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From the Chairman

As the storms of a turbulent spring subside, we anticipate the gentle warmth of summer and all its pleasures. Where has the time gone? It seems like just yesterday I was accepting the crown that refused to stay on my head and embarking on a new adventure with all of you. I hope that you are planning some travel this summer both for fun and learning more about history. I will be going to New England to visit family and the Tall Ships event in Newport, Rhode Island. It will be interesting to get a first hand look at the interiors of the type of ships our ancestors used to travel to the colonies.

Here in Charlotte the month of May will bring our annual celebration of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence with its reminders of the sacrifices our forebears were willing to make for the freedoms we now enjoy. Thanks to those who volunteered at the fund raiser for the Captain James Jack statue. I know we will enjoy learning more about Captain Jack and the May 20th Society at our May meeting. I hope that as many of you as possible will volunteer at the events planned during the month of May. Charlotte is fortunate indeed to be able to claim such a special event in its history.

Don't forget the MHA dinner meeting on May 14 and our annual picnic in June. We are planning a potluck salad and dessert picnic under the Swamp Chestnut Oak at Rosedale. A short business meeting will begin at 10:30 and then we will get down to the best part, having time to just enjoy each other's company. Have a wonderful summer and don't forget to put our first Tuesday meetings on your fall calendar.

Alice Bostic

Dandelion Deadline

The next issue of the Dandelion will be sent about a week before our September 4th meeting. The deadline for articles will be August 15th. We expect to hear from Alice about the Tall Ships, and anyone else who has excitement to report. Happy summer!

May and June Programs

Tuesday May 1, 2007

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall of Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church. Refreshments – 9:30 AM; business meeting – 10:00 AM; program – 11:00 AM. Visitors are always welcome.

The Background and History of the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence.

Jim Williams will illuminate us not on the details of the Meck Dec, or it's historic significance, but rather on, the state of mind in the back country which made it almost inevitable, the events leading up to it, and the root cause of the uproar which started 45 years later and continues today. It is not a pretty story, but an interesting one.

Also on the agenda is a representative from the May 20th Society which sponsors the Meck Dec celebration at the square. He will talk about that and about the proposed life-sized bronze statue of Captain James Jack on horseback which will soon appear on Little Sugar Creek Greenway.

Tuesday June 5, 2007

Take note: **Change of time, change of place!** We will meet at **Historic Rosedale at 10:30 AM**. We will have a short business meeting followed by our annual docent picnic. There will be no program, just camaraderie and fun. Meet under the Swamp Chestnut Oak, and bring a covered dish to share. The hospitality committee will provide disposable plates and tools, and something to drink. If Mother Nature is cranky and sends us rain, we'll picnic in the basement.

MHA Dinner Meeting

The next MHA dinner meeting will be Monday, May 14th. The meeting will be held at Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dinner is at 6:30, followed by the program at 7:15. Those not attending the dinner are welcome to attend the program at no charge. To make dinner reservations, contact Linda Dalton at 704-364-7435, or leasace@aol.com.

Marsha Hanna, Education Director and Accessions Chairman for the Carolinas Aviation Museum, will tell us of the fascinating history of this museum. With fifty-six aircraft and a wealth of other items, the museum has more artifacts than most aviation museums on the east coast. Aircraft and artifacts are being donated to the museum at an amazing rate. Almost every day someone just "walks in" with something. The Museum could easily acquire five to ten additional aircraft each year without much effort. As this growth continues the museum is well on its way to achieving its goal of becoming one of the major aviation museums in the United States.

Book Club

In April only two of us attended book club, so we decided to reschedule the discussion of *Big Chief Elizabeth* for May. *Big Chief Elizabeth* by Giles Milton is the fascinating story of England's first foray into America from early exploration to the settlement of colonies on Roanoke Island, and the establishment of Jamestown. The tale is rife with storms, shipwrecks, starvation, and unimaginable deprivation. Both Indians and white men displayed compassion, friendliness, sloth, greed, devious behavior, and incredible cruelty. It is amazing that any European managed to survive on this side of the Atlantic!

Milton is an Englishman, and thereby brings an interesting aspect to the tale from his side of the pond. Most of his exhaustive research was conducted in British archives where the journals and records of the early explorers and settlers are kept. The book is replete with quotations from those sources in the beautiful archaic language of the time. He is very clear in distinguishing the historic record from educated speculation. His primary focus is on the colony at Roanoke, and he concludes with an intriguing explanation of how the colony became lost. It is a terrific read.

The public library has a number of copies of *Big Chief Elizabeth*; it is also available in paperback and can be ordered inexpensively from Amazon. With your appetite now whetted, please join us after our May meeting for an interesting discussion whether you've read the book or not.

We will not meet after our picnic in June. In September we'll discuss *Ghost Riders* by Sharyn McCrumb. This novel, published in 2004 and now in paperback, is a mix of the present and past in North Carolina's mountains. The present only lightly intrudes on the larger tale of the 1860s. The main character is Zebulon Vance, congressman, Confederate officer, and North Carolina governor. What a compelling portrait McCrumb paints of him. Other characters are mountain people torn by the civil war within the civil war that raged in the mountain counties. Again their portraits are vivid. *Ghost Riders* is a beautifully written novel, and its historical accuracy is supported by a three page bibliography. Enjoy it as a delightful summer read.

Below is a summary of our last book club selection, and reviews of several other books you might enjoy.

Lossing's *Pictorial Field-Book*

In recent months the Docent's Book Club has been reading *Benson J. Lossing's Pictorial Field-Book of the Revolution in the Carolinas & Georgia* edited by Jack C Fryar, Jr. This is not a one-month read! The Carolinas & Georgia section is only one part of a larger publication dedicated to the entire Revolutionary War in America. Line drawing illustrations done by the author are as interesting as the narrative, and as impressive.

Who cannot admire Lossing for setting himself a monumental task and then carrying it through – traveling to the site of every 'clash' and recording his own observations and interviewing participants, eyewitnesses, and their descendants. We are told by the editor that Lossing covered more than 8,000 miles in the original States and Canada.

Especially interesting is the part dealing with the local area. Lossing gives a peek through the window of history at Charlotte, the Meck Dec, the Yadkin and the Catawba, and travel by horseback on roads that hardly deserve the name. Lossing's complete field-book was published in 1850. The Carolinas & Georgia portion was edited and published in 2005. It is a treasure for anyone who enjoys reading history. Rachel Abernathy

The Constant Princess by Philippa Gregory

Katherine of Aragon, daughter of King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella of Spain, arrives in England promised in marriage to Arthur, Prince of Wales. Arthur's death after only a year of marriage brings his brother, who will become Henry VIII, to England's throne. Katherine thus becomes Arthur's widow, and remarkably, Henry's first wife. This story is intriguing and pleasantly told by Gregory who places her characters in a believable setting and breathes life into them with her prose.

Katherine as a heroine is unsurpassed. A young woman of indomitable faith and determined to become Queen of England fulfilling the role she sees as her destiny, and England's. Her spirit and strength enable her to endure seven years of loneliness, poverty, spies, and humiliation. The reader gets a taste of the intrigues of court life and the manipulation of individuals and events and the role of women in this society. One can see the development of character (or lack of it) in Henry, and gain insight into the beginning of his tumultuous reign.

Reading Philippa Gregory's books, though historical fiction, is a special treat and when you finish this one you will want to read *The Other Boleyn Girl*. Rachel Abernathy

Saxons, Vikings, and Celts, The Genetic Roots of Britain and Ireland by Bryan Sykes

Bryan Sykes is Professor of Genetics at Oxford University. He founded and is chairman of "Oxford Ancestors" an organization that uses DNA to help individuals explore their genetic roots. In this book, the first to be written about the genetic history of Britain and Ireland, he uses DNA evidence as the main source of information. His enthusiasm for his subject is happily evident in his writing and he is able to explain and describe scientific material for the average reader.

Yes, I know that we read history—but I think that you will find this subject fascinating and 'cutting edge'. Sykes uses, in conjunction with DNA, material artifacts, written documents, human remains, human language and physical characteristics to make his claims. He also wrote *Seven Daughters of Eve* and *Adam's Curse* identifying seven clan 'mothers' as the ancestors of 95% of native Europeans. It is within this framework that he attempts to place the earliest inhabitants of Ireland, Scotland, Wales, and England.

Sykes travels the modern world and describes it vividly; he brings his scientific outlook to the countries' earliest histories and archaeology. Along the way he touches on their immigrations, occupations, and invasions. How far back does he go? Perhaps to the beginning of human time on earth, all through the revelations of DNA.

Rachel Abernathy

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence
Celebration of the 232nd Anniversary

The annual Mecklenburg Declaration Day celebration will occur this year on May 18th due to May 20th falling on a Sunday. The May 20 Society is again in charge with major support from Charlotte City Center Partners.

Thursday, May 17

On this evening invited guests will enjoy cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a speech by David McCullough (*John Adams, 1776, The Path Between the Seas*, etc. etc. etc.) at the City Club, high atop the Interstate Tower in uptown Charlotte. Interpreters from the MHA Docents and the 6th NC Continental Line will greet the guests, mingle with the crowd, do some Huzzahing, and listen to the talk. We hope to have a good group of interpreters to give the crowd an idea of the historic aspect of the event.

All interpreters must be at the City Club by 5:30 in 18th century dress (1775). Soldiers will be in uniform with muskets, bayonets and swords. Civilian men and women will be in fancy dress or everyday working clothes. Musicians will be in uniform with fife and drum. If you are able to participate, email Jim and Ann Williams, or call us at 704 365 2402 by May 1 if at all possible, or call Carolyn Dilda at 704 596 8834 after May 1.

Free parking will be provided for interpreters at the City Club. Driving on 4th Street (one way), cross Tryon Street. As soon as you cross Tryon Street, continue half a block and directly behind the First Citizens Building, take a right into the alleyway. There is a sign indicating Interstate Tower and City Club Parking. Follow the signs into the parking deck and park in a Charlotte City Club reserved parking space. After parking, take the elevator to the main lobby of the building. There will be a sign indicating which set of elevators to take for the CITY CLUB. Press LC indicating LOWER CLUB AREA, which is on the 31st floor.

On that evening, soldiers will provide an honor guard at the elevators and women will hand out programs. Our major function, however, is to mingle with the crowd and talk with them about the history of early Charlotte. The food and drink runs from 6:00 to 7:30. Then the Fifes and Drums will play and lead the attendees down the hall to the Mecklenburg Room which will be set up with rows of chairs for the talk. Interpreters will sit at the back of the room unless there is a big crowd in which case we will stand at the back. Bring your copies of David McCullough's books for the book signing.

Friday, May 18th – With Cannon

We hope and expect to have a cannon and gun crew present to fire the big gun right up the middle of Tryon Street! This is a new first for the Meck Dec Day celebrations. Charlotte Center City Partners is managing the event this year and they want to grow it over the next few years to make this a weekend encampment.

Otherwise, the event is much like previous years except that they will block off the intersection of Trade and Tryon so that we can stand on the Brass Medallion in the middle of the intersection and read about the original courthouse that stood there. The replica courthouse will again be constructed on the corner. It will be up all week with a banner telling of the Friday ceremony.

Interpreters should arrive at the square at 11:00, or earlier if possible, and mingle with the crowd, hand out Meck Dec copies, play music, march up and down, etc. Parking for interpreters will be provided in the Bank of America Parking Garage, between Trade and Fifth Streets, behind the Bank of America Tower. Enter from either Trade or Fifth Street. Bring your parking ticket with you to get it validated at the square.

At noon they will block off traffic and we will move to the center of the intersection. The cannon will be positioned pointing up Tryon Street with the muskets flanking it. An army general will give a short speech (no

Politicians this year!). We will have the reading of the Meck Dec and Captain Jack will ride up on horseback, take the document and ride off up North Tryon Street. Then we will have the toasts from 1825, the Huzzahs!, fire the muskets and the cannon. We plan to do 4 or 5 cannon firings.

With the streets blocked off, we will parade to Settlers Cemetery and honor Thomas Polk with wreath, fife tune and volleys.

Captain Jack Rides Again

On the 29th of March a wine and cheese gathering was held at the home of Patty and Tommy Norman to raise funds for the Captain Jack statue. In time the statue will be placed on the Little Sugar Creek Greenway where it abuts the CPCC campus before crossing under 4th Street. The party, hosted by the May 20th Society, was a fine event. It was attended by a young, enthusiastic, prosperous crowd who care about our city and its history, and have the ability to get things done. How lucky we are to have such a group of future leaders to carry on our mission! Guests were greeted by docents and reenactors in 18th century garb, and treated to music and frivolity from the period. Rousing speeches were given by Tony Zeiss and Charles Jonas. Jim Williams proclaimed mightily. Captain Jack arrived on his handsome steed and collected the nametags of those who promised to donate to the cause – many nametags. The wine and cheese, elegant and tasty, were provided by Reid's grocery. We have been told that the guests were completely wowed by our presence. Thank you, thank you all who came out on a chilly drizzly evening to add to the festivities.

Ann Williams





CMC-MERCY

Hospital construction uncovers old cemetery

Graves and remains dating back to the 1770s found on expansion site

BY LINDSAY POLLARD
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Construction crews working on an expansion of Carolinas Medical Center-Mercy have unearthed grave markers and remains dating back to the 1770s.

"Here lies the body of Thomas Barnet," one of the markers reads. "Deceased May The 3rd, 1776. Aged 22 years."

The markers and remains were found late last month where the hospital is building a new medical office building and parking deck at Vail Avenue and Caswell Road.

After four gravestones were found March 22, hospital officials contacted the N.C. Office of

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Seeking Relatives

Graves found at the construction site could belong to people who are recorded as being buried at Spratt Cemetery.

- Thomas Barnet
- William Barnet
- Mary Sprot
- Andrew Sprot
- Jean Barnet
- Mary Barnet
- Hugh Bingham
- Joseph Bingham
- Mary Bingham
- Samuel Bingham Jr.
- Esther Johnson
- James McKnight
- Robert McKnight

If you might be a descendent, call 336-379-0433 or e-mail cespenshade@newsouthassoc.com.

SOURCE: Public Library of Charlotte & Mecklenburg County

The Spratt Burying Ground

This article appeared in The Charlotte Observer on April 3rd, 2007. If you know anyone that might have an interest in this, please contact them and make sure they know about it.

Construction unearths old cemetery

Mercy from 1B

State Archeology. Work was halted while archeologists scoured the site. Nothing was found, and construction crews were cleared to continue working, said archeologist Chris Espenshade.

But, on March 27, a bulldozer

turned up bones and work was stopped again.

Espenshade and colleagues from New South Associates then found skeletal remains and 13 graves. New South Associates is a Greensboro firm that specializes in archaeology, history and preservation.

Espenshade did more research and found that hospital land on Vail Avenue had once

been home to Spratt Cemetery, a family burial ground that had been scattered over the years. Records on the Charlotte-Mecklenburg History Web site (www.cmstory.org) indicate that 13 people were buried there.

The state requires that the hospital advertise the discovery in hopes of reaching descendants. It cannot move the

bones or test them until 60 days after a formal announcement is made. That is expected soon.

Working around the site will be challenging and pricey, said Scott White, media relations director for Carolinas Health-Care System. It will cost \$100,000 to \$150,000, he said.

Said White: "It's the right thing to do."

Historical Cooking Guild of the Catawba Valley

Docents in the News, Big time!

At the dedication of the new courthouse, I met Alan Hodge, a writer for Our State Magazine. We arranged to talk by phone and to set a time to meet.

On February 15th, Carolyn Dilda, Sharon Van Kuren and I met Alan at the Government Center. We passed along the history of the Cooking Guild from our beginning, through what we cooked, where we have traveled to cook, and whom we have trained to cook in the open-hearth.

We are looking forward to reading Alan's article about the Cooking Guild in the **June** issue of Our State Magazine.

Barbara Goodwin

Well done, ladies! Congratulations on your good fortune and fame that is sure to follow!

Cooking Guild Schedule

The Cooking Guild will be at Reed Gold mine for Heritage Days, April 24 and 25. We will present a prospector's campfire cooking. April 26, our regular cooking date will be a planning session for the upcoming cooking class, and for our summer activities.

May 2 – Tour Johnson & Wales University and do assigned research in the library.

May 10 & 24 – Regular cooking session in the Polk kitchen

June 14 – Cooking prep for Saturday's class.

June 16 – Cooking class (the class is full; another one will probably be scheduled for fall)

July 12 – Susan Plaisted's cooking video and book reviews.

August 9 – Research at Columbia, SC, archives.

A Fine Place to Visit

The House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site
288 Alston House Road, Sanford, NC 27330, 919-947-2051

ON OUR WAY TO.... After spotting one sign, we followed country roads, backtracked, asked directions, and tried again to find The House in the Horseshoe, north of Carthage, NC, off SR 1621. The Alston House and the story of the Revolutionary War skirmish that took place there were well worth finding.

Site Director, Elizabeth Faison, led us through the house built in 1772 by Philip Alston, Colonel in the Whig militia, and his wife Temperance. The two-story clapboard house has broad porches and stands on a hill, with fields sloping down to Deep River. The wide entrance hall has a master bedchamber on one side and a sitting room on the other. Painted in the original colors, the rooms' furnishings were arranged comfortably, not just for display. Other bedchambers were upstairs.

In 1781, Tories surrounded the house with the Alston family and the Whig militia inside. Today you can see bullet holes in the walls. Amazingly, Temperance Alston hid her children in the chimney nook for protection. She walked outside and secured a ceasefire and safety for her husband and his men.

A small museum gives later history when Governor Benjamin Williams owned the house. He has an impressive Revolutionary War record. In good weather take a picnic and enjoy the quiet countryside.

Barbara Goodwin

News from Latta Plantation

April opened with *Art of the Blacksmith*, which went great. Jay Ruggiero did a wonderful job of telling visitors about this trade from the past. From horseshoes and farm tools to kitchen equipment, blacksmiths played an extremely important role in the lives of 19th century Backcountry inhabitants by forging things out of metal. Also gaining insight into the lives of 19th century folks were a group of 19 Girl Scouts who came for *Discover Latta Plantation* training day. On April 28th, these girls will come back and help lead over one hundred other Girl Scouts during the *Discover Latta Plantation* event. This event takes a look at how different the lives of Planters, Yeoman farmers, and enslaved African Americans were from each other, and also how we can learn from the past in order to understand our world today... and make it a better one! The Girl Scout docents did a fantastic job with their training and we look forward to the main event.

Rachel Hooey

Spring Fundraisers

Latta Plantation, May 5, 2007

Bluegrass and BBQ, from 4:30 to 8:00 PM. Come out for an evening of good fun! Listen to fantastic bluegrass while you enjoy some good old Carolina barbecue. All is included in the ticket price of \$20 per person. Call the site at 704-875-2312 for tickets and details.

Historic Rosedale, May 12, 2007

The Art of Craft, 10 AM to 4 PM. Again this year there will be about twenty craftsmen, including some of North Carolina's finest potters, selling their wares. This event is a must for collectors. Elsewhere on the grounds enjoy story tellers, kids' crafts, pony rides, music, a silent auction, and a food vendor. Several historic interpreters will demonstrate their skills. Admission for adults is \$10; \$5 for children and students. Reservations are not required.

There will be a sumptuous breakfast for patrons at 9 AM, which includes early access to the show. Patron tickets are \$75 per person. You may reserve your ticket on line at www.historicroesdale.org, or call the site at 704-335-0325.

The History Calendar

The Carl J. McEwen Historical Village

7601 Matthews-Mint Hill Rd. 704-573-0726

Hours Tues. - Sat. 10:00am-2:00pm

Farmers' Market opens Saturdays from 9am-1pm May 5th through September next door to the Scottish Bank. May and June are full of school tours, picnics, DARs, Red Hats, and Family Reunions. Make a plan and call the number above to arrange a tour for you or your group.

The Charlotte Museum of History

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

May 5th 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Rites of Spring. Celebrate the arrival of spring at the Alexander Homesite, with Colonial dance, crafts, and an opportunity to join in springtime chores on the farm! Demonstrations and hands-on activities for visitors of all ages. Families are encouraged to bring a blanket and a picnic lunch and spend the afternoon.

May 19th, performances at 1:30, 2:30 and 3:30. A Time to Decide: Remembering May 20, 1775. Join the Museum in celebrating the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and Mecklenburg Resolves with a visit to the oldest house in Charlotte, owned by backcountry patriot Hezekiah Alexander. Visitors will be delighted by *A Time to Decide*, a performance which examines the cultural and political environment in Mecklenburg County leading up to these documents. Experience the decisions and the ensuing risks and consequences made by our founding fathers.

June 2nd & 3rd 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. World War II Encampment. Step back in time and learn about life during World War II! Experience an Allied Encampment of soldiers, where you can visit their tents, command posts, and vehicles. Help on the homefront as we plant a victory garden and plan a meal on wartime rations. Listen to oral histories and examine documents and objects from the time period in the Briefing Room. Try on a uniform and unpack a soldiers backpack in our Hands-on-History room! A remembrance ceremony honoring veterans will take place at 4:00 p.m. at the American Freedom Bell.

Latta Plantation

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

May 12 (10-4 pm) & 13 (1-4 pm), 2007. Mining at Latta. You'll have a chance to pan all summer, so now is the time to come learn how! ...And why. Join us for a hands-on history lesson on the North Carolina Gold Rush! Panning days will also be held each Saturday in June.

May 26, 2007 (10am-4pm). Living History Day. Join Latta Plantation for a day devoted to recreating history. See what it was like to live without cars, without stoves and microwaves, without grocery stores and malls... you get the idea!

June 2 (10am-4pm) - 3 (1pm-4pm), 2007. CW Infantry Weekend. Spend a day enjoying the plantation and learning about the lives of Civil War soldiers. Demonstrations and drills will be conducted throughout the day.

Gaston County Museum

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

June 8 – Blues out Back – Abe Reid – 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Bring your lawn chairs and join the Gaston County Museum for this free *Blues Out Back* concert

Abe Reid is a master of growling out old tunes and screaming harmonica, and now his authentic finger picking style has lots of new guitar squeaks and squonks to unleash on the unsuspecting. Abe's style inspires countless imitations and makes getting the blues enjoyable. He's an innovator, creating infectious melodies that deliver some of the most potent assaults on the English Language since Allen Ginsberg.

The *Blues Out Back* series continues on the second Friday of each month through October.

August 5 – Family Fun Day – 2-5 PM

In addition to visiting the museum and carriage house, families can help hand crank ice cream and sample their efforts. Visitors to the museum can also play games on the back lawn. Planned games include rolling hoops, Jacob's ladders, toss toys, graces, checkers, sidewalk chalk, and badminton.

Levine Museum of the New South

200 E. Seventh Street, Charlotte, NC, 704 333 1887, <http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org>

"Celebrating the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence" Sunday, May 6th from 3:00 - 4:30 pm
Duke Mansion, 400 Hermitage Rd., Charlotte. For directions, please call (704) 714-4400. This program is free and open to the public.

Historic Rosedale

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

Saturday, August 25th Family Reunion 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Family members of former planters, slaves, and farmers (Frew, Caldwell, Davidson and others) compare notes to discover new links in family histories by sharing stories and antidotes. Information from each participant will be documented and research will be shared with all families. The reunion includes a tour of the house, a segment of "Unheard Voices", and a garden tour to observe grounds rejuvenation projects. They will have an heirloom plant from Rosedale to take home. Free to related families. Open to public @ \$5.00 per person.

Historic Rural Hill Farm

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

Spirit of the Hornet's Nest May 19th - 20th. Join us for the weekend as we recreate the events which took place during that important time in America's struggle for Independence. You will have the opportunity to walk through the camps and experience the sites and smells of camp life in both British and American armies. Visit with the soldiers and find out what life was like as a soldier in the army in 1781. There will be plenty of activities and exhibits for everyone to enjoy.

Historic Brattonsville

1444 Brattonsville Road McConnells, SC 29726 803.684.2327

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

Battle of Huck's Defeat July 14 from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. July 15 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Ongoing demonstrations, scheduled scenarios and the anticipated battle reenactments will fill this weekend of fun, education and adventure for the entire family.

The tumultuous times of the American Revolution return to Historic Brattonsville July 14 and 15 for the reenactment of the Battle of Huck's Defeat. Ongoing demonstrations, scheduled scenarios and the anticipated battle reenactments will fill this weekend of fun, education and adventure for the entire family. This Revolutionary War reenactment brings to life the war in the Carolina backcountry with camp life demonstrations, music, firearms presentations, and theatrical performances. Visitors will see costumed interpreters portray the lives of Americans during this turbulent period of American history. During the event, three significant battles will be reenacted including Huck's Defeat, Stallions Plantation, and Musgrove's Mill. Younger visitors are invited to explore the Children's Encampment area where they can try their hand at historic toys and games, take part in military drills, explore a Revolutionary war camp and hear kid friendly ghost stories. Shopping and foods will be also be available.

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