## 5th Annual Genealogical Conference Lincoln County Historical Association and Gaston-Lincoln Genealogical Society

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#### Dear Genealogy & History Friends,

The Lincoln County Historical Association and Gaston-Lincoln Genealogical Society are hosting the fifth annual genealogical, historical, and preservation conference on Friday night, April 11, 2014, and Saturday, April 12, 2014, at historic St. Luke's Episcopal Church's Parish House at 315 North Cedar Street in downtown Lincolnton. On Friday night, Dr. David Staton will deliver a presentation on the recently published book A Great Golden Sun: The WWII Journal of Eugene Gold "Jerry" Hartman, and the family of Jerry Hartman will be available to sign copies of the book. On Saturday, April 12, at 9:00 a.m., we will welcome Dr. Kevin Cherry, Denver native and Deputy Secretary of Office and Archives and History, N.C. Department of Cultural Resources in Raleigh, North Carolina as the keynote speaker. Dr. Cherry's keynote is titled "From Pirate Treasure to Government Email: North Carolina's Historical Enterprise Today." Other conference speakers include Kathy G. Sullivan, CG; A. Bruce Pruitt, Ph.D.; Michael Hill; and Jason L. Harpe.

### Keynote: Dr. Kevin Cherry



The LCHA and Gaston-Lincoln Genealogical Society are very pleased to have as our keynote speaker at our genealogy conference Dr. Kevin Cherry, Deputy Secretary of the North Carolina Office of Archives and History in Raleigh, North Carolina. Dr. Cherry formerly 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 m...useum professionals. He 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. Dr. Cherry, a native of Denver, North Carolina, received undergraduate and graduate degrees from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. An archivist by training, his Ph.D. is in Information Science with a concentration in Archives and Cultural Informatics.

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#### **Conference Details**

Conference registration begins on Saturday morning at 8:30 a.m., and the conference concludes at 4:00 p.m.

#### **Registration Form**

A wine and cheese social and tour of St. Luke's Episcopal Church's Sanctuary and Cemetery will follow the conference.

Conference registration is \$37.45, and lunch is \$8.00. The wine and cheese social and tour of St. Luke's Episcopal Church's Sanctuary and Cemetery is \$16.05.

The LCHA and GLGS apologizes that the registration and wine and cheese social are not round numbers, but they reflect the North Carolina's new 7% tax on entertainment.

#### **Quick Links**

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On North Carolina's coast, underwater archaeologists recently retrieved five cannons from Blackbeard's ship. Outside of Statesville, a group of private citizens are raising funds to rebuild a French and Indian War-era fort. The NC Transportation Museum in Spencer is busy restoring a range of railroad rolling stock. Bus tours following the last campaigns of the Civil War are being developed for the final year of the Civil War 150th commemoration in 2015. The North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh hosts real-time Webcasts for schools. The State Archives continues to digitize huge amounts of records. The State's copy of the 13th Amendment making slavery illegal, will tour the state this summer. The Historic Preservation Office has helped discover the state's newest oldest house--built in 1718 and still standing!

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# Book Presentation and Signing for A Great Golden Sun: The WWII Journal of Eugene Gold "Jerry" Hartman

**Book Signing and Presentation** 

Dr. David Staton

"A Great Golden Sun: The WWII Journal of Eugene Gold "Jerry" Hartman"

Dr. David Staton's presentation focuses on the World War II journal of his father-in-law, Eugene G. "Jerry" Hartman. Hartman wrote this account of life in the South Pacific in a series of five journals during World

War II. The journals begin with his departure from California on December 22, 1943, and end when he arrived in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he awaited his discharge on December 10, 1945. At the beginning of World War II, Jerry operated a service station in Lincolnton, North Carolina. When he entered the army, he was near the upper age range for entering service. He was a slight built man with a penchant for detailed record keeping. All this appears to have played an important role in his military assignment during the War. Upon his return from service, Jerry resumed the operation of a service station for the rest of his working years. In January 1947, Jerry married Susie Finger Dellinger, who had a child, Jo Ann, from a previous marriage. Jerry and Susie had three children: Jeri Sue, Libby and Eugene Jr.

Following the presentation, Dr. Staton and members of Jerry Hartman's family will sign copies of the book.

# Conference Location and Registration



Dr. David Staton's presentation and book signing for A Great Golden Sun will take place at St. Luke's Parish House on Friday night, April 11, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. This building is located at 315 North Cedar Street in Lincolnton.

All Saturday presentations will be held at the St.

Luke's Parish House at 315 North Cedar Street in Lincolnton.

The wine and cheese social and tour of St. Luke's sanctuary and cemetery will take place 315 North Cedar Street in Lincolnton.

To Register for the conference, complete the registration form include below and return to LCHA's office at 403 East Main, Lincolnton, NC 28092.

## **Registration Form**

Contact us at (704) 748-9090 or <a href="mailto:lcmh@bellsouth.net">lcmh@bellsouth.net</a> with any questions.

The Lincoln County Historical Association and Gaston-Lincoln Genealogical Society are excited about this year's conference and hope that you will join us for a wonderful time of genealogical exploration.

Information on our speakers and the history of St. Luke's Episcopal Church and its historic resources are provided through the links below.

#### **Speakers**

St. Luke's Episcopal Church History and Resources

Sincerely,

Jason Harpe Lincoln County Historical Association