



## BOOK NOOK

Two new publications from the Historical Publications Section of the North Carolina Division of Archives and History offer educators a wealth of information about early colonial history.

### ***Society in Early North Carolina: A Documentary History***

(Edited by Alan D. Watson, softcover, \$20 plus tax)

This 359-page illustrated paperback is for anyone who wants to learn more about daily life in North Carolina before 1800. It includes carefully selected eyewitness accounts (such as letters, journals, and travel reports) written by colonial citizens and their visitors.

### ***North Carolina Headrights: A List of Names, 1665-1774***

(Compiled by Caroline B. Whitney and Susan M. Trimble, softcover, \$18 plus tax)

Those searching for ancestors who lived in colonial North Carolina will find a valuable resource in this 312-page book. Grants of land in colonial North Carolina were based on the number of people the grantee brought into the colony. This method was known as granting land by "headright." For many colonial North Carolinians, a headright is the sole surviving record of their existence. *North Carolina Headrights* contains thousands of headright names found in both manuscript and published sources.

For information about these and other North Carolina titles, or to request a catalog and order form, call (919) 733-7442, or visit the Historical Publications Section Web site at <http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/hp>.

## Holiday Happenings around North Carolina

### **Bentonville Battleground State Historic Site, Newton Grove**

#### ***Christmas Open House***

*Saturday, December 1*

*1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.*

See how Christmas was celebrated during the Civil War. (910) 594-0789.

### **Somerset Place State Historic Site, Creswell**

#### ***Christmas Open House***

*Sunday, December 2*

*1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.*

Local churches using period techniques will decorate the site's buildings. Free food prepared by Somerset staff members will be provided. (252) 797-4560.

### **Charles B. Aycock Birthplace State Historic Site, Fremont**

#### ***Christmas Candlelight Tours***

*Tuesday, December 4, and Thursday, December 6*

*6:30 P.M.-9:00 P.M.*

Costumed interpreters describe Christmas traditions of the nineteenth century. Primitive Baptist singers perform a cappella in the visitor center. Children's program in the schoolhouse. (919) 242-5581.

### **Horne Creek Living Historical Farm State Historic Site, Pinnacle**

#### ***Christmas by Lamplight***

*Thursday, December 6, and Thursday,*

*December 13*

*4:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.*

Experience the warmth of a rural turn-of-the-century Christmas. Music and food of the era will be featured. (336) 325-2298.

## More Holiday Happenings . . .

### **Duke Homestead State Historic Site, Durham** ***Christmas by Candlelight***

*Friday, December 7, and Friday, December 14*

*7:00 P.M.-9:00 P.M.*

The 1852 homestead will be decorated as the Washington Duke family would have celebrated Christmas. (919) 477-5498.

### **Alamance Battleground State Historic Site, Burlington**

#### ***Christmas Puddings***

*Sunday, December 9*

*1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.*

Sample traditional Christmas puddings. (336) 227-4785.

### **Historic Bath State Historic Site, Bath** ***Christmas Open House***

*Sunday, December 9*

*1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.*

Tour four decorated colonial and nineteenth-century buildings, hear special music, and enjoy refreshments. (252) 923-3971.

### **Bennett Place State Historic Site, Durham** ***Christmas Open House: A Homemade Christmas***

*Sunday, December 9*

*1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.*

Come enjoy a Christmas program depicting how the holidays were celebrated during the Civil War. Refreshments will be served. (919) 383-4345.

### **House in the Horseshoe State Historic Site, Sanford**

#### ***Celebration of a Colonial Christmas***

*Sunday, December 9*

*NOON-5:30 P.M.*

The house will be decorated with natural materials and illuminated by candlelight at twilight. A cannon will be fired to salute the neighbors. (910) 947-2051.

### **James K. Polk Memorial State Historic Site, Pineville**

#### ***Polk Christmas Celebration***

*Sunday, December 9*

*1:00 P.M.-4:00 P.M.*

Costumed interpreters bring a backcountry North Carolina Christmas of the early 1800s to life. See authentic early Christmas decorations, holiday cooking, holiday singing and dancing. (704) 889-7145.

### **Zebulon B. Vance Birthplace State Historic Site, Weaverville**

#### ***Christmas Open House and Candlelight Tours***

*Sunday, December 9*

*1:00 P.M.-6:00 P.M.*

*Candlelight tours start at 4:00 P.M.*

Tour the reconstructed Vance house decorated for the season in the style of the 1830s. (828) 645-6706.

### **Historic Edenton/James Iredell House, Edenton**

#### ***Caroling on the Green***

*Friday, December 14, 6:00 P.M.-7:00 P.M.*

#### ***Iredell House Groaning Board***

*Friday, December 14, and Saturday, December 15*

*1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.*

Join a community caroling party on the green in front of the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse on Friday night. Experience eighteenth-century style Christmas decorations, harpsichord music, and a holiday groaning board. Tables are so heavily laden, you can almost hear the boards "groan." (252) 482-2637.