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The Year in Review



2010 was an eventful year for the MHA Docents. The year got off to an auspicious start with five sessions of our course on regional History scheduled for January and February. We had engaged fine speakers, reserved large lecture spaces, and had Mary Kratt's new history of Charlotte to use as a text. But Mother Nature, apparently no fan of history, sent ice and snow canceling two classes, and threatening another. The three that were held were well attended by enthusiastic learners who came away well satisfied. Some of the missed presentations were abridged and squeezed into the last session. Perhaps the others can be enjoyed another day.

In March we presented "Whatever Did They Wear?", a fashion show of historic garb followed by a luncheon. Mother Nature loves to flaunt her springtime wardrobe, and sent us a beautiful day. Models presented thirty-five vignettes of ladies, gentlemen, and children dressed in the styles of the 1750s to the 1960s. All manner of dress from elegant gowns to working clothes crossed the stage. Then we enjoyed a delicious historic feast from salamagundy to gingerbread and whipped cream with apricots, and pecans. Most impressive!

The year included an array of great programs. Some received excellent publicity and brought us lots of visitors. Several times we were forced to shift from our usual meeting place to a church classroom, but everyone found their way and no one complained about the close quarters. We were disappointed when snow began to fall during the surveyor's program, and we couldn't go outside to play with his antique equipment. In June we went to the Landsford Canal State Park for our docent picnic and to see the magnificent Spider Lilies, and in November we had a grand tour of the Schiele Museum's backcountry farm.

On May 20th the long awaited statue of Captain James Jack was unveiled, moving the celebration from the square to the Little Sugar Creek Greenway. We had had the pleasure of meeting the sculptor, Chas Fagan, at our May meeting, and learning about his process and artistry.



Our many accomplishments were punctuated by losses. On the 3rd of June our “Queen”, Jo Anne Dickens, passed away. Only two days before she had been with us at our picnic in her usual exuberant spirits. Docents Carol Trippe and Jama Mooney, though not active with us in recent years, were also sad losses. Robert Weis, a valiant history friend, died in December. He is remembered elsewhere in this newsletter.

It’s been quite a year. We’ve had great adventures, learned a lot of history, and learned to make do and do without. We’re closer and stronger for the experience. Ann Williams

From the Outgoing Chairman

My time has come to step down as your president. It has been a honor to serve you for the remainder of Jo Ann Dickens' term. I hope I have contributed in some small way to the benefit of the MHA Docents Group. Thanks to my executive board – what can I say about the four of you? Each of you have contributed to this group in your own special way, and made my job just that much easier.

The MHA Docents Group will thrive as long as our members are positive, vibrant and active. Each member bears the responsibility of sharing his or her skills and time to ensure the group’s strength and development.

I look forward to our new president Audrey Mellichamp, I know she will do a good job. Please everyone be kind and help her in everyway you can; she will need all of you to help make her job a little easier.

Thank you again for all your help in these past months. Hazel White

From the New Chairman

Message from a Docent—Back to Basics

I have been getting back to basics this fall. Being a member of the Historical Cooking Guild of the Catawba Valley, I cook on the hearth and enjoy doing that even with its hardships.

Not so long ago, I took an intense two-day workshop in Backcountry Cookery with fabulous teachers from the Schiele Museum--Kay Moss, Suzanne Simmons, and Kathryn Hoffman. So with spurtle in hand, a spit, and a giant kettle of water, I learned to mix, roast, and ‘bake’ in water (in a muslin bag). This experience renewed my joy and wonder of hearth cooking!

Then later at Rosedale, I renewed the joy of learning history when I ‘sat in’ on June McKinney and Sara Craig’s children tours. YES! Students walked to the site from a nearby school. After letting the docents know how much I enjoyed coming to Rosedale this time, I invited them to come out to the Polk site (President James K. Polk State Historic Site) to see the cooking guild cook. Docents June McKinney and June White came the next time we cooked! What fun they had watching us.

This sharing our skills and knowledge with each other is a wonderful and powerful thing!

So, I wish for you and me a year of getting back to basics! Renewing our love and joy of history. Learning
Audrey Mellichamp

MHA Docent Programs

Both meetings 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. New officers will be installed during the January business meeting.

**Tuesday, January 4, 2011
Back to Basics – Backcountry Cooking**



Members of the Historical Cooking Guild of the Catawba Valley will present a video of the group cooking at the President James K. Polk State Historic Site and demonstrate the equipment they use in their cooking---BUT no fire here!

They will also share information about traveling food, 12th night celebrations, Candlemas, cookery books and receipts, and gardening--some of the things that have affected their lives.

You've often read on these pages about the talented members of the cooking guild, and the high standards of authenticity and scholarship they uphold. This will be a chance to ask them about their travels and experiences in historic kitchens far and wide, and to hear about our culinary past. So, Come One, Come All – to learn about historic

hearth cooking and to have some fun!

**Tuesday, February 1, 2011
A Revolutionary War Soldier Remembers**

Thomas Young, a gentleman of a certain age, will reminisce with us about his experiences as a sixteen-year-old soldier in the revolutionary war. Thomas lived in the South Carolina upcountry when war interrupted his peaceful youthful existence, tearing families and communities apart, and often pitting brother against brother. It's been some years since the war ended, but Thomas' memories are as vibrant as yesterday.

Dr. Tony Zeiss, president of Central Piedmont Community College, has long been an advocate of history. Several years ago while visiting Kings Mountain Military Park, Tony discovered that Thomas Young had written a narrative of his war experiences. This led to extensive research to piece together Young's family and community, the Southern Campaign of the war, and their place in history. The result is his new book, *Backcountry Fury: A Sixteen-Year-Old Patriot in the Revolutionary War*. Tony will appear in 19th century dress as an older Thomas Young, yet still dynamic and energetic when relating his exciting past. Tony will have copies of his book for sale.



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the March/April issue of the Dandelion is February 14, 2011. We're always looking for interesting articles about history. Send submissions to Ann and Jin Williams at 1601 S Wendover Road, Charlotte, NC 28211, or email mhadandelion@mindspring.com.

Docent Board Retreat

The annual Docent Board Retreat will be January 10 and 11, however the venue has been changed. We will meet at the home of Valerie Jones, 4700 Coronado Drive, and begin each morning at 10 am. All committee chairman should make a written report of their past year's activities to present at the January meeting or at the board retreat. Committee chairmen or anyone else who has an item to present to the board should contact Audrey Mellichamp at 704-536-2704 or lmellichamp@carolinarr.com. She will schedule a time for your presentation.

Memorial Gifts

The board is still seeking titles of books to add to our library in memory of docents who died in 2010. For Jo Anne Dickens a book on historic travel would be appropriate; for Jama Mooney, a book of general North Carolina history; and for Carol Trippe, a book on Slavery. Pass along suggestions to any board member.

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 2011 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, do cents, 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 vvjones@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 |

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

Docent Book Club

After the January meeting we will gather to discuss *Martha Washington* by Patricia Brady. The book was reviewed in the September/October issue of the Dandelion. We welcome suggestions for further reading. Did you get a book for Christmas you think we'd enjoy? Bring a lunch if you'd like, and feel free to join us even if you've not read the book.

Mysterious Loss at the Christmas Tea

A small book of carols went missing after the Docent Christmas Tea that belonged to me. It is mostly red, a thin paperback about 9"x5" with a tassel on the binding, and a picture on the front of two children dressed in choir robes, circa the 1950's. This was something from my childhood. If this went home with anyone's things at the tea, I would very much like to have it back. Thank you. Valerie Jones 704-567-0599

In Memoriam

Robert Weis, the first director of The Levine Museum of the New South, died on December 4, 2010. He suffered a massive heart attack while swimming at the Jewish Community Center and could not be revived. Robert served the Levine Museum in many capacities after his term as director, was treasurer of MHA for a number of years, and a long time friend of the docents and the history community. Robert will be greatly missed.

News from America

From *The St. James's Chronicle; Or, British Evening-Post*.
Price Three-Pence.) From SATURDAY, August 23, to TUESDAY, August 26, 1777 (No 2568

[Several years ago Greg Nichols of Raleigh discovered three original issues of this newspaper in a junk shop in Nashville, Tenn. Here are three letters from one of those issues telling of the capture of Fort Ticonderoga by British General Burgoyne, plus a letter in response from "An Englishman"]

Extract of [a] Letter from the Hon. Gen. Sir Wm. Howe to Lord G. Germain, dated New-York, July 15, 1777.

Various Accounts have been lately brought from the Northern Part of this Province, in Regard to the Army from Canada; and I have this Day had the Satisfaction to receive a Letter from Lieutenant-General Burgoyne, with a Confirmation of this being before Ticonderoga; a Copy of which your Lordship has inclosed; Intelligence otherwise received leaves no Room to doubt his being in Possession, but it does not come from Authority so certain as to justify me in a positive Declaration of the Fact.

I am extremely concerned, my Lord, to close this Letter with a Circumstance as distressing as it was unexpected. An Express is just arrived from Rhode-Island with Intelligence that a small Party of the Rebels made a Descent there on the Night of the 16th ult. Surprised Major-General Prescott in his Quarters, carried him off, and Lieutenant Barrington of the 7th Regiment, with such Dispatch and Secrecy as to frustrate every Attempt to rescue them.

Extract of a Letter from Lieutenant-General Burgoyne to the Hon. Sir Wm. Howe, dated Camp, before Ticonderoga, July 2, 1777.

I wait only some Necessaries of the heavy Artillery, which have been retarded by contrary Winds upon Lake Champlain, to open Batteries upon Ticonderoga.

The Army is in the fullest Powers of Health and Spirit. I have a large Body of Savages, and shall be joined by a larger in a few Days. Ticonderoga reduced, I shall leave behind me proper Engineers to put it in an impregnable State; and it will be garrisoned from Canada, where all the destined Supplies are safely arrived. My Force therefore will be left compleat for future Operations.

[Reprinted in the *St. James Chronicle* from the] London Gazette Extraordinary, Whitehall, August 25, 1777.

The following Letter from Lieutenant General Burgoyne to Lord George Germain was received the 23d instant, by Captain Gardner, First Aid de Camp to Lieutenant General Burgoyne, who arrived in the Royal George armed Transport from Quebec

Head Quarters, Skenesborough House, July 11, 1777.

My Lord,

I have the Honour to acquaint your Lordship, that the Enemy dislodged from Ticonderoga and Mount Independence on the 6th inst. and were driven on the same Day beyond Skenesborough on the Right, and to Huberton on the Left, with the Loss of 128 Pieces of Cannon, all their armed Vessels and Batteaus, the greatest Part of the Baggage and Ammunition, Provisions and Military Stores to a very large Amount.

This Success has been followed by Events equally fortunate and rapid. I subjoin such a Detail of Circumstances as the time will permit, and, for his Majesty's further Information, I beg Leave to refer your Lordship to Captain Gardner, my Aid de Camp, whom I have thought it necessary to dispatch with News so important to the King's Service, and so honourable to the Troops under my Command.

[At this point in the newspaper there is a detailed account of the battle and taking of Fort Ticonderoga, along with a complete listing of the killed and wounded, supplies and equipment taken at the fort. This is way too long to transcribe here, running more than a full 12 by 17 inch page of small type.]

To the Printer of the St. J. Chronicle

Sir, If we consider the inferior Number of our own Troops, the Number of killed and wounded on our Side; that the Enemy has retired to Fort Edward, which has been reinforced; that our Troops were so fatigued by their late Engagement, that they were not, at the Time General Burgoyne's Letter was sent to England, in a Condition to follow the Enemy and attack Fort Edward, we have at present but little Reason to plume ourselves upon our Victory at Tic onderoga, much less have those who possess a due Sense of the Miseries of Civil War, and are impatient for a Reconciliation between the Colonies and the Mother Country, any great Reason to hope that this wished-for Event is much nearer for our late Success; and I confess for one, General Burgoyne's Letter hath rather depressed than raised my Spirits, as it manifestly accuses the Ministry of Tardiness and Negligence in providing the Requisites for a successful War, and speedy Peace. He tells in this Letter, "that the Prevalence of contrary Winds, and other Accidents, have rendered it impossible for any Necessaries prepared in England for the Opening of the Campaign, yet to reach the Army." We read in the same Paragraph, that Preparations for attacking Ticonderoga were making under the Direction of Major General Phillips in the Winter, and yet on the 11th of July the Necessaries from England for the Opening of the Campaign, were not arrived. How can we expect Success to our Arms, if the Troops in America are not to receive the necessary Supplies from England for opening the Campaign, till the Evening of the Close? If Spanish, French, and Dutch Politicks had the Direction of the War in America, they could not conduct it more effectually to answer their Purpose, and to waste the Strength of Great Britain and her American Colonies.

AN ENGLISHMAN

A New Historical Society is Born
Mt Holly Historical Society

The Mt. Holly Historical Society is up and running. With encouragement from Mt. Holly Mayor Bryan Hough, an exploratory meeting was set up at the First United Methodist Church in downtown Mt. Holly on May 1, 2010, with the objective to establish an historical society for the town.

Mt. Holly was settled in the 1750's and incorporated in 1879, and is one of the oldest towns in Gaston County. The old City Hall on South Main Street has been the home for nearly 20 years for dozens of boxes of artifacts from

the city's past. The number one priority of the Historical Society is to catalogue these items and preserve them for future generations as well as to collect any further memorabilia.

The Historical Society is beginning from the ground up. We have incorporated and applied for non-profit status. We are hoping for city council approval to have a permanent home in the old City Hall to store our archives, create a museum, and house an historical library. We have enlisted the help of the assistant director of Special Collections at UNCC to teach us how to catalogue and preserve our papers and letters.

Our goals are to present programs of historical interest to the community, secure oral and video histories from the older citizens, inventory and create historical signs and plaques, create a walking/driving tour of historic sites, and mark accurately the Gaston County side of the trail through the Tuskaseegee Ford. We are also considering having a Founder's Day on March 14, the date of Mt. Holly's incorporation in 1879, whereby we would recognize all those families who resided here 142 years ago.

We also hope to partner with the Mt. Holly Community Development Foundation and the Chamber of Commerce in fund raising activities and events. In addition, Jim Love, Lee Beatty, and Charlie Rhyne, all descendents of original pioneers of this area, are publishing an Arcadia Book on Mt. Holly in 2011, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Mt. Holly Historical Society.

Most importantly, the Society will be a place to donate historical artifact and papers for proper preservation and display. We hope more citizens will take an interest and join and help preserve Mt. Holly's past so that future generations may appreciate and learn.

For further information or suggestions please contact our publicity chair, Sandy Carter, at 704-827-7552 or email smc1221@bellsouth.net.
Roy and Christine Vogel

News from Historic Sites

Hugh Torance House and Store

The Open House on November 14th at the Hugh Torance House and Store was a great success. We had about 225 visitors; some who have a long association with history in North Mecklenburg, and many new to the area. We were impressed by the newcomers' keenness to learn about the history of their new community. It was a festive and busy afternoon, and we collected names of people who are interested in supporting the site. A training session for volunteers to give tours of the House and Store will be scheduled probably for sometime in March. If you are interested in attending contact Ann Williams at 704-365-2402 or ann.williams@mindspring.com.

Rural Hill

The Board of Directors of Rural Hill, Inc. has announced that Jeff Fissel will be the new executive director of the site. Jeff joined Rural Hill in July as events director and exhibited leadership and expertise that impressed fellow staffers and members of the board. His efforts led to record attendance at both the Amazing Maize Maze, and the Sheep Dog trials. Jeff is a history buff and an Appalachian State graduate with degrees in management and marketing. He and his wife Carey live in Huntersville.

Jeff will assume duties that Ed McLean has held since 2007. Ed will assume a new role as Senior Advisor for Development to continue the success he has had in the past three years in fostering Rural Hill's growth.

Gaston County Museum

The Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies has awarded The Gaston County Museum the 2010 Albert Ray Newsome Award recognizing noteworthy accomplishments in the preservation and promotion of local History. The award was given in recognition of the museum's exhibit *Healing the Children: The North Carolina Orthopedic Hospital*.

The remarkable hospital located in Gastonia was open from 1921 to 1979. It was the only place in the state that offered free care to children under sixteen who could not afford expensive orthopedic procedures. It treated children with birth defects, polio, scoliosis, and even burns. Most children stayed in the hospital for an extended time, so the hospital held a year-round school, field trips, and child-focused activities.

In addition to photos, documents, and other items, exhibit curator Stephanie Haiar and staff members interviewed over fifty former patients, doctors, nurses, groundskeepers, and others associated with the hospital. They held special events including a reunion of the hospital's patients, staff, and volunteers. Congratulations Gaston County Museum!

Old Mecklenburg Genealogical Society

The OMGS *Quarterly*, coedited by Ellen Poteet and Mary Utting, received the 2010 Award for Excellence in Periodical Publishing for a periodical published by a local North Carolina genealogical society. The award was presented at the North Carolina Genealogical Society's fall workshop in Raleigh on November 13, 2010.

Historic Landmarks Commission

The Charlotte-Mecklenburg Historic Landmarks Commission will hold a public hearing at their regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 10, at 6:00 pm. The meeting will be held at the Landmarks office in the Ratcliffe-Otterbourg House at 2100 Randolph Road in Charlotte.

The public hearing is on the prospective listing of the former William R. Barringer Hotel in the National Register of Historic Places. This building is located at 426 North Tryon Street in Charlotte. For more information see the Survey and Research Report on <http://cmhpf.org/Surveys&RBarringerHotel.htm>

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>

Historic Rosedale

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

BYOBB (Bring your own Bird Book), Friday, February 18th from 11 am to 3 pm, Free

Here is your chance to conduct your own science experiment. Become a conservationist for a day and join The Great Backyard Bird Count, which starts on the 18th and ends on the 21st. Help Historic Rosedale identify and catalog all of the feathered friends that live in our green space. This helps the Audubon society and the intellectual community to discover how well birds are surviving winters in different parts of the US.

Black History Month: "Comparing Slave Societies: The US and Brazil," Saturday, February 19th at 11 am
Professor Tom Rogers of UNC Charlotte will discuss the in-depth details of slavery in the Carolinas surrounding cotton production and how it compares to the slavery supporting Brazilian sugarcane production.

Latta Plantation

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

Civil War Winter Quarters & Homefront.

Saturday, January 8 from 10 am to 4 pm; and Sunday, January 9 from 1 to 4 pm

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

Open Hearth Cooking Workshop. Saturday, January 22 from 10 am to 2 pm

Learn the basics of open-hearth cooking and work with period recipes. Participants will prepare a meal and enjoy it together. The cost is \$30 per person. Registration forms available at www.lattaplantation.org.

The Charlotte Museum of History

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

Twelfth Night, Saturday, January 8 from 6 to 9 pm

For colonial North Carolinians, December 25 marked only the start of the twelve days of Christmas. The twelfth day was a popular day to hold a party. Join us at the museum for our annual Twelfth Night event, which will mirror that of the original festivities. Participate in the cutting of the Twelfth Night cake. Enjoy an evening tour of the 1774 Hezekiah Alexander Homesite. Drop by the log cabin kitchen to see colonial cookways. Refresh yourself with non-alcoholic drinks in our "Colonial Tavern," while enjoying the sounds of live colonial music.

President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

www.polk.nchistoricsites.org

Historic Floor Cloth Workshop. Saturday January 22 from 10 am to 4 pm

Join volunteers Olga Sims and Erica Blake as they lead this fascinating hands on workshop on period floor cloths. Visitors will apply traditional floor cloth techniques to create their own bookmarks and mouse pads. Pre-registration is required. Please register by January 8, 2011. The workshop is limited to 20 participants. Fee: \$10.00. Light refreshments will be provided. Please feel free to bring a lunch.

Presidents Day: The Vice Presidents of Andrew Jackson and James K. Polk, Saturday, February 19 at 10 am.

This hour-long history program will bring into focus the extraordinary lives of these not so famous men who left their mark on the office of the Vice-Presidency. Join the staff of Andrew Jackson State Park and the staff of the President James K. Polk State Historic Site as they explore these little talked about gentlemen. This event will be held at the Andrew Jackson State Park. For directions, please visit their web site at:

<http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx>

Rural Hill

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

New Year's Day First Footin'. Saturday, January 1 at 11 am

Begin the New Year at Rural Hill with First Footin', our annual 5K hike and celebration of Hogmanay (pronounced hog-muh-NAY). After the Protestant Reformation in Scotland it was considered irreverent to celebrate on religious Holy Days. Merriment was therefore reserved for Hogmanay, a combination of New Year's Eve and New Year's Day. Good fortune would smile on a household if the first person to set foot in the house in the new year was a handsome young man bearing gifts. Also towns throughout the hillsides of Scotland have an age old annual ritual of walking the town limits to restate or reclaim its boundaries. Rural Hill has combined these

traditions to assure good crops, good health, and good fortune for the coming year. See the website for more Hogmanay traditions.

Gaston County Museum

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

Exhibit: Love & War – The History of Wartime Weddings. Now through March 6th

This exhibit features an exciting collection of wedding dresses, photograph, military uniforms, and weapons that span from the Revolutionary War to the Iraq War. Visitors will learn how wedding traditions and fashions have changed over the years and how war has affected these changes.

Music and Ballads of Appalachia. Saturday, January 22 at 2 pm. Free

Join us for this special program as Susan Sherlock plays traditional hammer dulcimer music, and sings Appalachian ballads.

Music at the Depot. Friday, February 11 at 6:30 pm

This performance features Michael Reno Harrell, an award winning songwriter, storyteller and entertainer. His recordings top the Americana Music Association charts year after year. His songs and stories have been called “Appalachian grit and wit.” He has toured throughout the British Isles and much of Europe as well as the US. Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$13 on the day of the show.

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC 704 873 5882

<http://www.fortdobbs.org>

251st Anniversary of the Attack on Fort Dobbs

Saturday, February 26 from 10 am to 4 pm, Sunday, February 27 from 10 am to 3 pm.

On February 27th, 1760, the garrison of Fort Dobbs defended their post against a force of more than 60 Cherokee warriors. Battlefield tours and musket and cannon firing demonstrations will be featured, as well as on-going demonstrations of 18th Century military and American-Indian camp life.

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