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April 21, 2012

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_____ Seminar - \$25
Includes lunch.

_____ Architectural Tour
Wine and Cheese
Social and tour of
Woodside. - \$15

_____ Full Registration - \$40

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Genealogical Historical And Preservation Seminar

Lincoln Cultural Center

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*Lincoln County
Historical Association
and Gaston-Lincoln
Genealogical Society*

The Lincoln County Historical Association and Gaston-Lincoln Genealogical Society are hosting the third annual genealogical, historical, preservation seminar at the Lincoln Cultural Center in downtown Lincolnton on Saturday, April 21, 2012. This year marks the Gaston-Lincoln Genealogical Society's 25th Anniversary, and we are celebrating this year with an architectural tour of downtown Lincolnton and a wine and cheese social at historic Woodside Plantation in Lincolnton. Woodside was built in 1798, and was the home of James Pinkney Henderson, the first governor of Texas.



Woodside Plantation is located at 1217
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PORTRAIT OF THE CIVIL WAR: 1863 GASTON COUNTY TAX LIST

Robert Carpenter

Responding to the new North Carolina 1863 revenue law, Gaston County recorded the required information to provide the state and Confederacy much needed tax income to continue the war effort. This amazing tax list includes information not normally seen in a tax list.

The normal acreage and its valuation, property location by waterways, and poll taxes are included. The new law taxed more and different items and commodities. The most striking involves the list of slaves, their names, ages, and valuation by slaveowner. The value of this information for the genealogist is obvious.

An example of other information transcribed from the tax list includes number of pianos, number of dogs and carriages, cash on hand, solvent debts, silver or gold watches and canes. Yes, the new law taxed the number of dogs over 2 in a household! It also taxed professionals, brandy, manufacturers, and many other items. The tax list provides the researcher a portrait into Civil War Gaston County like no other source.

In addition I have researched other local sources such as diaries, Civil War letters, government claims and vouchers, and soldier's service records.

The presentation will provide a snapshot of the tax list, its pertinence to family or historical research, and how it enriches our understanding of our Civil War past. The presentation will offer examples of information gleaned from the tax list, compiled statistical data, and portraits of life on the home front and battle front during the war. I will present Gaston County citizens, speaking for themselves about the war, its trials, life during the war, and Gaston County as it was in 1863. Finally, the presentation will summarize the sources I used so that other researchers may explore many untapped historical and family records to learn more about our past.

Who Goes There: Historic Cemeteries as Solemn Final Resting Places, Historic Resources, and Timeless Seats of Wisdom

Jason L. Harpe

I have always been interested in old cemeteries. I wonder if I can go to that historic cemetery? I love the old stones in that old cemetery. I wonder what I can do to preserve the gravemarkers in an old, local cemetery. I often wonder about the meanings behind all of the markings on gravemarkers in old cemeteries in my town.

These and a myriad of other comments arise around historic cemeteries, and references made to them in historic church documents and cemetery

censuses. Some wonder why places of burial are called by names such as burial grounds, cemeteries, and graveyards. Others inquire about the differences between gravemarkers, gravestones, headstones, tombs, tablets, and ledgers.

Learn to look beyond the birth and death dates of the deceased to uncover information about the stonecutters, engravers, and iconography on headstones and gravestones. Uncover some basic principles about properly photographing, cleaning, inventorying, and cataloging gravemarkers.

Where They Walked: Tracking A Homestead Title History

Kathy Gunter Sullivan

Kathy Gunter Sullivan, Certified Genealogist, will share a personal account of researching the title history of an ancestor's land. She will discuss how the research project was approached, how it proceeded, and what happened next.

Area genealogical and historical societies will have booths set up at the seminar and will be selling publications and memberships. We have allocated time in the schedule to afford attendees the opportunity to meet, speak with, and buy books from these groups.

SCHEDULE

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8:30 a.m. – Registration and conversation

9:00 a.m. – Robert Carpenter
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10:00 a.m. – Vendor time (historical and genealogical societies)

11:00 a.m. - Jason Harpe
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12:00 p.m. - Lunch and visit vendors

1:15 p.m. - Kathy Sullivan
Where They Walked: Tracking A Homestead Title History

2:15 p.m. - Seminar ends and visit vendors

3:00 p.m. - Architectural Tour of Downtown Lincolnton (East Main Street, Courthouse, West Main Street)

Brad Guth will provide the walking tour, and Jason Harpe will deliver an in-house slide presentation at the Lincoln Cultural Center for those unable to take the walking tour.

5:00 p.m. - Wine and Cheese Reception and Tour of Historic Woodside