

Lincoln County Historical Association
and
Gaston-Lincoln Genealogical Society

2013 Conference

April 12 and 13, 2013

Lincolnton, North Carolina



History in the Making...

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Schedule

Friday, April 12, 2013

Presentation and Book Signing

6:30 p.m.

Pleasant Retreat Academy/Memorial Hall

129 East Pine Street

Lincolnton, NC

Rodney J. Steward, Ph.D.

"Seizing the Home Front: David Schenck and the Act of Sequestration"

Steward's presentation details the formation of the Southern Rights Party and its connection with secession and property confiscation under the Act of Sequestration. Schenck, of course, stands at the center of the talk. Although Sequestration takes center stage in this presentation, the talk is a demonstration of investigative biography.

Saturday, April 13, 2013

8:30 a.m.

Lincoln Cultural Center Reception Hall

Registration

9:00 a.m.

Keynote

Kevin Cherry, Ph.D.

Deputy Secretary, Office of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources

"Genealogy to Family History": Sources, obscure documents, and online resources.

10:00 a.m.

Break

10:15 a.m.

Kathy Sullivan, Certified Genealogist

"Road Blocked? Now What? Strategies for Resolving Genealogical Puzzles"

Many people face road blocks that thwart their genealogical pursuits. Kathy will outline a rational and organized method for approaching genealogical puzzles and overcoming these road blocks. Kathy will include applicable case studies.

11:15 a.m.

Break

11:30 a.m.

Robert Carpenter

"Voices of the Civil War: What they said and wrote in contemporary interviews, letters, and diaries"

Carpenter will use the contemporary voices of soldiers, their wives, children, persons on the home front, slaves, politicians, business leaders, and newspapers to describe battle conditions, personal feelings, political opinions, economic issues, perceptions of events, and war conditions. Sources include personal family papers and diaries not previously published, material found in local and state archives, and regional newspaper accounts

12:15 p.m.

Lunch

1:15 p.m.

Rev. James L. Pyatt

Central United Methodist Church, Mount Airy, North Carolina

Preserving Church Records

Rev. Pyatt's presentation will address many issues faced by historic churches regarding the historic records they hold. He will provide strategies for identifying, inventorying, cataloging, and preserving these records, as well as presenting stories and examples applicable to the topic.

2:00 p.m.

Break

2:15 p.m.

A. Christopher Meekins

Correspondence Archives and Records Professional

State Archives of North Carolina

Effectively Using the Archives will introduce you to some basic procedures and concepts used at the Archives. This presentation should orient you with the Archives so that you will be prepared to visit either in person or via our growing digital interface. This is an overview of the Archives touching on concepts such as finding aids, call slips and registration.

3:00 p.m.

Historic Shadowlawn

301 West Main Street

Lincolnton, NC

Wine and Cheese Social and Home Tour

Speakers

Kathy Gunter Sullivan

Kathy is a native of Charlotte, North Carolina, and has been a board-certified genealogist since 1995. Her personal research interests are families of "old" Lincoln County, and in particular, her German immigrant Dellinger ancestors. Kathy has published several volumes of research resources for the Lincoln County area, two of which received the North Carolina Genealogical Society's Award of Excellence in Publishing. Kathy is a member of the Association of Professional Genealogists, and is currently serving as a Trustee of the BCG Education Fund (a charitable trust founded by the Board for Certification of Genealogists).

Robert Carpenter

Robert is a native of Gaston County. His personal interests involve German families west of the Catawba River and German religious history. He has published *Carpenters A Plenty*, edited *Lifting High the Cross*, and has presented to the Lutheran Historical Conference a presentation about Rev. David Henkel. He is currently president of the Gaston-Lincoln Genealogical Society, a professor of history at Belmont Abbey College, and a member of various historical and genealogical organizations.

Rodney Steward

Rodney Steward received a Ph.D. in history from Auburn University in 2007. His book *David Schenck and the Contours of Confederate Identity* (University of Tennessee Press, 2012) uses the genre of biography to examine and challenge the historiography of the Confederacy at many levels while also providing a cultural context for exploring the life of North Carolinian David Schenck. Dr. Steward is an Assistant Professor of History at the University of South Carolina Salkehatchie where he teaches, among other fields, courses in the American Civil War and Reconstruction.

Kevin Cherry

Kevin Cherry is the Deputy Secretary for Archives and History in the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Prior to assuming this position, Dr. Cherry served as a senior program officer at the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the nation's chief source of federal support for libraries and museums. At IMLS, he coordinated grants for education and continuing education for librarians, archivists, and museum professionals. He has also taught at East Carolina University and was the Department of Cultural Resources' Consultant for Special Collections, leading NC ECHO, the statewide library and museum digitization project. A native of Denver, NC, he received his undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. An archivist by training, his PhD is in Information Science with a concentration in Archives and Cultural Informatics.

Reverend James L. Pyatt

The Reverend James L. Pyatt is a third generation clergy member of the Western North Carolina Annual Conference. Pyatt received his B.A. in music from Duke

University, his M.A. in musicology from the University of Pennsylvania, and his M.Div. from Duke Divinity School. He has served in the WNC Annual Conference for more than twenty-five years. He has been a member of the WNC Conference Commission on Archives and History since 1991, and has served as chair from 1992 until 2000, and again since 2004. In addition, he has served on the General Commission on Archives and History of the United Methodist Church from 2000 until 2008, serving as secretary from 2004 until 2008.

Chris Meekins

Born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, on 28 July 1963, Alex Christopher Meekins, known among friends as Chris, enjoys living just outside of Raleigh. His interest in the history of the state grew out of the many opportunities to visit historical places in northeastern North Carolina. His interest in family history began with a chance "meeting" of his great great grandfather in a small cemetery in Jarvisburg, North Carolina (little did it matter that great great grandpa was part of the cemetery). Chris completed his Masters of Art in History (minor in Public History) in December 2001. Chris joined the Reference Staff at the State Archives in January 2001 and has been the Correspondence Archivist since August 2003.

The presentation and book signing for Rodney Steward will take place at Pleasant Retreat Academy/Memorial Hall on Friday night, April 12, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. This building is located at 129 East Pine Street in Lincolnton.

All Saturday presentations will be held at the Lincoln Cultural Center at 403 East Main Street in Lincolnton.

The wine and cheese social and home tour will take place at historic Shadowlawn, located at 301 West Main Street in downtown Lincolnton.

Sign Up Form

Time: 8:30 a.m - 3:00 p.m.

Registration fee: \$30/person

Lunch: \$8.00

Wine and Cheese Social and Home Tour: \$15

Registration Deadline: April 9, 2013

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

\$30 Registration _____

\$8 Lunch _____

\$15 Wine and Cheese Social and Home Tour (Shadowlawn): _____

Total Enclosed _____

Make checks payable to **LCHA** and mail to:

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Registration is non-refundable.

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