.



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The
**CHARLOTTE MUSEUM
 of HISTORY**



Levine
 Museum of the New South

From Wagon Roads to New South City

A series of lectures offered by the
 Mecklenburg Historical Association Docents in partnership with
 the Charlotte Museum of History and Levine Museum of the New South

January 28, 2012, 9:30am-12:00pm

at the Charlotte Museum of History

An Overview of Charlotte's History

Mary Kraft, author of 'Charlotte, North Carolina: A Brief History'

A Cultural History of the Catawba Nation

Dr. Stephen Grisswell, Director of Native American Studies, USC Lancaster

February 4, 2012, 9:30am-12:00pm

at the Charlotte Museum of History

American Revolution in the Carolinas

Tom Phlegar, Charlotte Museum of History Docent & member of the SAR

Charlotte Gold: Mining, the Mint and what it meant in our history

Mike Sullivan, former chair Charlotte Historic Landmarks Commission

February 11, 2012, 9:30am-12:00pm

at Levine Museum of the New South

Journeys toward Freedom: Slavery and Resistance to Slavery in North Carolina

Michelle Lanier, Acting Director of North Carolina African American

Heritage Commission

America Aflame: How the Civil War Created a Nation

Dr. David Goldfield, Robert Lee Bailey Professor of History, UNCC

February 18, 2012, 9:30am-12:00pm

at Levine Museum of the New South

Re-Inventing: Charlotte in the New South 1865-2011

Tom Hanchett, Historian of Levine Museum of the New South

Charlotte's Historic Treasures

Staff from featured Mecklenburg County historic sites

February 25, 2012, 9:30am-12:00pm

Location to be announced

Southern History in Musical Form: a Multi-Cultural Presentation of Music

Tom Hanchett, Historian, Kitty Wilson-Evans, Slavery Interpreter and

Native American performers



To register please call or email the Charlotte Museum of History by January 22, 2012

704-568-1774, programs@charlottemuseum.org

Registration fee: \$10.00, includes all 5 lectures within the series

Another Regional History Course



ROWAN COUNTY/SALISBURY: Our Place in History

Historic Salisbury Foundation and Rowan Museum are looking for history lovers!
We invite you to attend a history course on Salisbury and Rowan County.

Everyone is invited to participate in a 13-week course on Thursday evenings,
7:00-8:30 p.m. beginning February 2nd thru May 3rd, 2012.
(Teachers - Continuing Education Credits are available.)

The first class will be held at the Rowan Museum, with following classes presented
at various historic locations. Classes include information on Native Americans,
early pioneers, the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, industrialization, and much,
much more right up to modern times
- a rich history!

Our basic text is "*Rowan County...A Brief History*" by James S. Brawley.
It is available at the library or on sale at the class for \$15.00.

Course Fee

General Public: \$30.00

Member of Rowan Museum or Historic Salisbury Foundation: \$25.00

Newcomers (1 year or less in Salisbury): \$20.00

**To Register, call Historic Salisbury Foundation:
704-636-0103**

The History Calendar

Admission charged at all events unless otherwise noted.
Check the Charlotte Regional History Consortium website for other events.
<http://www.charlotteregionalhistory.org>

Latta Plantation

5225 Sample Road, Huntersville, NC, 704 875 2312, <http://www.lattaplantation.org>

Civil War Winter Quarters and Homefront , Saturday, January 7 from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, January 8 from 1 to 4 pm.

See how Civil War soldiers survived brutal winters encamped with the armies and how women and children survived at home.

Tinpenney Whistle Workshop, Saturday, January 28, from 10 am to 3 pm.

This workshop will teach the basics of how to play a tinpenney whistle. Participants will receive a whistle and fingering chart and learn how to play some basic tunes. Ages 8-13 years. Workshop is \$25 and limited to 10 participants. For more information, please contact Matthew Waisner at mwaisner@lattaplantation.org or 704-875-2312, ext. 305.

Cooking with Sukey Workshop, Saturday, January 28 from 10 am to 4 pm.

This workshop is a unique opportunity to learn open-hearth cooking techniques from a real master. We will be offering these workshops once a quarter so you can sign up for each of the 4 sessions to learn some new recipes and cooking skills throughout the year. This workshop is for ages 18 and up only. Contact Nicole Cheslak at ncheslak@lattaplantation.org for more information

The Charlotte Museum of History

3500 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte, NC, 704 568 1774, <http://www.charlottemuseum.org>

Our Lives, Our Stories: America's Greatest Generation, exhibit closing, Saturday, January 7 Family Closing Day activities from 1 to 4 pm.

Liberty on the Border: A Civil War Exhibit, Opening Saturday, January 28, Noon to 3 pm

This new exhibit focuses on the border states during the Civil War, to provide new insights into the events leading up to the war, the war years, and the "politics of memory" that has occurred from post-war to modern day.

Liberty on the Border Scholar's Forum, Tuesday, February 7 from 7 to 8 pm

Apron Chronicles Opening Celebration: "Tell us your story," Saturday, February 18 from 1 to 3 pm
Special tours of our collections at 1, 2, and 3 pm.

Historic Rosedale

3427 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC, 704 335 0325, <http://www.historicrosedale.org>

Unheard Voices: Life within the Margins, Saturdays, February 4, 11, 18 and 25, at 5 pm

Discover how the “Peculiar Institution” of slavery affected the lives of those in the shadow wealthy land owners. From the perspectives of three slaves and one free black see how life was lived in Charlotte in 1850. Costumed interpreters will portray these characters from the past and be available for an open discussion afterwards.

Reservations requested.

- February 4th : Sarado’s Voice, America’s Most Wanted
- February 11th: Sesse’s Voice, Why’s I Come Back
- February 18th: Alfred’s Voice, The American Dream
- February 25th: Eliza Voice, Freedom Ain’t So free

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

12031 Lancaster Hwy., Pineville, NC, 704 889 7145

www.polk.nchistoricsites.org

February 18 Historic Floor Cloth Workshop, Saturday, February 18, 10 am to 2 pm

Volunteer Erica Blake will lead a fascinating hands-on workshop on period floor cloths. You will apply traditional floor cloth techniques to create your own bookmarks and mouse pads. Pre-registration is required by February 8, and the workshop is limited to 10 participants. Fee: \$10.00. Light refreshments will be provided. Bring your own lunch.

Rural Hill

4431 Neck Road, Huntersville, NC, 704 875 3113, <http://www.ruralhill.net>

First Footin’ at Rural Hill, Sunday, January 1, at 11 am.

Free, but bring something to contribute to the Stone Soup.

This annual celebration of the Scottish tradition of Hogmanay featuring a leisurely hike around the property, history, friends, stories, and a delicious lunch featuring our excellent “stone soup” prepared by Eddie Ferguson.

First Footin’ Five Miler, Sunday, January 1, at 11 am

A five mile run through Cowan’s Ford Nature Preserve and our trails, will run at the same time as the walk takes place, all participants are welcome to the festivities to follow.

Gaston County Museum

131 West Main Street Dallas, NC. (704)922-7681, #2 www.gastoncountymuseum.org

The Divided Mind of Civil War North Carolina, Saturday, January 21 at 1 pm, Free

Professor Richard D. Starnes of Western Carolina University will speak on Confederate North Carolina, a complex and contradictory place. Among the last to secede, the state ultimately provided more soldiers than any other to the Confederate Army. Governor Zebulon Vance faced various degrees of Unionism within his own state and constantly battled the central government over issues of states’ rights.

Family Fun Night, Civil War Focus, Thursday, February 16 from 5:30 to 7:30 pm

Kids, find out what a Civil War soldier's life was like. Visitors will enjoy a pizza dinner, learn period military marching drills, and observe firing demonstrations. Then they will learn about communication during the Civil War and create their own copy book to take home. RSVPs are required by February 14 to Lynn Duncan, 704.922.7681 x106.

William Henry Singleton's Recollections of My Slavery Days: A North Carolina Slave's View of the Civil War and Its Legacies with Dr. Katherine Mellen Charron. Saturday, February 18 at 1 pm

Based on Singleton's 1922, autobiography, this is a fascinating glimpse of life in a Civil War North Carolina. His book reminds us how slavery impacted black and white families, the church, and the marketplace in the antebellum South as well as the upheaval that accompanied the Civil War.

Historic Brattonsville

1444 Brattonsville Rd., McConnells, SC, 803 684 2327

<http://www.chmuseums.org/ourmuseums/myco/index.htm>

Flax Processing, Saturday, January 7 from 10 am to 4 pm

The Fiber Friends of Historic Brattonsville will demonstrate how the stiff, retted (rotted) plant can be turned into beautiful linen fabric which was the utilitarian fabric of choice during the 18th century.

Hog Butchering Day, Saturday, January 14 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Ever wonder where your bacon comes from? Come witness the process of butchering meat and learn how the early settlers smoked and preserved it. Besides meat, hog butchering provided other useful byproducts as well.

Open Hearth Cooking Workshop, Saturday, January 21, from 9 am to 3pm

Experience the joys and difficulties of historical cooking. Use equipment that is both familiar and unfamiliar to your modern methods of cooking to prepare and enjoy a typical meal of the Carolina Piedmont. Space is limited and additional fees apply. Contact Barb Ardrey at 803-329-2121 ext 129 for more details.

Spinning Workshop, Saturday, February 4 from 9 am to 3 pm

Learn about the various types of fiber and how it can be transformed into beautiful yarns. You will be given a drop spindle and Gulf Coast wool to begin to learn to spin, and then try your hand at a Saxony spinning wheel. Space is limited and additional fees apply. Contact Barb Ardrey at 803-329-2121 ext 129 for more details.

Black History Tours, Saturdays, February 4, 11, and 18 at 11 am

In honor of Black History Month, tours will be offered that focus on the lives of the enslaved African Americans who worked for the Bratton families in both the 18th and 19th centuries.

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC 704 873 5882

<http://www.fortdobbs.org>

Living History Weekend, Saturday, February 25 from 10 am to 4 pm,**Sunday, February 26, from 10 am to 3 pm, Free**

Fort Dobbs was attacked by a force of Cherokee warriors on February 27, 1760. On the 252nd anniversary of the battle, join historic interpreters portraying provincial soldiers and Cherokee Indians as they present musket and cannon firing demonstrations, compare the accoutrements of the two sides, and present on-going demonstrations of 18th Century camp life.



Cowpens National Battlefield

I-85 South Carolina Exit 83, follow signs, 864-461-2828

www.nps.gov/cowp

The Battle of the Cowpens, Anniversary Celebration, Saturday and Sunday, January 14 and 15

Details will be available in early January.

Duke Mansion

400 Hermitage Road, Charlotte, 704 714 4448

<http://www.dukemansion.com>

CPCC's Trail of History – Charlotte Medicine, Sunday, March 4 at 3 pm, Free

The latest in CPCC's "Trail of History" TV documentaries explores the story of health care here, with spotlight on the growth of hospitals. Afterwards, Professor Gary Ritter and interviewees from the film join us for Q & A.

Sons of the American Revolution

Information contact: Tim Berly, tberly@carolina.rr.com 704 849 7886.

231st Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford, Saturday, January 28, at 10 am.

Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Free.

Celebrating the 231st Anniversary of the Battle of Cowan's Ford and the 250th Anniversary of Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Coffee at 9:15 am, Church service at 10 am, followed by wreath presentations at the grave site of Gen. William Lee Davidson. Contact Tim Berly at tberly@carolina.rr.com or call (704) 849-7886 for more information.

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