

Richmond County Historical Society

'Those who don't remember their ancestors don't deserve to be remembered!'

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Battle At Moore's Creek Bridge



Located in Pender County, this was North Carolina's first battle in the American Revolution. Mostly Highlanders, the Tory forces numbered 1,600. Included was Allan MacDonald, husband of Flora MacDonald. Both were staunch Loyalists. Whig (Patriot) forces numbered 1,100. The battle was a decisive Patriot win, with Allan MacDonald taken prisoner. Allan and Flora's Richmond/Montgomery County Whig neighbors forced them to leave the state and nation, their home and property robbed and confiscated. Neighbors taking arms against each other was not uncommon during that war.

The War Within

The RCHS February 17th program will be given by J. A. Bolton. Entitled "The War Within," he will outline what home life was like during the American Revolutionary war and later the Civil War. An author, storyteller and historian, he is a member of Richmond and Anson County Historical Societies.

He will point out that in both wars, families and neighbors were sometimes split as to which side they would support. This was especially true in the Revolutionary War where those who supported England and the King were known as Tories. Whigs or Patriots supported a free new country. In the Civil War, people gave support to either the North or South.

Religion and economics, in different parts of the state, played a big part as to which side you supported during each war. In some cases, people on the home front were suddenly caught up in ugly and sometimes fatal assaults by neighbors who disagreed with another's choice.

As usual, the program will begin promptly at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 17th at the Rockingham City Hall.