



## THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION

As the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the United States of America approaches, the North Carolina Genealogical Society is partnering with the NC Department of Natural & Cultural Resources and the Friends of the Archives to explore and to celebrate some of the diverse groups of North Carolinians who helped shape the history of the state and the country: women and men, young and old, patriots and loyalists, immigrants and indigenous, the free and the enslaved.

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- DATE:** Saturday, May 20, 2023  
**TIME:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm (doors open at 8:00 am for registration check-in)  
**WHERE:** NC State Archives and Library, 109 E. Jones St, Raleigh, NC  
**COST:** \$45 per person (\$40 for members of NCGS or Friends of the Archives)  
In-person or live-streamed
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### TOPICS AND SPEAKERS



#### **Keynote: The Many North Carolinas of the American Revolution\***

*John A. Ruddiman, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History at Wake Forest University*

As the generation-long American Revolution accelerated, the peoples of North Carolina's diverse regions and communities weighed decisions over allegiance and action.

#### **“Uppity Women” Make History in Edenton, NC\***

*Alexis Tobias-Jacavone, Director of History and Communications for the Edenton Historical Commission*

In January of 1775, newspapers throughout Great Britain shared a rather strange story with their readers—in the previous October, 51 women from the restless American colonies decided to organize their *own* boycott of British goods to protest taxation without representation. In a time when female voices were not welcome in politics, these ladies not only put their families' reputations and livelihoods at stake, but they also risked turning the Crown's wrath to their charming port town of Edenton, North Carolina. Who were these “uppity women”, and why did they dare to make their voices heard in this “Edenton Tea Party”?

#### **North Carolina Loyalists**

*W. Becket Soule, OP*

Of the thirteen colonies, North Carolina had the largest Loyalist population after New York. This talk will review the reasons why so many North Carolinians remained loyal to the Crown during and after the American Revolution, what documentation is available to research descent from a Loyalist ancestor, and where Loyalists migrated after the end of the Revolution. (In-person only)

#### **NC Militia or Continental Line: Where are the Records?\***

*Craig R. Scott, MA, CG®, FUGA*

Determining whether an ancestor served in the militia, Continental Line or both is the key to knowing where to find the service records. Locating and analyzing pay vouchers, account books, pensions, final settlements, land grants, and Secretary of State Records provides valuable information for genealogists.

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## **The Quakers: Between a Rock and a Hard Place**

*Ron Osborne*

Wait! Weren't all Quakers in Pennsylvania? You mean some were here in North Carolina? And what were they doing smack dab in the middle of a war? From pacifists to prisoners to patriots, from agitators to helpless bystanders, with loyalists, soldiers and even generals thrown in for good measure, Quakers found themselves in the thick of the war. Their places of worship and homes were battlefields, hospitals and burial grounds. Meet some of these Friends and see how their presence had a significant influence on the American Revolution, particularly so here in North Carolina. (In-person only)

## **African American & Indigenous Patriots of the Revolutionary War in North Carolina\***

*Kevin Graham, Tyrone Goodwyn and Luke Alexander*

In the state of North Carolina, over 400 men of African and Native American descent can be identified within the muster rolls of the Continental Army in the American Revolution. As direct descendants of several of these patriots, researchers Kevin Graham, Tyrone Goodwyn and Luke Alexander please ask you to join them in an exploration of what the fight for freedom meant to these brave founding fathers whose stories have not as often been told.

## **The Regulator Movement: New Research**

*Mark Chilton, Orange County Register of Deeds*

Presenting his in-depth research into land ownership, neighborhoods, and religious affiliations in three rural settlements that were part of Orange County in the late colonial period, Chilton explains the connection between settlement patterns, membership in denominations including Presbyterian, Lutheran, German Reformed, and Baptist, and involvement in the Regulator Movement. His detailed maps include land ownership in three areas: along Buffalo and Alamance Creeks; surrounding the convergence of the Trading Path and the Cape Fear Road; and near the Sandy Creek Baptist Church. (In-person only)

## **Documenting the World of *Outlander*\***

*Joshua Hager and Alison Thurman, State Archives of NC staff*

This presentation explores real documents connected to the fictional world of the popular TV series *Outlander*, based on the books by best-selling author Diana Gabaldon, and featured in the NC State Archives "Documenting the World of *Outlander*" blog series. Josh and Alison will lead a lively conversation about which records Jamie and Claire Fraser would have created or seen in their time in colonial and revolutionary North Carolina. Specific topics include military records, maps, land grants, and records documenting interactions with members of the Cherokee Nation.

**\* These sessions will be live-streamed and available to view on the day of the event with the purchase of an event ticket. Sessions will not be recorded.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- A variety of exhibitors will be located in the lobby area.
- Representatives from the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) and the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) will be available to answer questions.
- Some of the sessions will run concurrently and not all sessions will be live-streamed.
- Recording of lectures is not permitted.
- The syllabus will be available for all attendees to download from the NCGS website. In-person attendees can order a printed syllabus for an additional charge of \$5.
- Coffee, tea and snacks will be provided for in-person attendees.
- Boxed lunches are available for in-person attendees with ticket purchase for an additional cost of \$14 each. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lunch.
- Last day to register and order a boxed lunch is May 13th.

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