

Dinner Meeting

Monday, March 19, 2018

Dinner at 6:30 pm, Program at 7:15 pm

Fellowship Hall,
Trinity Presbyterian Church
3115 Providence Road
Charlotte, NC 28211



Upcoming Dinner Program

Trinity Presbyterian Church. Dinner is at 6:30 followed by the program at 7:15. Those not having dinner may enjoy the program at no charge. To make a dinner reservation, use the order form in this MHA Newsletter or contact

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The Ties That Bind

We welcome Representative D. Craig Horn who will speak to us on "The Ties that Bind". He will provide insight into how we can continue the legacy of George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and Winston Churchill. Our founding documents are not only the foundation of this great

George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Sir Winston Churchill

nation, but are also guideposts to direct our future. Mr. Horn will delve into the character and foresight of these three great leaders in three different centuries and how they are tied together and tied to us. Craig Horn is a former Russian linguist with the US Air Force Security Service, and a retired businessman. He is in his fourth term in the NC General Assembly as a representative from Union county and is president of the Churchill Society of North Carolina. He and Celia Sandys, Sir Winston Churchill's granddaughter, co-chair the Board of Advisors of the International Churchill Society and the Churchill Centre. Mr. Horn has spoken frequently around the country and internationally about

the life of Winston Churchill and his inspiring leadership.

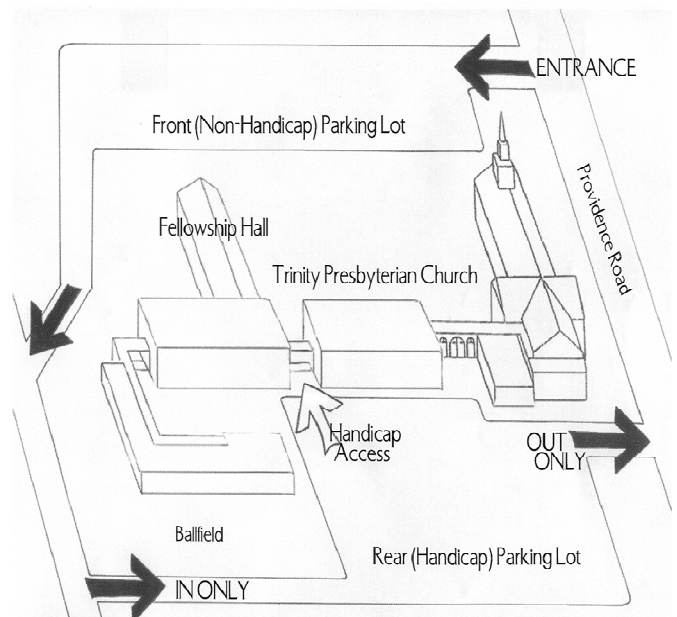


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Remarks From The President

Hello to all of our MHA members! I hope each one of you is having a good 2018. As I sit here today writing to you, the passing of the Reverend Billy Graham is on my heart. Surely there is no figure in the history of Mecklenburg County who had more impact on North Carolina and the entire world than the Reverend Billy Graham. Well done, good and faithful servant. May you rest in peace.

If you have not already renewed your MHA membership for 2018, it's not too

late. See the membership blank elsewhere in this newsletter and please take a minute to send it in. We depend upon those memberships to fund our organization.

I look forward to our March 19th Dinner program and hearing from Representative Craig Horn about "The Ties That Bind" George Washington, Abraham Lincoln, and Sir Winston Churchill.

Be sure to make your dinner reservations now. Also, mark your calendars for May 21st when we will have our second

dinner meeting of the year and have our own Ann Williams as our speaker. Ann will share with us what she has learned about cotton in her program entitled "Early America's Sleeping Beauty: How Nature and Nurture Turned an Unruly Fiber into King Cotton."

Please let us know how we can further promote the history of Mecklenburg County. Your suggestions are welcome.

Linda Dalton
MHA President
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MHA Docent Programs

Both meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall of Sugaw Creek Presbyterian Church, 101 Sugar Creek Road W. Refreshments at 9:30, business meeting at 10, and program at 11. Free. Visitors are always welcome.

Tuesday, March 6, 2018

Centre Presbyterian Church

Centre Church, founded in 1765, was one of our area's "Seven Sister" Presbyterian Churches. It is in Iredell County just a few miles north of Davidson. Although Centre was never in Mecklenburg County, there are numerous family connections between the communities around Centre, Hopewell and the village of Charlotte. The present sanctuary was built in 1854, replacing an earlier log building. We'll hear some of Centre's history, especially that pertaining to its burying ground where the graves go back to 1765. The desire for independence was as avid in Iredell as it was in Mecklenburg. There are 33 patriot soldiers buried at Centre, and June Robb will tell us some of their stories.



June Robb is English-born; she and her husband Ian live in Davidson and worship at Centre Church. She was a legal

secretary to Hall Morrison "Morry" Johnston, and asked him if he was related to Robert Hall Morrison, founder of Davidson College. He replied that he thought so but didn't know exactly how, and asked her to research it for him. She did, and found her calling. Since then she has done extensive research for Centre Church, especially for its 250th anniversary in 2015 in which they hosted a graveyard tour similar to our "Voices From The Past". June will include a power point presentation featuring the church and its cemetery.

Tuesday April 3, 2018

Fifty Years of Special Collections at UNC Charlotte

Robin Brabham was the founding head of the Special Collections Department of UNCC's J. Murrey Atkins Library. Robin came to UNCC in 1969. In 1973, thanks in a large part to the generosity of local businessman and philanthropist Harry Dalton, he became the first head of Special Collections. At first the emphasis was on collecting rare books, especially first editions in American and English literature. As time passed, more attention was given to collecting manuscripts and other materials that document the history and culture of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Robin earned his master's degree in librarianship at Emory University and his master's in history from UNC Chapel Hill. He retired in 2010, and is currently working on a bibliography of 19th century printing and publishing in Mecklenburg County. He says he "continues to assist and sometimes pester Special Collections and to find materials to add to the collections." Anyone who has researched any part of our regional history understands and appreciates the monu-

mental collection that Robin has spawned. We are fortunate indeed to have such a complete and well-organized archive so close to hand.

A Sad Goodbye to the McDowell House

Many of you are aware that property including the McDowell House at 7001 South Tryon Street near Beam Road in Steele Creek was recently purchased and will be redeveloped into a Multi-Family project. On behalf of MHA and as Historic Preservation Chairman of the Mecklenburg Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, I have worked with our DAR Regent, Amanda Ellinger, for almost two years to try to save this house. The significance lies in the McDowell family member, Jane Parks McDowell, who was our own female Paul Revere. In October of 1780 during the Revolutionary War, after the British plundered the McDowell plantation, Jane, with her young child strapped to her, rode ten miles in the dead of night to warn her husband, Captain John McDowell, that the British were on the move from Charlotte. Captain McDowell's unit was camped near Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church and was able to respond because of Jane's warning.

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(McDowell House, from page 2)

We heard stories that the original log house had been built around and was still encased inside this house. That was not true – no log home there. The older part of this house was built c. 1820s and the two-story addition in front was added in the early 1900s. Several knowledgeable people and descendants tell us the location of John and Jane McDowell's early home was across the road. The DAR stone monument was erected in the 1920s and it originally sat across South Tryon Street.

The developer, Mark Blythe, is interested in our history and generously offered to give us a piece of land on the property if we would move and renovate the house. We worked with a small group of interested people and obtained estimates. The cost estimates of \$75,000-\$85,000 to move the house and at least \$1.2 million to do limited renovation to the house were simply too high to make any use of the house financially feasible.

So, Amanda and I watched as the house was demolished in February. The demolition company said it was the toughest house they had ever torn down and the largest pile of wood debris they'd ever seen. With the developer's permission, the demolition crew helped us salvage hundreds of handmade bricks from the earlier double fireplace and many of the large foundation stones. One of our DAR members and her husband transported them and have them stored for us. We plan to relocate the Jane Parks McDowell DAR monument to a new location on the property and we will create a new site for it paved with the salvaged bricks and edged with the foundation stones. We hope that monument will help keep the story of Jane Parks McDowell alive for future generations.

Linda Dalton

North Branch MHA Meeting

On April 10, at 7 pm at 18418 Statesville Rd. in Cornelius, David Stockwell will give us a private tour of his soon-to-be opened BoatYard Eats. This is an entertainment venue with food provided by food trucks. The site is the former Anchorage Marina, a landmark in Cornelius since the opening of Lake Norman. David has updated the site while maintaining its original character. He will be devoting space to local historical artifacts.

On May 8, David Stockwell will host again, this time at Merino's Furniture Warehouse. More information will be available in the next MHA Newsletter. There will be no North Branch meetings in June, July or August.

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Membership Renewals

It's time to renew your MHA membership for 2018. Please save us the cost of mailing by renewing now. Fill in the form, make your check payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association, and mail to:

MHA, P.O. Box 35032, Charlotte, NC 28235

If your employer has a matching grant program or if you retired from such an organization, include the matching grant form with your check.

Thank you for your interest in history!

Membership Category	Single	Couple
Senior Citizen (over 60)	\$15.00	\$25.00
General	30.00	50.00
Patron	60.00	100.00
Life (single payment)	300.00	500.00
Student	Free	n/a

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Email Address	

Membership type: (Please check one)

- ☐ General Membership ☐ Senior
☐ MHA Docent Membership ☐ Patron
☐ North Branch MHA Membership ☐ Life

Please send my MHA Newsletter via:

- ☐ Email
☐ US Postal Mail
☐ Both

If you have access to email, we would prefer to send the newsletter to you that way. This saves considerable time and expense for MHA.

March 19, 2018 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

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c/o Barbara Taylor, 1016 Goshen Place, Charlotte, NC 28211

or email: btaylor797@aol.com

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Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association.

Questions? Please email Barbara Taylor (btaylor797@aol.com) or call her at (980) 335-0326.

We must have your dinner reservation (written or verbal) by Thursday, March 15 in order to meet our caterer's schedule.

Enclosed: \$ _____ (total) for _____ seats (\$12 for Seniors)

\$ _____ (total) for _____ seats (\$14 for all others)

Name Tags: _____ , _____

Return to Voices From The Past Saturday, April 14, from 1 to 4 pm.



Last year the MHA Docents introduced a new event to Charlotte, a cemetery tour called Voices From The Past. MHA Docent Lynn Mintzer had attended similar events elsewhere and agreed to be its chairman. On April 1, 2017, we invited the public to Settlers' and Elmwood/Pinewood cemeteries uptown. There they could visit about fifty appropriately garbed portrayers, each standing beside a grave and assuming the persona of the grave's occupant. It was free to the public, an enormous success with approximately 800 visitors, and definitely worth repeating. Lynn is serving as chairman again this year and has again partnered with Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society; Charlotte's Center City Partners; Bill Bibby, director of Charlotte's cemeteries; and a number of corporate sponsors. We are sure to have another stellar event.

This year is the 250th anniversary of the founding of the city of Charlotte and all of the "residents" of our cemeteries were part of that history. This year there will

again be about fifty portrayers representing a broad swath of the past 250 years. Some will repeat last year's presentation and there will also be new characters for you to meet. At Settlers, you will find Thomas Polk, the instigator of Charlotte's founding in 1768. Dr. Ephraim Brevard and General George Graham were also part of Charlotte's early history and all three of them were heroes of the American Revolution. Don't miss the corner of Settlers' that was reserved for "our servants", a euphemism for slaves. There you will find Aggie and Cherry, slaves who cared for white children in addition to raising their own flocks. Don't be surprised if they gossip a bit about the white folks. At Elmwood, you'll find Dr. Annie Alexander, the South's first licensed female physician. She may be too modest to say that she, the only woman of a hundred applicants at the licensing exam, scored the highest. Don't miss Randolph Scott, the movie star. He's been gone for thirty years but is Elmwood's most visited gravesite. Perhaps Mr. Harry, a funeral director at the time, will tell you about Scott's embalming. At Elmwood, you'll also meet the Victorian funeral directors who will tell you of a bizarre way to absorb the deceased of their sins. And Gussie Berryhill is sure to have all the gossip of our more recent past. At Pinewood, originally called the "colored" cemetery, hear the story of Fred Alexander, a black city councilman and mayor pro tem who, with great effort and perseverance, succeeded in having the fence



torn down between Elmwood and Pinewood. Now all rest together in God's Acres.

There will be free parking along some of the lanes inside Elmwood. All automobile traffic must enter through the Cedar Street entrance. The main entrance on 6th Street will be open to foot traffic only. There are parking lots on 5th Street. Metered parking spaces are free all day on Saturdays. Queen City Tours is providing a free golf cart shuttle between Elmwood/Pinewood and Settlers (which is actually an easy walk) and B-Cycle is providing free bikes to ride between the cemeteries and within Elmwood/Pinewood. Even with the number of visitors last year, the spacious cemeteries were not crowded. This year we'll have more guides including a group from the Children's Theater of Charlotte. Last year, Mother Nature was kind and sent us a beautiful day. Nevertheless, we have scheduled a rain date this year on Sunday, April 15th. So, do put April 14th on your calendar and pass the word about Voices From The Past.



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History News

The Reverend and Mrs. Morrison are Coming to Town

If you were so unfortunate as to have missed the appearance of the Reverend Doctor Robert Hall Morrison last year at Machpelah Church in Lincoln County and at the September MHA Docent meeting, here are three more chances. And this time he is being accompanied by his wife, Mary Graham Morrison.

Dr. Morrison was a leading Presbyterian minister in North Carolina, serving at Fayetteville and then in Charlotte at Sugar Creek Church and as founder of Charlotte First Presbyterian. In 1837 he founded Davidson College and he did it all. He convinced the Presbytery to support it, raised the money, chose the land and supervised the construction, curriculum and enrollment. Then he served as the first President and one of the first two professors. After a personal tragedy he retired from the College to become a wealthy planter in Lincoln County and, for the rest of his life, pastor of the oldest church in the county, Unity Presbyterian, and as founding pastor of Machpelah and Castanea Churches.

At these three events you will be able to meet and talk with Dr. Morrison and his wife Mary, the daughter of General Joseph Graham. They will be interpreted and presented by Jim and Ann Williams, who will speak and answer questions about their lives and accomplishments.

The appearance at the Davidson Historical Society will be on Sunday, March 11 at 4 pm at the Davidson College Alumni House, 420 N. Main Street in Davidson.

The appearance in Lincoln County will be on Saturday, April 21 at 2 pm at Machpelah Church. This church was founded by Rev. Morrison in 1848 and is rarely open to the public. It is located off the road from Beatties Ford to Lincolnton, Route US 73, at Tucker's Grove Church Road.

The appearance at the Matthews Historical Foundation will be on Tuesday, April 24 at 6 pm at the Matthews Woman's Club, 208 South Trade Street, Matthews.

Armistice Bell Ringing: Your Assistance Requested.

The NC Federation of Historical Societies has asked the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room at the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library for help. They want to identify all of the churches in our area that have a working set of bells or recorded bells. The NC Department of Cultural Resources is working to organize a ringing of the bells in communities across the state at 11 am on November 11, 2018. This is to commemorate the signing of the Armistice ending the First World War on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month. The goal is for church and government agencies' bells to ring in all 100 counties in North Carolina.

If you can help identify these churches, contact Shelia Bumgarner sbumgarner@cmlibrary.org 704-416-0150.

News from the Cooking Guild

The Historical Cooking Guild of the Catawba Valley was featured on a live podcast as a part of one of the North Carolina Museum of History's "LIVE" streaming events. These events bring the museum and history into school classrooms across the state. This was the first of these the Museum of History did "on location". It took place at the James K. Polk State Historic Site on January 24 and was viewed live by more than 500 students in 17 counties. The live podcast "Cooking for the (future) President: James K. Polk State Historic Site" explored historic foodways, what could be learned from the foods people ate in the past and the ways meals were prepared. Cooking Guild members Carolyn Dilda and Sharon Van Kuren demonstrated cooking on the open hearth with seasonal foods and answered questions from teachers and students. The Historical Cooking Guild of the Catawba Valley was honored to share their skills, techniques, and research with school groups across the state.

The Empire in Your Hand

Tuesday, March 20 at 7:30 pm, 900 Room, College Union, Davidson College, Free.

UNC Chapel Hill History Professor Dr. Richard Talbert, will discuss his work in analyzing portable Roman sundials. In a time before maps it is difficult for us to

know how the early Romans visualized their vast empire. These instruments provided a form of early maps. The dials are marked with as many as three dozen cities or regions revealing how they visualized the world.

The Original "Lost Colony"

Thursday, March 8, at 6:30 to 7:30 pm, Lincoln Cultural Center (Downtown Lincolnton), Free.

The first colonial settlement in North Carolina was not the "Lost Colony," but the Spanish Fort San Juan, built in 1567 and located at what is now called the Berry Site near Morganton. Archaeologists have been studying the Berry site since 1986 and have identified the remains of Fort San Juan and the Native American settlement of Joara. Recently, the Exploring Joara Foundation has mounted a new exhibit about the Berry site at the History Museum of Burke County in Morganton.

Dr. David Moore, archaeologist at Warren Wilson College and the Senior Archaeologist for the Exploring Joara Foundation, will talk about the interesting Native American and Spanish artifacts that help to tell the fascinating story of this first colonial venture into the interior of the United States.

The Longrifle Makers of the Salem School:

Discovery – Identification – Documentation,

Saturday March 10 from 10 am to 2 pm, Old Salem Visitor Center, Winston-Salem, Lecture at 10 am, Free.

Michael Briggs and Blake Stevenson will exhibit Salem School Longrifles and identify, document and photograph longrifles, artifacts and documents related to rifle making in that area which are brought in that day. Names related to longrifle making in Forsyth County include Betz, Beck, Blum, Brandel, Butner, Christ, Dettmar, Folz, Koffler, Leinbach, Lesh, Loesch, Pfaff, Reavis, Rude, Schaub and Vogler. Artifact related to this subject may be included in an upcoming book on the subject. For information contact Michael Briggs at 336-340-6707.

Admission charged at all events unless otherwise noted. Check the Charlotte Regional History Consortium website for other events.

www.charlotteregionalhistory.org

Historic Rosedale

<http://www.historicrosedale.org>

Fashionista's of The 19th Century: Exhibit Closes Sunday, March 11.

In the 1800s it was considered erotic for women to show the back of their necks and it was seldom appropriate to show their ankles. This temporary exhibit can be toured Thursday through Sunday at 3 pm each day. You'll learn how styles changed over time, when the looks we think of for Southern Belles were actually popular, and how they held those massive dresses up. Many beautiful outfits are on display for this event only.

Easter Egg Hunt, Saturday, March 24, Advanced Reservations Required.

Explore our enchanting gardens and wander through our ancient boxwoods as you and your child hunt for Easter eggs left by the Easter Bunny himself. The four egg hunts start at 10 am, 11 am, Noon and 1 pm. Eggs are filled with fun treats and educational facts about the plantation. Each participant will also leave with a small take-away gift, and as part of Rosedale's silver anniversary as a museum there will be a special surprise at each hunt. Children of all ages are welcome and don't forget your Easter Baskets.

Oyster-Roast, Sunday, March 25 from 2 to 5 pm, Reservations Required.

Oysters will be roasted outside in the true Southern coastal tradition. There will be Oyster cocktail, low country boil, sides, & hot dogs. Catering by The Comet Grill, Craft beer by Birdsong Brewing, garden tours by Larry Mellichamp, PhD and live music.

Historic Latta Plantation

<http://www.lattaplantation.org>

Latta Celtic Festival, Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18 from 10 am to 4 pm.

There will be live music, dancing performances, Celtic clans, arts and crafts vendors and food and beer vendors

The Charlotte Museum of History

<http://www.charlottemuseum.org>

Living Love in Wartime: North Carolina Quaker Service during WW I, Thursday, March 8 at 6 to 8 pm.

Gwen Gosney Erickson, Friends Historical Collection Librarian and Archivist at Guilford College will speak about the experiences of Quaker conscientious objectors in North Carolina during the First World War. This lecture is part of the year-long series, "World War I: The Forgotten War." It is presented by the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, The Charlotte Museum of History, and UNC Charlotte.

Civil War Leaders, Thursday, March 22 at 7:30 to 8:30 pm, Free.

Retired Superior Court Judge Richard Boner will speak on Civil War leaders before and after the conflict. Over the years, Hon. Richard Boner has collected documents signed by both Northern and Southern leaders and will have a portion of his collection on display for his presentation. This free lecture is sponsored by the Charlotte Metrolina Civil War Round-Table.

North Carolina's Experience During the First World War, April 12 at 6 to 8 pm.

Shep McKinley and Steve Sabol will discuss some of the discoveries found in their new edited collection of scholarly essays, *North Carolina's Experience during the First World War* (Knoxville: University of Tennessee Press, Summer 2018). These 18 articles cover the war from the angles of military, politics, memory, homefront, race, labor, and economics.

This lecture is part of the year-long series, "World War I: The Forgotten War." It is presented by the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, The Charlotte Museum of History, and UNC Charlotte.

Civil War Symposium: The Civil War in North and South Carolina, Saturday, April 21 from 8:30 am to 3 pm.

Speakers include:

Olivia Black, Beyond the First Shots: Fort Sumter's Role in the Defense of Charleston Harbor: 1861-1865.

Dr. Rodney Steward, The Rise and Fall of the Southern Rights Party: Revisiting Secession in North Carolina.

Ken Lautzenheiser, The North Carolina Memories of Matilda Lamb Morton.

Charen Bishop Fink, The Roles of Civil War Women in the Carolinas: 1861-1865.

Costs: \$10.00 plus \$10.00 for Lunch. Reservations required for Lunch.

Charlotte Folk Society

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, March 9 featuring Harpeth Rising performing Chamberfolk, Free.

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Avenue, Charlotte. 7:30 PM. Doors open 7:00 PM. Family-friendly & Free; donations appreciated. Free parking. Refreshments, song circle, songwriter's workshop, and jams follow concert. Accessible entry & elevator on ground floor. 704-563-7080; www.folksociety.org

Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, April 13 features Si Kahn and Joe Jencks performing songs from "The Forgotten: Unknown Songs from the Pen of Si Kahn," Free.

Duke Mansion

<http://www.dukemansion.com>

One-Hundred Lost Architectural Treasures of Old Charlotte, Sunday March 18 at 1 pm, Free, Reservations Required.

David Erdman has selected some favorite buildings from his book, *100 Lost Architectural Treasures of Old Charlotte*. He will give a brief narrative about each building: Its history, creative architectural elements, and ultimate demise as Charlotte's leaders and developers made way for ever-newer properties.

This event is part of the ongoing Rosalie Reynolds Explore History lecture series gifted to the community by Wells Fargo, hosted by Dr. Tom Hanchett, and presented in partnership between The Duke Mansion and The Levine Museum of the New South.

**President James K. Polk
State Historic Site**

www.polk.nchistoricsites.org

**Polk and the Mexican-American War,
Saturday March 10 at 10 to 11:30 am,
Registration Required.**

Coffee and Conversation—Café y Conversación : Polk y Guerra de Estados Unidos a Mexico—Polk and the Mexican-American War:

What do you know about this war? How was it portrayed in school? Did you learn about it at all? How is the war viewed differently in Mexico? Give your input and have your voice heard. Attendees will tour the museum and then give feedback on our current exhibit and make suggestions for improvements. Hot coffee and refreshments will be served.

How the Other 90% Ate: The Roots and Reality of Southern "Poverty Food", Saturday, April 21 at 10 am to 2 pm, \$40.00, Only 10 slots Available.

During this hands-on workshop, Clarissa Clifton Lynch will dig into the history of dishes like fried fish, neck bones, baked and fried chicken, cornbread, and more. These now iconic Southern dishes may have been portrayed as the food of the poor, but in reality they were the staples on the dinner tables of the majority of Southerners. Attendees will assist in the preparation of some of these dishes on the open hearth.

**Hugh Torance
House and Store**

www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com/

House Tours on first and third Sundays from 2 to 5 pm, Opening April 15 through October.

The Hugh Torance House and Store is truly a Mecklenburg treasure. The log house section of the building was built as a residence about 1780. In 1805 the building was expanded to include a store which operated until 1825. As the Torance family obtained land and wealth, it became a cotton plantation of 3,000 acres worked by over a hundred slaves. Extensive family history kept through the generations allows us to interpret nearly a century of Mecklenburg's rich mercantile and plantation history.

Historic Rural Hill

<http://www.ruralhill.net>

**Loch Norman Highland Games,
Saturday and Sunday, April 21, 22.**

This Scottish Festival features Heavy Athletics, Highland Dancing, Scottish Country Dancing, Pipe Bands, an Historic Encampment, Kilted Races, Battle Axe and Longbow, Whiskey Tasting and children's activities.

For details and to register go to
www.lochnorman.com

Matthews Heritage Museum

www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org

**Victorian Lawn Party, Saturday April 14
from noon to 4 pm, at the Reid House
134 W. John Street, Free.**

In 1915 Matthews was just over 25 years old with no electricity or paved streets and horse and buggy were the preferred method of travel. Meet Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Neely Reid, enjoy their hospitality and learn about their life in Matthews. Visitors will tour the 1890 Reid House, participate in a cake walk and a maypole dance and see woodcarving, basket making and tatting. There will be games and crafts for children and a number of vintage cars will be on display.

**Guilford Courthouse
National Military Park**

<http://www.nps.gov/guico/index.htm>

**Reenactment of the Battle of Guilford
Courthouse, March 17 and 18**

The Revolutionary War Battle of Guilford Courthouse was fought on March 15, 1781 between American forces under General Nathanael Greene and British forces under General Cornwallis. Although the British forces were in possession of the field at the end of the day, they were so destroyed in men and materiel that they retreated back to the coast at Wilmington. From there they went to Virginia and later surrendered at York Town, Virginia. Guilford Court House is generally considered to be the final turning point of the war.

This battle is reenacted each year on the weekend nearest March 15 and is the largest Revolutionary War reenactment in the South. This year it is on Saturday and Sunday, March 17 and 18 from 8:30 am to 5 pm each day at Coun-

try Park in Greensboro. Admission is free. The battle itself will be reenacted at 2 pm daily, giving spectators a glimpse of what took place on the battlefield back in 1781. During this two-day event, visitors can see military encampments and live firearms demonstrations. They can participate in various events, and purchase craft and trade items from that time period. For additional information visit these web sites.

<http://www.greensboro-nc.gov>

<http://www.nps.gov/guico>

<http://quilfordbattlegroundcompany.org>

**Kings Mountain
Historical Museum**

www.kingsmountainmuseum.org

**Spring Egg Dying Workshop, Saturday,
March 24 from 11 am to 3 pm, Free.**

See how eggs are dyed naturally and scratch one for yourself. The perfect way to welcome Spring.

**Community Digitization Day, Tuesday,
April 24 from 2 to 6 pm, at Mauney Memorial Library.**

See the work of the LSTA Grant team as they digitize photos and archives from the Museum. Participate by bringing a photo of your own to scan.

**Reed Gold Mine
State Historic Site**

<http://www.nchistoricsites.org/reed/reed.htm>

**North Carolina Women Do Their Bit in
WWI, Saturday, March 10 at 1 pm, Free.**

As a part of the NC Humanities Council Road Scholars program, Dr. Angela Robins will offer a presentation regarding North Carolina's women and their role during World War I.

Andrew Jackson State Park

www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx

**Andrew Jackson Birthday, Saturday
March 24 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Celebrate the birthday of the Seventh President of the United States at his boyhood homeplace. Join us for a day of living history demonstrations to see what the Carolina Backcountry was like in Jackson's time. See traditional crafters at work. Listen to historians discuss the legacy of Andrew Jackson. Enjoy the beauty of the park as history comes to life before your eyes.

Historic Brattonsville

<http://www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville>

Children's Day on the Farm, Saturday, March 24 from 10 am to 4 pm.

It's springtime on the farm and time to get a glimpse of farm life in the Carolina Piedmont during the 18th and 19th centuries. The hard work of plowing and planting continues while the children do their chores of candle-dipping and butter churning, play with the newborn lambs and go for pony rides. See demonstrations of ginning cotton and dying with indigo and of open-hearth cooking. Also this year will be "Signora Bella, the Great Italian Equilibrist," an 18th century -style traveling performer.

The Schiele Museum

www.schielemuseum.org

Spring Fling with Animal Babies, Saturday, March 24 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Get outside to enjoy the first of spring. Meet a variety of cute and cuddly barnyard animal babies. Explore days gone by in the Catawba Indian Village and costumed interpreters busy with spring chores and Eastertide activities at the 18th-Century Backcountry Farm. Go gemstone mining, make giant bubbles and delight in outdoor adventures. Educational fun and festivities for all ages.

Colonial Sheep-Shearing, Sunday April 29 from 1 to 5 pm.

At sheep-shearing, neighbours
none other thing crave
But good cheer and welcome,
like neighbours to have.
Thomas Tusser

Early settlers welcomed opportunities to gather for work and celebration such as the annual sheep shearing. Bring the family to experience historical interpreters in 18th-century attire shear the sheep, then card and spin the freshly shorn wool into thread. Try the simple craft of weaving on a tape loom. Enjoy lively tunes from the 1700's and sweet aromas from the kitchen hearth.

Kings Mountain National Military Park

<http://www.nps.gov/kimo>

Backcountry Militia Spring Encampment, Saturday April 14 from 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday April 15, 9 am to 3 pm.

The Backcountry Militia will demonstrate a variety of 18th century activities.

Kings Mountain State Park

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/kings-mountain>

Hunting and Trapping at the Farm, Saturday, March 3, 10 am to 4 pm.

Kings Mountain Fur Traders are coming to the farm for a day of hunting and trapping. Come out and join them and learn a little about hunting and trapping techniques of a 19th century yeoman farmer. Get really immersed and take part in a little trading yourself.

York County Library

www.yclibrary.org

The York County Library offers Free Genealogy Programs in March and April.

For program schedules, information and registration go to
www.events.yclibrary.org

Jefferson Davis' Flight Through York County, Wednesday, April 18 at 6 to 7:30 pm.

Trace Confederate President Jefferson Davis' escape from Richmond in 1865 through Charlotte, York County and beyond. Learn where he stayed, details of the last cabinet meetings, and clues to the location of that lost Confederate gold.

Identifying and Preserving Family Photographs, Wednesday, April 25 at 6 to 7:30 pm.

Learn how to identify and preserve your family photographs in storage boxes, on your computer, and on your phone. Learn the many different types of photographs, clues to identify relatives, preservation best practices, and storage suggestions from Winthrop archivist Gina Price White.

Mount Holly Historical Society

www.mounthollyhistoricalsociety.org

Founder's Day Celebration, Tuesday, March 27 at 7 pm, Free.

See the newly remodeled Athletics Room exhibit highlighting Mount Holly High School sports teams, cheerleaders, band and majorettes and featuring many Mount Holly Sports Hall of Fame inductees.

Trail of History, Tuesday, April 24 at 7 pm, Free.

John Branscum, Producer for WTVI-PBS Charlotte, will be sharing with us his TV Series Trail of History and recent episodes featuring our local area.

Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

<http://www.fortdobbs.org>

War for Empire, Saturday April 14 from 9 am to 5 pm, Sunday April 15 from 10 am to 3 pm.

During Fort Dobbs' largest event of the year, join the soldiers, settlers, and American Indians from the 18th century as we look at the French and Indian War history of North Carolina. Witness the on-going reconstruction of Fort Dobbs first hand.

Concord Public Library

www.cabarruscounty.us

Researching Your Civil War Carolinian, Saturday, March 24 at 2 pm.

Genealogist Jordan Jones provides a step-by-step guide to researching your family history during the Civil War, highlighting a variety of sources and records that can provide clues to your ancestors' experiences. Though focused on the Carolinas, this program includes useful advice for anyone researching a Civil War ancestor, Confederate or Union. Jones is a past president of the National Genealogical Society and developed this lecture for last year's national conference in Raleigh.