

## Dinner Meeting

**Monday, September 18, 2017**

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

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



## 100 Years of Service, The American Red Cross in Mecklenburg

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 reservation for dinner, use the order form in your MHA Newsletter or contact Barbara Taylor, 1016 Goshen Place, Charlotte, NC 28211, (980)-335-0326 or btaylor797@aol.com.

Angela Broome Powley will address us on the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the American Red Cross in this area, sharing with us several of the key moments in that service.

The Charlotte Red Cross was founded here in 1917 in response to the entry of the US into WWI, to supply support and assistance to our men and women serving in the Armed Forces. From the beginning, the Mecklenburg Chapter played a key role in providing assistance to Camp Greene, a training camp for WWI soldiers in Charlotte, which was established that same year. Although today the Red Cross is known for its disaster and emergency services and its blood

bank operation, it was only in the 1940's that the Red Cross began collecting blood. A highlight of their service was the 1970 premier of the WBTV Blood Give-In which brought in 832 donors. Charlotte's slogan "You've Come a Long Way Baby - Don't Stop Now" won national recognition.



Angela Broome Powley is the Chief Executive Officer for the American Red Cross Western North Carolina Region, a position she has held for six years after a career in banking.

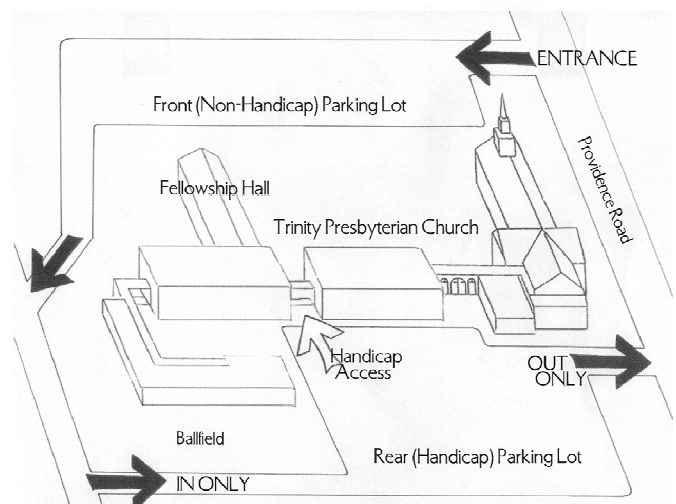


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## Remarks from the President

Hello to all our MHA members! It will be good to see everyone at our September 18th dinner meeting and learn more about the creation of the Mecklenburg Red Cross in 1917 as they celebrate their centennial this year. Please also mark your calendars for our November dinner meeting on Monday, November 13th. In honor of the Camp Greene 2017 Centennial, our speaker will be Jack Dillard who will present his World War I documentary, *City of Canvas*, to us. I saw this documentary at the Camp Greene Centennial event and it is fascinating.

I hope you were able to attend the Camp Greene Centennial Celebration on July 15th. Representing MHA and my Mecklenburg DAR chapter, I served on the planning committee which worked together for a year to plan this event. It was truly an amazing joint Corporate, County, Military, History Community, and

Neighborhood effort.

I certainly did not know much about World War I and nothing about Camp Greene, which has been called the "Best Thing That Happened to the City". A quote from *The Echo of the Bugle Call* publication after the camp was deactivated in 1919 reads, "Camp Greene did what the Chamber of Commerce had been trying to do for decades - it made Charlotte grow. By bringing in thousands of people from all over the country into the Queen City, the government provided the best public relations service possible for the city. These strangers returned home with vivid memories of the beautiful countryside and tremendous hospitality of the local citizenry." There is a prominent DAR monument commemorating Camp Greene and World War I at the corner of Wilkinson Blvd and Monument Street, placed there in 1926. As part of our Centennial celebration, the DAR produced

and installed on the monument a plaque with our centennial logo. Discussions are being held to determine the best future for the Dowd House which served as the General's headquarters and the remaining fragment of Camp Greene property presently owned by Mecklenburg County.

In this newsletter you will find the membership renewal form for 2018 so we can start renewing our memberships before year end. As always, please let us know how we can improve MHA and its service to our history community.

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## MHA Docent Programs

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

**Tuesday, September 5**  
**Dr. Robert Hall Morrison**  
**Founder of Davidson College**

Robert Hall Morrison is a familiar name, primarily because his daughters married leading citizens and Confederate Generals and officers, but he was much more than that. A native of Cabarrus County, Dr. Morrison became one of the leading Presbyterian ministers in North Carolina, Minister of Sugar Creek Church and founding minister of First Presbyterian Church in Charlotte. 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 building, 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, the pastor of the oldest church in that county, Unity Presbyterian, and of Machpelah and Castanea Churches.

Jim Williams will appear as Dr. Morrison and tell the story of his life up to 1860, based on extensive research into this dynamic, accomplished, and very interesting man.

**Tuesday, October 3**  
**The Rosenwald Schools**

Long before the Civil Rights movement of the 1960s, an impressive collaboration worked for educational equality in the American South. Julius Rosenwald, the entrepreneurial genius behind Sears & Roebuck, inspired by Andrew Carnegie and Booker T. Washington, offered matching grants that helped more than 5,000 rural African American communities build public schools during the 1910s to the 1930s. Professor George E. Davis of Johnson C. Smith University was appointed Supervisor of the Rosenwald School Building Program and North Carolina constructed 813 Rosenwald buildings – more than any other state.

Community historian Dr. Tom Hanchett will tell that story, drawing upon research he published in the *North Carolina Historical Review*. He grew up attending white rural schools in Virginia – whose architecture drew on the Rosenwald designs – and went on to earn degrees at Cornell, University of Chicago and UNC Chapel Hill. Tom retired in 2016 as Staff Historian at The Levine Museum of the New South and continues speaking and writing on Charlotte and Southern history and culture.

## Rural Hill Book Launch Dinner

On Tuesday evening, September 19<sup>th</sup> Rural Hill will hold a book launch dinner for Ann Williams, author of *The Rural Hill Farm Journals of Adam Brevard Davidson, 1834-1856*. Reservations are required at the web site <http://www.ruralhill.net>

The evening will start at 6 pm with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar. At 6:30 Ann will tell about her book and how she came to write it. Dinner will be served afterwards.

See a review of this new book on page 4.

## MHA North Branch Meetings

Meetings are held at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church, 19600 Zion Ave, Cornelius, NC 28031 (off Old Statesville Road), room 204 (enter by the cemetery – south side ramp). For questions contact Sarah Sue Hardinger at 704-906-6656.

### Early America's Sleeping Beauty: How Nature and Nurture Turned an Unruly Fiber into King Cotton.

**Tuesday, October 10 at 7 to 8pm.**

Historian Ann Williams has made an extensive study of Upland Cotton, the variety of cotton that became so profitable in the 19<sup>th</sup> Century South. Her talk will begin with the unusual botany of the plant, then move on to Eli Whitney's "improved" cotton gin, including its influence on his unfortunate love life. She will talk about the development of the plantation system, its importance in the

national economy, and its role in precipitating the Civil War.

### The Tale of Cotton

**Tuesday, November 14 at 7 to 8 pm.**

Sarah Sue Hardinger will continue the Story of cotton as it was handled in the early mills of North Carolina, featuring the history of both the Cornelius and Davidson cotton mills.

### Revolutionary War Cherokee Chief Attakullakulla.

**Thursday, September 14 at 6 pm,  
Sons of the American Revolution**

Have dinner with Revolutionary War Cherokee Chief Attakullakulla, known to the English as "Little Carpenter." Attakullakulla was the Peace Chief of the Cherokee Nation from about 1754 until his death (ca.1780-1783). He had been trained to

become a leader among the Cherokee people and was acknowledged as "the most important Indian of his day."

Attakullakulla will be portrayed by Captain Robert K. Rambo (USA, Ret.), who earned his BA (History) from the Virginia Military Institute, his teacher certification (History) at UVAWise, and his M.A. (US History Cherokee Studies Program) at Western Carolina University. His research centers on Attakullakulla during the 18th century.

Doors open at 6, dinner begins at 6:30 pm at the Hilton Charlotte Executive Park Hotel, 5624 Westpark Drive. Tickets are \$27 per adult and \$15 per child.

Download the RSVP form at [www.mecklenburgsar.org](http://www.mecklenburgsar.org) or mail a check to: Tom Phlegar, 7324 Marlbrook Drive, Charlotte, NC 28212-4770

## 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

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- ☐ General Membership  
☐ MHA Docent Membership  
☐ North Branch MHA Membership

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- ☐ Email  
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*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.*

## September 18, 2017 Dinner Meeting Reservation Form

Mail to: Mecklenburg Historical Association  
c/o Barbara Taylor, 1016 Goshen Place, Charlotte, NC 28211  
or email: [btaylor797@aol.com](mailto:btaylor797@aol.com)

Please make checks payable to Mecklenburg Historical Association.

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

**We must have your dinner reservation (written or verbal) by Thursday, September 14 in order to meet our caterer's schedule.**

Enclosed: \$\_\_\_\_\_ (total) for \_\_\_\_\_ seats (\$12 for Seniors)  
\$\_\_\_\_\_ (total) for \_\_\_\_\_ seats (\$14 for all others)

Name Tags: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

## The Rural Hill Farm Journals of Adam Brevard Davidson 1834-1856

A New Book by Ann Williams

In 2012 Ann and Jim Williams were asked to compile a comprehensive history of Rural Hill and the generations of Davidsons who farmed there. The site had file cabinets filled with copies of documents, but no narrative study organizing them. It was then that Ann became familiar with Brevard's journals. She read them from beginning to end and extracted what she needed, but the project had a deadline, and there was no opportunity to give them the attention they deserved. She had long been fascinated by antebellum plantations and the minutia of 19th century farming. She made a promise to herself to get back to Brevard's journals and transcribe them, and this book is a fulfillment of that promise.

Adam Brevard Davidson kept a pair of farm journals from 1834 to 1856 documenting the workings of his North Carolina piedmont farm. These journals are important for the amount of detail they

provide about operating a southern cotton plantation. This was during the years when the cotton economy became a major factor in the national economy, and when the principles of scientific farming began to drive the development of modern agriculture.

In 1834 Brevard, as he was always called, picked up his pen and began to write in a copybook: "I have made the attempt two or three times to keep an account on how we plant our crop, and have always failed. I shall now make one more attempt." This time, much to our benefit, he succeeded. In order to make himself a better farmer he recorded where and when crops were planted, and how they were affected by weather. He kept the journals for twenty years usually with several crisp entries each week revealing the prodigious amount accomplished by a small work force under the guidelines of emerging Agricultural Societies.

*The Rural Hill Farm Journals of Adam Brevard Davidson, 1834-1856* is a complete transcription of both journals. The

plantation consisted of about 2,000 acres that Brevard inherited from his grandfather and his father. During the years of his journals Brevard's father, Jacky Davidson, remained active and he and Brevard farmed together.

In 1836 Brevard married Mary Laura Springs, the well-educated daughter of a prosperous South Carolina planter. She brought into the marriage nineteen slaves and a nearby plantation of 1,000 acres; yet the slave force that worked Rural Hill was small for a plantation of its size. Brevard recorded births of many of their children as well as other notable family and community events. The author's introduction provides background information about the farm, the family, Rural Hill slaves, and an explanation of Scientific Farming. Taken together with Brevard's comprehensive farming records, *The Rural Hill Farm Journals of Adam Brevard Davidson, 1834-1856* can enrich presentations at historic farm museums, and reward those who are simply interested in antebellum Americana.



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## Charlotte Mecklenburg Library New Information Access

Free access to many early North Carolina newspapers is now available to Charlotte Mecklenburg Library cardholders. Millions of images of NC newspapers published in and before 1922 can be accessed.

Visit [www.cmlibrary.org](http://www.cmlibrary.org), then click on the pink box called "Resources." Scroll down to "Historic North Carolina Digital Newspaper Collection," and click on "Access Now." If you are not in one of our library buildings, you will be asked to enter your library card number. NCLive offers this product, so if you live in another NC county, it is available through websites of many other NC public libraries.

We have solved more questions this past month, using the additional years the Library has purchased of the Charlotte Observer, for their card holders only. These additional years (all pages between 1892 and 1931) can be searched, using the same instructions above except scroll down to the Charlotte Observer. Click "Access Now," then look to the left side of your screen and click on "Charlotte Observer Historical and Current." You can choose to search between 1892-1931 or 1985-2017. These pages are word searchable, so you can hunt for people, obituaries, sports stories, ads, companies, etc. It is a great option for all those who love history and genealogy and is well worth having a Charlotte Mecklenburg Library card. I encourage you to try it! It's great to be able to do key word searches for all types of questions. We love it and hope our customers will as well. Right now the company is giving us full access, hoping that we will purchase more. If they are well used, the Library will consider purchasing more years of the newspaper over time to continue bridging the gap between 1932-1984.

Jane Johnson, Manager

Robinson Spangler Carolina Room

Charlotte Mecklenburg Main Library

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## Hart Square Tickets

For more than thirty years, Dr. Robert Hart of Hickory has rescued and restored 19<sup>th</sup> century life in the Carolinas, recreating an entire village, Hart Square – the largest collection of original historic log buildings in the United States. For one day each year, on the fourth Saturday in October, (October 28<sup>th</sup> this year), Dr. and Mrs. Hart open this restoration project to the public. Dating from 1782 to 1873, over 100 restored log structures—houses, chapels, barns, shops, and more—are all furnished, and over 300 volunteers man the buildings and demonstrate period techniques such as flax breaking and hackling, spinning, weaving, open-hearth cooking, broom and shoe making, bookbinding, shingle riving, wheel

wrighting, tin smithing and moonshining. A portion of the proceeds goes to the Catawba County Historical Association and the balance goes into a fund to carry on Hart Square after the Harts can no longer do so themselves.

Advanced tickets are required since this event always sells out quickly. As we are participants in the event, we can order tickets for you. Make your check out to Jim Williams for \$40.00 per ticket and mail it, along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

Jim and Ann Williams  
1601 South Wendover Road  
Charlotte, NC 28211

We must receive your check by **September 8** to order these tickets. We will receive the tickets by mid-October and mail them on to you.

## The History Calendar

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

[www.charlotteregionalhistory.org](http://www.charlotteregionalhistory.org)

### Historic Rosedale

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

**Paranormal Grounds Investigation, Friday and Saturday October 20 and 21 from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.**

Join professional ghost hunters as they take groups of no more than 20 guests through the grounds of Rosedale's 200 year old plantation, and attempt contact with the beyond. You will use the latest technology in partnership with the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society. Wear flat, quiet comfortable shoes and bring a small flashlight.

**Paranormal House Investigation, Saturday October 21 from 9:30 pm to Mid-night.**

Join professional ghost hunters as they take groups of no more than 8 guests through the 4 story, 200 year old plantation house and attempt contact with the

beyond. You will use the latest technology in partnership with the Charlotte Area Paranormal Society. Wear flat, quiet comfortable shoes and bring a small flashlight.

**Spirits of Rosedale, Friday & Saturday, October 27 & 28 from 6:30 to 9:30 pm.**

The Spirits of Rosedale takes visitors on a night tour through the plantation home's first floor, kitchen basement, and gardens. Rosedale's theatrical production team presents this family-friendly Halloween production appropriate for audiences ages 6 and up. Tours start every 30 minutes beginning at 7 pm with the last tour beginning at 9:30pm. Each group is limited to 15 people, tours last approximately 45 minutes.

### Historic Latta Plantation

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

**A Hornets Nest of Rebellion - War in Charlottetown, Saturday and Sunday, September 2 and 3 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

Meet Colonel Thomas Polk and General Charles, Lord Cornwallis. Learn about the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and see it's repercussions as the Revolutionary War makes its way through the Carolina Back Country. The circa 1800 living-history farm and cotton plantation will

buzz with action. Patriot and British soldier camps will be open for visitors and children's drills will take place daily. The farm animals will be out for the children to meet and the home, outbuildings, barn, and cabins will be open for demonstrations.

Eighteenth century vendors (called sutlers) will be on-site selling goods of the time. Food vendors will include Appalachian Smoke, Anna's Sweet Treats, and Olde Mecklenburg Brewery. Revolutionary War battle reenactments will take place at noon and 3 pm on Saturday and at 2 pm on Sunday.

## Hugh Torance House and Store

8231 Gilead Road, Huntersville, NC  
[www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com/](http://www.hughtorancehouseandstore.com/)

**House Tours on first and third Sundays from 2 to 5 pm, May 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.

## The Charlotte Museum of History

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

**Modernism: Why It Matters, Wednesday, August 30 at 6:30 to 9 pm, Free.**

Kick off this year's Mad About Modern Home Tour with an inspiring and insightful discussion that will cultivate your passion for midcentury modern architecture, design and lifestyle. This reception includes beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres. The keynote speaker will be Peter Wong of UNCC with a panel of design experts.

**Mod VIP Party, Thursday, September 7 from 6 to 8:30 pm at Hans Krug Cabinetry, 4310 Sharon Rd., \$25.00.**

Meet and socialize with current and past Mad About Modern homeowners, volunteers, organizers, VIP guests and enthusiasts. This is the first year we have opened this exclusive party to the public and there are a limited number of tickets available.

**Mad About Modern Home Tour, Saturday, September 9 from 10 am to 4 pm, \$30.00.**

Celebrate Charlotte's unique midcentury modern architectural history by touring a selection of seven homes dating from 1955 to 1991. This tour includes the Mod Designer Showcase Home located at 5668 Lansing Drive. This diamond in the rough will be transformed by interior designers and builders this summer, and our tour guests will be the first to see the finished product.

**First World War Lecture Series at the Charlotte Museum of History.**

A project of the Charlotte Public Library, UNC Charlotte and the Charlotte Museum of History.

Over There: The United States Enters World War I, Thursday, September 21 at 6 to 8 pm.

Dr. Steve Sabol, Department of History, UNC Charlotte.

Great Britain and the Great War, Thursday, October 12 at 6 to 8 pm.

Dr. Peter Thorsheim, Department of History, UNC Charlotte.

Mobilizing the Kitchen: Women, Food and the WWI Homefront, Thursday, November 9 from 6 to 8 pm.

Dr. Heather R. Perry, Department of History, UNC Charlotte.

## Historic Brattonsville

1444 Brattonsville Rd., McConnells, SC,  
 803 684 2327 <http://www.chmuseums.org/brattonsville>

**By the Sweat of Our Brows, Saturday, September 9 from 10 am to 4 pm.**

This special program tells the story of the

plantation's enslaved from colonial times through Reconstruction.

Local church hymn choirs will perform and African American descendants from Brattonsville plantation come together to tell their story. Referred to as the "Seven Sacred Families of Brattonsville," the surnames are: Bratton, Crawford, Feaster/Femster, Lowry, Moore, Smith, and Thompson.

Historically dressed interpreters will portray the lives of the enslaved on a Carolina Backcountry plantation while the US Colored Troops give a living history interpretation. There will be historic cooking over open hearths, cotton ginning, farming chores and playing African-American folk games. Dr. Lisa Bratton will discuss researching family history. There will be music by the Gold Hill Baptist Church Choir followed by the 'calling of the names' from the Probate List, which declared freedom for the "Seven Sacred Families of Brattonsville."

**Spirits and Stories, Saturday, October 21 from 3 to 9 pm.**

Join us for an afternoon and evening of good old-fashioned fun. There will be historic harvest demonstrations, hands-on activities, wagon rides and more for kids of all ages. The highlight of the experience will be the ghost tours. Historically dressed interpreters will lead you on a candlelit path where you will encounter spirits of the past who have a connection to the Bratton plantation. After your encounter with the spirits try to relax around the campfire to warm your toes. There will be musical entertainment plus favorite fall foods available for purchase.

**Civil War Reenactment, Saturday, October 28 from 10 am to 4 pm and Sunday, October 29 from 10 am to 3 pm.**

John S. Bratton's widow Harriett and her grown children were staunch supporters of the Confederacy. Experience the Civil War that ravaged America and tore their world apart. There will be battle reenactments, cannon-firing demonstrations, camp life activities and children's military drills. Shop for reproduction items along sutlers row and enjoy family-friendly foods.

## President James K. Polk State Historic Site

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

[www.polk.nchistoricsites.org](http://www.polk.nchistoricsites.org)

### Slave Dwelling Project Weekend, September 29-30.

The President James K Polk State Historic Site and The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African American Arts+Culture present a weekend of events on historic preservation, interpretation, community, and family.

Stories Untold: A Communal Dinner, Friday, September 29 at 5:30 to 8 pm, \$50.00

This dinner will be at The Harvey B. Gantt Center for African-American Arts + Culture in uptown Charlotte. The keynote speaker will be Mr. Joseph McGill, Founder and Executive Director of the Slave Dwelling Project.

Home is Where the Heart is: Cabin Sleepover Experience, Friday, September 29, from 9 pm, Free.

Joseph McGill will conduct a lifetime experience of sleeping in a representative slave cabin at the President James K. Polk State Historic Site. The evening will include a discussion on the life experiences of enslaved African Americans, contemporary social issues and the U.S. presidency. Participants will be selected at random from those attending the Stories Untold Dinner and notified of their selection one week prior to the experience.

Inalienable Rights: Living History through the Eyes of the Enslaved, Saturday, September 30 from 10 am to 3 pm, Free.

Families will encounter folks in our living history village to learn more about the life experiences of enslaved peoples through stories and lectures related to the lives of enslaved African Americans. Interpreters will demonstrate skills such as cooking, quilting, brick-making and blacksmithing.

## Fort Dobbs State Historic Site

438 Fort Dobbs Road, Statesville, NC  
704 873 5882

<http://www.fortdobbs.org>

### Fall Living History, Saturday, October 14 from 9 am to 5 pm, Free.

Get a glimpse of what daily life was like for the garrison of Fort Dobbs through on-going displays of camp life, historic cooking, and scheduled musket and cannon firing demonstrations.

## Matthews Heritage Museum

232 North Trade St., Matthews, 704 708 4996,

[www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org](http://www.matthewsheritagemuseum.org)

### Matthews Walking Ghost Tour, Saturday, October 28, tours at 7:30 and 8:30 p.m.

Come learn the history of Matthews and meet some of the early residents. Reservations needed: 704-614-5836

### Exhibit: Widgets and Thing-A-Ma-Jigs, Part Two: An Exhibit of the Mostly Unknown.

On display until October 14. Have you ever come across an object but didn't know what it was? A tool from another time, no longer used by the general public? Well, The Matthews Heritage Museum has a whole exhibit of items that might stump even antique lovers.

## Kings Mountain Historical Museum

100 East Mountain Street, Kings Mountain, NC (704) 739-1019

[www.kingsmountainmuseum.org](http://www.kingsmountainmuseum.org)

### Great Gatsby: Cleveland County in the Roaring Twenties, Exhibit on through October 14, Free.

In the 1920s, Cleveland County experienced an economic boom and bust, the heyday of the textile mills, the birth of the political engine known as the Shelby Dynasty, and improved education, healthcare, technology, and transportation systems. This area also saw violent disputes over labor rights and the racial inequality of the Jim Crow system in that decade. Visitors will be able to see dra-

matic social, economic, and political changes reflected in the clothing, music, dances, slang, and products of the era. This is an original exhibit with additional items on loan from the Earl Scruggs Center/Cleveland County Museum Collection.

### 14th Annual Reverse Raffle & Auctions, Saturday, September 9 at 5:30 pm.

Event includes Reverse Raffle & Live, Silent, and Cake Auctions. Tickets are \$125 each which includes dinner for two and a 1-in-300 chance to win the Grand Prize of \$10,000.

## Reed Gold Mine State Historic Site

9621 Reed Mine Rd., Midland, NC 28163,  
704 721 GOLD (4653)

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

### Gold Festival and Panning Competition, Saturday, September 9 from 9 am to 5 pm.

Registration for the panning competitions will begin at 9 am. From 10 am to noon youth will be able to work log and cradle rockers and view displays on rocks and minerals. The panning competitions will begin at noon for professionals, youths and amateurs adults. \$5 charge for amateurs, \$15 for professional panners

## Charlotte Folk Society

Great Aunt Stella Center, 926 Elizabeth Ave., Charlotte

[www.folksociety.org](http://www.folksociety.org)

### Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, September 8, The Glorifying Vines Sisters performing in the African American quartet gospel tradition, 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](http://www.folksociety.org)

**Festival in the Park, Charlotte Folk Society Folk Stage at Freedom Park.**

Celtic, old-time, country, honky tonk, folk, singer/songwriters, gospel, and bluegrass music and dancers from several traditions. Friday, September 22 from 4 to 9:30 pm, Saturday, September 23 from 10 am to 9:30 pm, Sunday, September 24 from 11 am to 9:30 pm.

**Charlotte Folk Society Gathering & Jams, Friday, October 13, features Bluegrass by Wyatt Rice & Friends, 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](http://www.folksociety.org)

**Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Charlotte Mecklenburg Library**

310 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, 704 416 0150 [www.cmlibrary.org](http://www.cmlibrary.org)

**North Carolina & the Great War.**

This is a traveling exhibit from the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in Raleigh which will be on exhibit from August 28<sup>th</sup> through October 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Lando-Manetta Mills History Center**

3801 Lando Road, Lando, SC, 803-789-6475, <http://landomanettamillshistorycenter.com>

This delightful small town museum commemorates Lando-Manetta Mills and the community that dates from before the Revolution. Located 32 miles south of Charlotte, near Landsford Canal it is open most weekday mornings and Sunday afternoons. Call to check hours before coming.

**Lando Days, Saturday, October 7 from 10 am to 3 pm, Free.**

There will be an encampment of Revolutionary soldiers who will fire the town cannon. There will be a kids play area, live bands, classic car show, museum

tours plus vendors of hot dogs, BBQ plates and baked goods.

**Davidson Historical Society**

Post Office Box 144, Davidson, NC 28036

<http://www.davidsonhistoricalsociety.org>

**The History of the Catawba River, Sunday, September 17 at 4 pm, Davidson Friends Meetinghouse,**

**625 South Street, Davidson, Free.**

Emilee Syrewicze, Executive Director of the Catawba Riverkeeper Foundation will examine the historical significance of the Catawba River and how its development has shaped its current status as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers.

**Kings Mountain National Military Park**

SC Hwy 216. I-85, Exit 2 in North Carolina. Follow the signs. 864-936-7921

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

**Backcountry Militia Encampment, Saturday, September 2 from 9 am to 6 pm, Free.**

The Backcountry Militia will demonstrate a variety of 18th century activities with weapons firing demonstrations.

**York County Genealogical & Historical Society**

P.O Box 3061 CRS, Rock Hill, SC 29732, <http://www.weblandinc.com/ycghs/member.html>

**The Springs Story: Development of a Southern Textile Empire, Sunday September 17 at 3 pm,**

**Unity Presbyterian Church, Historic Sanctuary, 303 Tom Hall Street, Fort Mill, Free.**

No other company had more influence on the development of York, Chester, and Lancaster counties than Springs Industries. Learn how larger-than-life figures in the White and Springs families created this textile empire. Ann Evans, Director of the Springs Close Family Archives at

the White Homestead, will tell the remarkable story of this family and its legacy for our area.

**FOR ADDITIONAL EVENTS, please visit these sites:**

- **Andrew Jackson State Park**  
[www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx](http://www.southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/1797.aspx)
- **Archaeological Institute of America, Central Carolina Chapter**  
[morgdeth22@gmail.com](mailto:morgdeth22@gmail.com)
- **Clover Community Center**  
[www.cloversc.org](http://www.cloversc.org)
- **Cowpens National Battlefield**  
[www.nps.gov/cowp](http://www.nps.gov/cowp)
- **Duke Mansion**  
[www.dukemansion.com](http://www.dukemansion.com)
- **Earl Scruggs Center**  
[www.earlscruggscenter.org](http://www.earlscruggscenter.org)
- **Fort Defiance**  
[www.fortdefiancenc.org](http://www.fortdefiancenc.org)
- **Fort Mill History Museum**  
[www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org](http://www.fortmillhistorymuseum.org)
- **Gaston County Museum**  
[www.gastoncountymuseum.org](http://www.gastoncountymuseum.org)
- **Gregory Creek Homestead & Iredell Museums**  
[www.iredellmuseums.org](http://www.iredellmuseums.org)
- **Guilford Courthouse National Military Park**  
[www.nps.gov/guco](http://www.nps.gov/guco)
- **Historic Camden**  
[www.historic-camden.net](http://www.historic-camden.net)
- **Iredell Museum**  
[www.iredellmuseums.org](http://www.iredellmuseums.org)
- **Kings Mountain Historical Museum**  
[www.kingsmountainmuseum.org](http://www.kingsmountainmuseum.org)
- **Kings Mountain State Park**  
[southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/945.aspx](http://southcarolinaparks.com/park-finder/state-park/945.aspx)
- **Levine Museum of the New South**  
[www.museumofthenewsouth.org](http://www.museumofthenewsouth.org)
- **Lincoln County Historical Association**  
[www.lincolncountyhistory.com](http://www.lincolncountyhistory.com)
- **Matthews Historical Foundation**  
704-846-6693
- **McCelvey Center, The**  
[www.chmuseums.org/ourmuseums/histcenter/index.htm](http://www.chmuseums.org/ourmuseums/histcenter/index.htm)
- **Mint Hill Historical Society**  
[www.minthillhistory.com](http://www.minthillhistory.com)
- **Mount Holly Historical Society**  
[mhhistoricalociety@gmail.com](mailto:mhhistoricalociety@gmail.com)
- **Museum of the Waxhaws**  
[www.museumofthewaxhaws.org](http://www.museumofthewaxhaws.org)