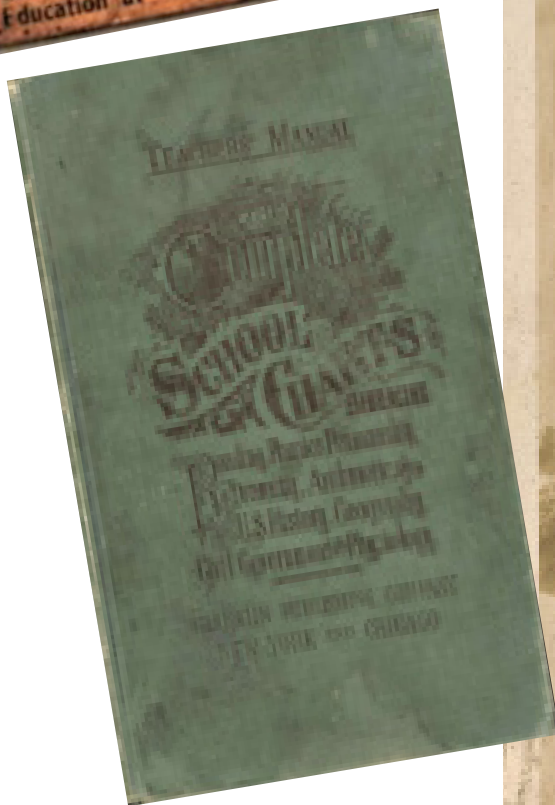


Raleigh Register

Official Newsletter of the Historic Resources and Museum Program



Welcome Back To School !

Top: Shaw University Ruler, ca. 1900's

Right: Shaw University Student Photograph, ca. 1900's

Left: Teacher's Manual, 1885

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Administrator's Letter



Greetings and fall tidings from the Historic Resources and Museum (HRM) Program. There are exciting changes afoot as we move into a new season. The weather begins changing and

colors quickly follow suit with leaves showing one last burst of personality prior to dormancy until next spring. We also have several exciting developments in the HRM Program with arguably the most exciting being the long-awaited re-opening of Moore Square. This milestone was marked with a series of events and programs celebrating the occasion. Of course, there are many more events and activities planned. You can see the full program schedule at: raleighnc.gov/parks/content/ParksRec/Articles/Parks/MooreSquare.

The HRM Program also added new staff members at Pullen Park. Allora Spruill joined us as the new Program Manager and Sabrina Dooley as the new Administrative Specialist. Allora began working with us in August and looks forward to learning about programs at Pullen as well as the HRM Program. Allora is in her second stint with us as she previously worked at Pullen in a part-time capacity. Sabrina is also a familiar face in a new role as she was promoted from the Customer Service Specialist position into this new full-time role. Both women are looking forward their new roles and especially excited to participate in 2019 Holiday Express!

Please check out all the upcoming events at programs throughout the HRM Program at the back of this newsletter. In the next few months you can take in the new *A Delicious Country* exhibit at the COR Museum and retrace the steps of early 18th century explorer John Lawson through the eyes of Scott Hueler, a modern-day explorer in his own right. You could visit Pullen Park and listen to the stirring sounds of John Philip Sousa on the carousel. You could even attend a fall festival at Mordecai Historic Park to hear live music or maybe even encounter a ghost! These experiences and more await you. So please take the time to learn about the upcoming events and programs within the HRM Program.

We are truly excited about these new challenges and changes and we remain committed to fulfilling our mission to the public. As always please stay tuned and stay involved!

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Chair's Letter



Welcome back to school!

The National Park Service recently celebrated its 103rd birthday on August 25. Though they are perhaps best known for their stewardship of natural landscapes, the agency is in many ways the first official keeper of our American history. Verne E. Chatelain, the Service's first Chief Historian observed:

"There is no more effective way of teaching history to the average American than to take him to the site on which some great historic event has occurred, and there to give him an understanding and feeling of that event through the medium of contact with the site itself, and the story that goes along with it."

In Raleigh, the Historic Resources and Museum Program (HRMP) parallels the National Park Service's commitment and approach to historic stewardship and engagement. Each year, thousands of elementary and middle school students experience history first hand at HRM Program sites including Mordecai Historic Park and the Pope House. The recently-opened visitor center at Moore Square and planned interpretive improvements to the Latta House and University Site will offer expanded opportunities for historic engagement and active learning.

We look forward to seeing you,

Fred Belledin
Chair, HRM Advisory Board

Follow the HRM Program!

Check our social media for the newest additions of upcoming events at all of our sites!



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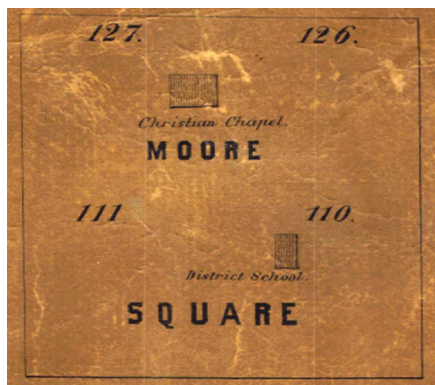
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Ask A Historian

by Douglas Porter, Program Director, Historic Sites

Q Is it true that a school was once located in Moore Square? What can you tell me about it?

A Yes, it is! A modest schoolhouse stood in Moore Square for approximately two decades in the nineteenth century. The specifics are hard to come by, but sources suggest that the school was constructed in the early 1840s and operated until the start of the Civil War in 1861. The school was initially called Eastern Ward School, but became the NC Classical, English, and Mathematical School in 1844. Though it may have been more commonly known as the Baptist Grove Free School or the Baptist Grove School House, as noted years later by former student, A. B. Stronach.



Moore Square from "Map of the City of Raleigh," 1847, State Archives of North Carolina.



"Baptist Grove (Common) School, By A. B. Stronach" *News & Observer*, Sunday, Feb. 23, 1908.

Stronach's recollection, published in the *News & Observer* in 1908, is the most vivid description of the school I've encountered in the historical record. Stronach recalled that the school was "a weather boarded, frame structure . . . 25 or 30 by 50 or 60 feet, running lengthwise north and south, [and] sat exactly in the center of the square." Inside the building, the students, which were all male, sat at "long wood benches, without any backs." Likewise, Stronach remembered that the "teacher's desk [was] a flat top table . . . on a form (platform) two steps rise in the middle of the east wall. From this vantage ground he overlooked the school and from time to time cast his ruler to some offender." Stronach's memoir indicates that several instructors taught at the school during his years as a student. He mentioned several, in particular, including a "Scotchman . . . who was a good teacher, but a man of violent temper," as well as a "Mr. Henry Utley . . . [who] was a good teacher, not overly strict, [and] popular with the boys." However, Stronach thought that "Mr. Womble . . . a strict but good teacher . . . ruled the Baptist Grove better than any teacher in my day."

Stronach, who was born in 1847, was among the last group of students to attend the school. By 1908 the Baptist Grove School House was only a memory. As Stronach poetically wrote: "Like the snows of yesterday, the Baptist Grove school house, the trees and the boys who attended the school have disappeared, except a few of us who like lingering patches of snow await the sun of summer to cause them to disappear."

Your question regarding the history of Raleigh could be answered in the next edition of the Raleigh Register. Send questions to: kathryn.neuhart@raleighnc.gov

Collection Corner

by Ainsley Powell, HRM Curator of Collections

- 1 Crayons, 1919-1928
- 2 Ribbon, 1886
- 3 Postcard, ca. 1940s



2 Education is a continual process

The items included here are from various collections across the Historic Resources and Museum Program. The objects illustrate how Raleighites would have been educated in and out of the classroom.



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Fran Hunter – 10 Year Anniversary

by Josh Ingersoll, Historic Sites Director

With the theme of this *Raleigh Register* being education, I wanted to pay tribute to Fran Hunter who recently hit her 10-year anniversary as a Museum Educator at Mordecai Historic Park. In May of 2009, Fran took a job that would result in her making an impact on dozens of staff and volunteers, thousands of school children, and countless visitors to the Mordecai Historic Park.

I first met Fran in 2010 when I accepted a job at Mordecai as a Museum Educator. As my first job in the history field, I came in as a nervous college kid who had no idea what I was doing. While Fran had been there for less than a year at that point, I followed her tours, listened to her education programs, and ate as much of her apple pie as she would bring. Little did I know that I would spend the next decade working with her. Fran is the kind of person in a workplace that people gravitate towards because you know that she cares, and even though she has seen many staff walk through the door, she still has a smile and a willingness to show the next nervous new professional the ropes.

Today, Fran is an integral part of our education team at Mordecai. She works deeply with the Jr. Interpreter program, leads the summer camp team, mans the loudspeaker at the Egg Hunt, coordinates with volunteers, and if you enjoy the table decorations at the Volunteer Banquet, that's her special touch too. More than anything, I can definitively say that Fran has made a difference at Mordecai over the last ten years both in my life and the lives of the countless children who have filed through Mordecai hearing her education program, taken her tours, or been a part of a fun-filled event. Mordecai would not be the place it is today without Fran, so the next time you see her, wish her a congratulations and a big hearty thank you for all her hard work.



Fran Hunter.



Fran directing the costume contest at Haunted Mordecai.

When I hired Fran as a Museum Educator in May of 2009 what stood out, other than her matriculating at Auburn, was her energy and enthusiasm. She quickly became our go-to programmer and someone we could count on to model exceptional customer service for staff and the public.

Troy Burton

Fran has been (and continues to be!) a particularly invaluable member of Team Mordecai! Her love for Mordecai Historic Park is evident, and has been demonstrated in a variety of ways, but perhaps especially through her dedication to the school field trip and Junior Interpreter programs, as well as the volunteer program. Fran was a veteran by the time I joined the HRM Program in 2014, and it became clear to me in short-order that she was a leader among her peers and someone I could rely on. Working with Fran and getting to know her over the past several years, has been a pleasure.

Doug Porter

Friends of COR Museum



Become a Friend!

The City of Raleigh Museum depends on the support of the community through annual memberships. One hundred percent of your membership goes towards museum programs and exhibitions. Through your generosity, we can continue our role as the only organization committed to the collection, preservation, and interpretation of Raleigh's past, present, and future.

Be A Friend!

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Upcoming Events Museums

October 2019

Exhibit Opening: A Delicious Country

City of Raleigh Museum

October 4 // 6-9pm

Explorer John Lawson trekked through the Carolina colony in 1701, recording all he saw. Three centuries later, Raleigh journalist, Scott Huler, followed his trail documenting what had changed and what remained the same. Their journeys are featured in a new exhibit, *A Delicious Country*, at the COR Museum.

A Community's Legacy: African American History Walking Tour

City of Raleigh Museum

October 5 // 10am

Join us for a guided walking tour as we explore the rich African American history along the streets of downtown Raleigh. From stories of entrepreneurs, triumphs, and tragedy, you will discover the legacy of the men and women who lived, worked, and help make Raleigh what it is today. Co-Sponsored by the Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum. For more information about purchasing tickets: cityofraleighmuseum.org

Oak City Architecture Tour

City of Raleigh Museum

October 19 // 10am

Come join us for an in-depth walking tour of some outstanding architecture near Fayetteville Street! The tour will cover several buildings in the downtown area, ranging from classic 19th Century storefronts to futuristic banks and everything in the unique decisions and choices made by the builders that made our city look the way it appears today! Co-Sponsored with the Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum. For more information about purchasing tickets: cityofraleighmuseum.org

Dark Raleigh

City of Raleigh Museum

**October 28, 29 //
6:30, 7:30 & 8:30pm**

Behind the history of Raleigh's great statemen and leaders lies a dark and troubled past. The Friends of the City of Raleigh Museum brings to life the stories of the Capital City's tortured souls in an adults-only interactive walking tour – Dark Raleigh. Three tour times will be provided and will each last one hour. The tour is not advisable for children under 16. For more information about purchasing tickets: cityofraleighmuseum.org

Upcoming Events

November 2019

Day of the Dead Celebration

City of Raleigh Museum

November 1 // 6-9pm

In collaboration with the Artist Studio Project, the museum will host a Day of the Dead celebration. Join us for crafts, music, dancing, and view the incredible alter built by local artists!

December 2019

Yoga in the Museum

City of Raleigh Museum

Every Saturday in December // 11am

Come relieve your holiday stress by practicing Yoga in the City of Raleigh Museum!

Museum Store Sunday

City of Raleigh Museum

December 1 // 12-6pm

Be a Patron! Support the City of Raleigh Museum's gift shop on Museum Store Sunday. The shop is filled with unique items from local Raleigh artisans which are perfect for your holiday gifts. Enjoy 25% off your purchase throughout the day.

Holidays with the Popes

Pope House Museum

December 7 // 12-4pm

Visit the Pope House Museum for a holiday celebration joined by a jolly special guest, Santa! See the decorations, listen to classic carols, and learn about the Pope family's celebrations.

First Night

City of Raleigh Museum

December 31 // 4-8pm

The City of Raleigh Museum will be open late in celebration of First Night! Warm up and visit the exhibits before you ring in the New Year!

Sites

October 2019

Raleigh Roots History Festival

Moore Square

October 12 // 11am-5pm

This inaugural festival is produced by the City of Raleigh's Historic Resources and Museums program. It is a celebration of the rich history of the founding and creation of North Carolina's Capital City. The event will feature living history that includes a loom, a blacksmith, cooking demonstrations and a Revolutionary War encampment. In addition, there will be a kid's zone, old-fashioned games, free carriage rides and vendors. Main stage performers will include the Tryon Palace Fife & Drum Corps, Sir Walter Raleigh, Jonkonnu dancers the musical stylings of Ken Bloom. Free event.

Haunted Trolley

Mordecai Historic Park

October 18, 19, 25, & 26 // 6:45-8:45pm

Jump on board the Haunted Trolley, if you dare, for a special tour of downtown Raleigh's most haunted places. You never know who you might meet along the way! The trolley departs from Mordecai Historic Park. Advanced registration is recommended. Tickets are non-refundable. Call 919.996.4364 for tickets and information.

Roaring Raleigh Lawn Party

Moore Square

October 26 // 11am-5pm

Go back in time to the Jazz Age at Raleigh's inaugural Roaring Raleigh Lawn Party this Fall. This unique 1920's inspired event will feature dance performances and lessons, roving entertainers, model T cars, vintage clothing vendors and more. Local favorites, Mint Julip Jazz Band will headline the main stage. Russ Wilson will DJ, the barbershop quartet, Never 4 Home will perform and the NC Youth Tap Ensemble will show off their dancing talents. Attendees are encouraged to dress in 1920's attire. There will be prizes for best dressed and best picnic set up. Food and beverages will be available for purchase on site. Free event.

Haunted Festival

Mordecai Historic Park

October 26 // 1-4pm

Enjoy an afternoon of Halloween-themed fun including food, music, games, and crafts on the lawn at Mordecai Historic Park. There will be costume contests for kids up to 16 years old beginning at 1 p.m. Paranormal investigation group the Ghost Guild will be on site to reveal their findings from the Mordecai House and answer your questions. This event is free and open to the public. No registration is necessary. Call 919-996-4364 for information.

November 2019

Living History Saturday

Mordecai Historic Park

November 2 // 10am-3pm

Join us for historic demonstrations and activities at Mordecai Historic Park's Living History Saturdays! Stop by for a few minutes or stay all day! This program is free and registration is not required.

Guy Fawkes Night

Mordecai Historic Park

November 2 // 5:30-8pm

Join us for a bonfire on November 4, from 5:30-8 pm at Mordecai Historic Park. Jacket potatoes and other festive and traditional goodies will be served! Current RSC supporters save on tickets so join first before purchasing!

December 2019

North Pole Market

Mordecai Historic Park

December 7 // 10am-2pm

Come do your holiday shopping with local vendors, crafts & fun!

Holiday Lantern Tours

Mordecai Historic Park

December 7 // 5-9pm

Join us for our Holiday Lantern Tours and see how the holidays would have been celebrated in years past. Guided tours will take guests through the Mordecai House and grounds. Advance registration is recommended. Tours will take place rain or shine. Tickets are \$5 and nonrefundable. Tours run every half hour from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Please call (919) 996-4364 for more information.

Santa's Trolley

Mordecai Historic Park

December 13,14, & 15 // 5-7pm

Santa is lost in Raleigh and Holly the Elf needs your help to find him in time for Christmas! Have you seen him lately? Do you know where he might be? Jump aboard the Raleigh Trolley and help Holly track down Santa in time for Christmas! Advance registration is recommended. Tickets are nonrefundable. Call 919-996-4364 for tickets and information.

Mordecai Holidays Open House

Mordecai Historic Park

December 14 & 15 // 1-4pm

Visit the Mordecai Holidays Open House and see how the home would have been decorated for the holidays in years past. Rooms will be decorated to represent colonial days through the WWII era. You can tour the house at your leisure, and volunteers will be on hand to answer questions. The open house is free.

Attractions

September 2019

Scarecrow Festival

Pullen Park Amusements

(Picnic Shelter)

September 28 // 9am - 12pm

Come and create a scarecrow to be displayed at Pullen Park. Bring clothes, accessories and a head to make your scarecrow as you like! Stuffing and support will be provided. Free Event. Pre-registration required by September 25, 2019. Barcode: 251618

October 2019

Face Your Fears 3 - All Aboard the Zombie Train

Pullen Park Amusements

October 25 // 6:30 - 8:30pm

Work with your team to help find the cure for a deadly "brain eating" virus and survive a zombie infested train ride. This program is free and is geared to teens aged 12- 15. Pre-registration required by October 23, 2019. Barcode: 251617.

Raleigh Sister Cities

Trophy Brewery Tour

September 21

Greater Triangle Dragon Boat Festival

September 28

Casino Night

October 3

German Unification Day Film Night

October 10

German Immersion Weekend

November 8 - 9

Christmas Parade Fund Raising Booth

November 23

Sankt Nik Tag Film Night

December 6

Nairobi Jamhuri Day Celebration

December 12

For more information, email info@raleighsistercities.org, call 919-996-4372, or visit raleighsistercities.org or Facebook.com/RaleighSisterCities.

All Raleigh residents are invited to become involved. To learn more, visit: raleighsistercities.org

HISTORIC RESOURCES AND MUSEUM PROGRAM

In July 2012, Raleigh City Council created the Historic Resources and Museum Program, hereinafter the HRM Program, with the express purpose of protecting and programming identified cultural, museum, and historic resources within the City of Raleigh.

The HRM Program manages operations and programs at:

- Borden Building and Stone Circle at Fletcher Park
- City of Raleigh Museum
- Fred Fletcher Amphitheater at Fletcher Park
- John Chavis Memorial Park Historic Attractions
- The Latta House and University Site
- Moore Square
- Mordecai Historic Park
- Pope House Museum
- Pullen Park Historic Attractions
- Raleigh Trolleys
- Tucker House

Additionally, The HRM Program manages an artifact collection consisting of more than 21,000 fine and decorative material culture objects.

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