

THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUSEUM
PRESENTS
THE FIRST ANNUAL REENACTMENT OF
THE BATTLE OF
MOBLEY'S MEETING HOUSE
JUNE 25 & 26, 2005
FEASTERVILLE,
HIGHWAY 215 N
BLAIR, SOUTH CAROLINA



225th Anniversary
2005-2007



THE BATTLE OF MOBLEY'S MEETING HOUSE

June 25-26, 2005

Feasterville, SC

Admission \$5

Children free

SATURDAY:

- 10:00 Gates open to the public.
- 11:00 Dedication service in the church.
- 1:00 Ken Shelton, author of *All That Dare Oppose Them: A History Over the Tories at the Battle of Mobley's Meeting House on Little River*, presents his research.
Find out on which side your ancestor fought in June, 1780.
- 2:00 Battle reenactment.
- 5:00 Gates closed.

SUNDAY:

- 11:00 Colonial period church service in Liberty Church conducted by Rev. Denley Caughman. Due to limited space in the church, interested visitors are asked to contact the Museum (803-635-9811) in advance for space-available attendance.
- 12:00 Noon Gates open to the public.
- 2:00 Battle reenactment.
- 5:00 Gates closed.

Hot Dogs, hamburgers, snacks sold on premises.

AS IT HAPPENED...

IN EARLY SUMMER OF 1780, A SMALL BAND OF WHIG MILITIA UNDER JOHN MCCLURE, RICHARD WINN, WILLIAM BRATTON, EDWARD LACEY, AND ANDREW NEAL ATTACKED AND DISPERSED A GATHERING OF LOCAL TORY MILITIA GATHERED AT MOBLEY'S MEETING HOUSE NEAR THIS LOCATION IN WESTERN FAIRFIELD COUNTY. THE AFFRAY DID NOT LAST LONG, IT ESSENTIALLY BEING AN AMBUSH AND RECAPTURE OF THE LIVESTOCK AND POSSESSIONS STOLEN FROM AREA RESIDENTS BY LOYALIST (TORY) MILITIAMEN AND BRITISH TROOPS. CASUALTIES WERE SLIGHT.

THIS EARLY MORNING SKIRMISH HAPPENED JUST ON THE HEELS OF ANOTHER LOCAL ROUT OF TORIES AND BRITISH SOLDIERS AT BECKHAMVILLE (OR ALEXANDER'S OLD FIELD) NEAR PRESENT-DAY GREAT FALLS A FEW DAYS BEFORE. IN JULY, SOME OF THESE SAME PLAYERS AGAIN TOOK PART IN THE DEFEAT OF CAPTAIN CHRISTAIN HUCK AND HIS TROOPS OF BRITISH LEGION DRAGOONS, NEW YORK VOLUNTEERS, AND LOYALIST MILITIAMEN AT WILLIAMSON'S PLANTATION NEAR BRATTONSVILLE.

CHARLESTON HAD BEEN CAPTURED BY THE BRITISH IN MARCH OF 1780 AND THE PICTURE HAD BEEN GLOOMY FOR THE AMERICAN CAUSE UNTIL EVENTS LIKE THESE BEGAN POPPING IN RAPID SUCCESSION IN THE ONCE- QUIET BACKCOUNTRY OF THE CAROLINAS. BY FALL OF 1781 THE BRITISH UNDER LORD CORNWALLIS HAD BEEN BADLY BEATEN AND SURRENDERED AT YORKTOWN. TODAY'S BATTLE REENACTMENT CELEBRATES THE 225TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION'S ENGAGEMENTS IN THE BACKCOUNTRY.

THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION AND THE MUSEUM WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE MANY VOLUNTEERS OF THE GROUND'S CREW, PLANNING COMMITTEES, HISTORICAL ADVISORS, COUNTY OFFICIALS, AND THE NUMEROUS HELPERS AND DONORS WHO HAVE MADE THIS EVENT A POSSIBILITY.

WE WOULD LIKE ESPECIALLY TO THANK THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY COUNCIL, ADMINISTRATION, AND MANY HELPING DEPARTMENTS FOR ALL OF THEIR HELP.

WE ARE GREATFUL TO THE COLEMAN-FEASTER-MOBLEY FAMILY ASSOCIATION FOR THE GRACIOUS USE OF THE BEAUTIFUL HISTORIC FEASTERVILLE FACILITY.

THE HUMANITIES COUNCIL OF S.C., WALMART CORPORATION, AND THE BANK OF RIDGEWAY WERE ESPECIALLY GENEROUS IN OUR SEARCH FOR FUNDING SOURCES.

THE FAIRFIELD COUNTY MUSEUM, IN AN EFFORT TO PROVIDE RESOURCES TO THE PUBLIC, HISTORICAL SCHOLARS, AND HISTORY AFICIONADOS, FOR THE FIRST TIME IS OFFERING A REPRINT EDITION OF THE RARE CLASSIC *A HISTORY OF THE UPPER COUNTRY OF SOUTH CAROLINA, FROM THE EARLIEST PERIODS TO THE CLOSE OF THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE*, BY JOHN H. LOGAN, A.M. THIS BOOK WAS FOUND IN THE LIBRARY COLLECTION OF THE MUSEUM DIRECTOR'S GREAT GRANDFATHER AND IS A MUCH SOUGHT-AFTER TREATISE ON THE HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF OUR AREA. LOGAN PUBLISHED VOLUME I IN 1859, BUT THE WARTIME EVENTS OF 1861-1864 THWARTED HIS EDITING OF COLLECTED EYE-WITNESS NARRATIVES OF THE REVOLUTION FOR A SECOND VOLUME. SOME OTHERS' ATTEMPTS TO PUBLISH VOLUME II IN LATER TIMES WERE UNSUCCESSFUL.

THE BOOK IS PUBLISHED BY THE HISTORY PRESS AND WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE NATIONAL MARKET BY THE END OF SUMMER. WE ARE OFFERING HERE THE OPPORTUNITY TO PURCHASE COPIES OF BOTH VOLUMES IN ONE COVER AT A PREPUBLICATION SALES PRICE OF \$25, SHIPPING INCLUDED. A

ZEROX COPY OF SOME OF THE PAGES WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR EXAMINATION TODAY. BUYERS TODAY WILL HAVE THEIR COPIES SHIPPED ON THE PUBLICATION DATE IN LATE SUMMER OF 2005. YOUR ORDER CAN BE MADE BY MAILING IN THE COUPON BELOW WITH PAYMENT, OR BY LEAVING THE COUPON WITH YOUR CHECK OR CASH PAYMENT WITH THE ATTENDANT AT THE BOOK TABLE TODAY.

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