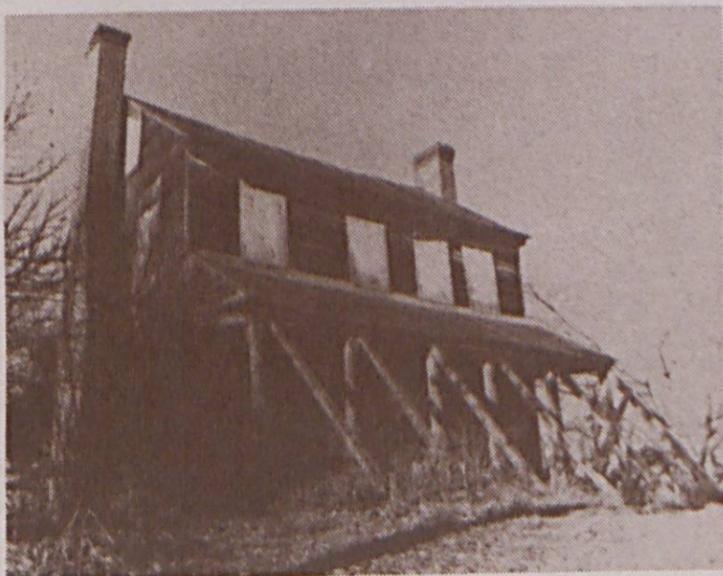


Historical Influences and
Rural Folklore:
The Shaping of Surry County
To 1860



A summer and fall lecture series
celebrating the restoration of the
Edwards-Franklin House.



*Presented by the Surry County Historical Society
July - October 1984*

An Overview of the Edwards-Franklin House

A brief history of the house provides an introduction and a framework for the lectures on the periods from the American Revolution to the eve of the Civil War.



Trouble in the Backcountry: The Inner Civil War In Revolutionary North Carolina

Thursday, July 19

Dr. Jeffrey J. Crow, Head of the Historical Publications Section of the Division of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of

Cultural Resources, describes the internal war in the backcountry, of which Surry County was a part, during the turbulent years of the American Revolution. In his lecture Dr. Crow will discuss some of the larger economic, social and political characteristics of Western North Carolina as well as colorful Whigs and Tories in the Surry area. Dr. Crow's extensive research and many publications make him a foremost authority on the American Revolution in North Carolina.

An exhibit of guns of the revolutionary period accompanies this lecture.

6:30 p.m. Barbecue buffet supper

7:30 p.m. Lecture and exhibit

Exhibit will remain open 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. July 20 and 21 and by appointment to groups.



The Golden Age of Surry County in the Realm of Politics

Thursday, August 16

Dr. J. Edwin Hendricks, Professor of History at Wake Forest University, narrates this history of Surry County in the late 18th and early 19th

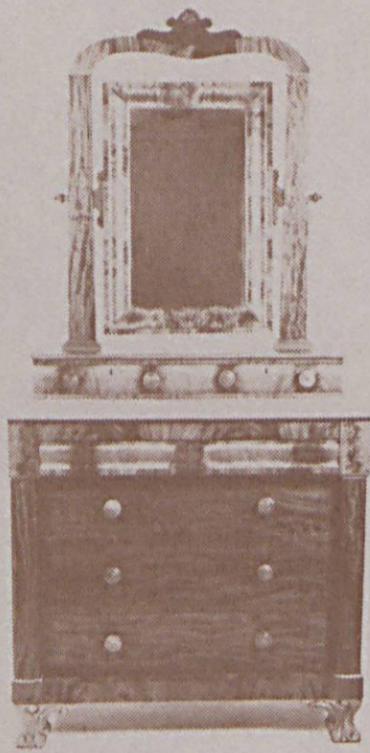
centuries. During this period Surry was essentially a poor county, characterized by small farms and a subsistence economy. Yet this humble county was home to some of the state's most astute political leaders, including Jesse Franklin (1760-1823), a two-term United States Senator and twentieth governor of North Carolina, and his younger brother, Meshack Franklin (1773-1839), a four-term United States Congressman. Professor Hendricks will describe this era of staunch revolutionary patriotism and Jeffersonian politics.

An exhibit of clippings and political memorabilia accompanies this lecture.

6:30 p.m. Barbecue buffet supper

7:30 p.m. Lecture and exhibit

Exhibit will remain open 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. August 17 and 18 and by appointment to groups.



The Furniture of Piedmont North Carolina 1750-1820

Friday, September 14

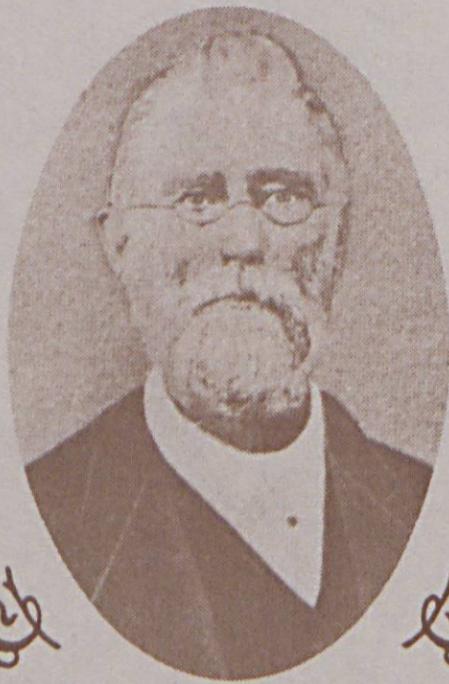
Luke Beckerdite, Research Associate at the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, will describe the furniture of Piedmont North Carolina and the development of its regional style

during the years 1750-1820. In MESDA's research program Mr. Beckerdite has identified, documented and photographed several hundred important pieces from the Piedmont area. An extensive slide program accompanies this lecture along with an exhibit of pieces gathered by the Surry County Historical Society.

6:30 p.m. Barbecue buffet supper

7:30 p.m. Lecture and exhibit

Exhibit will remain open for the Sonker Festival 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, September 15.



Hardin Edwards Taliaferro's Surry County

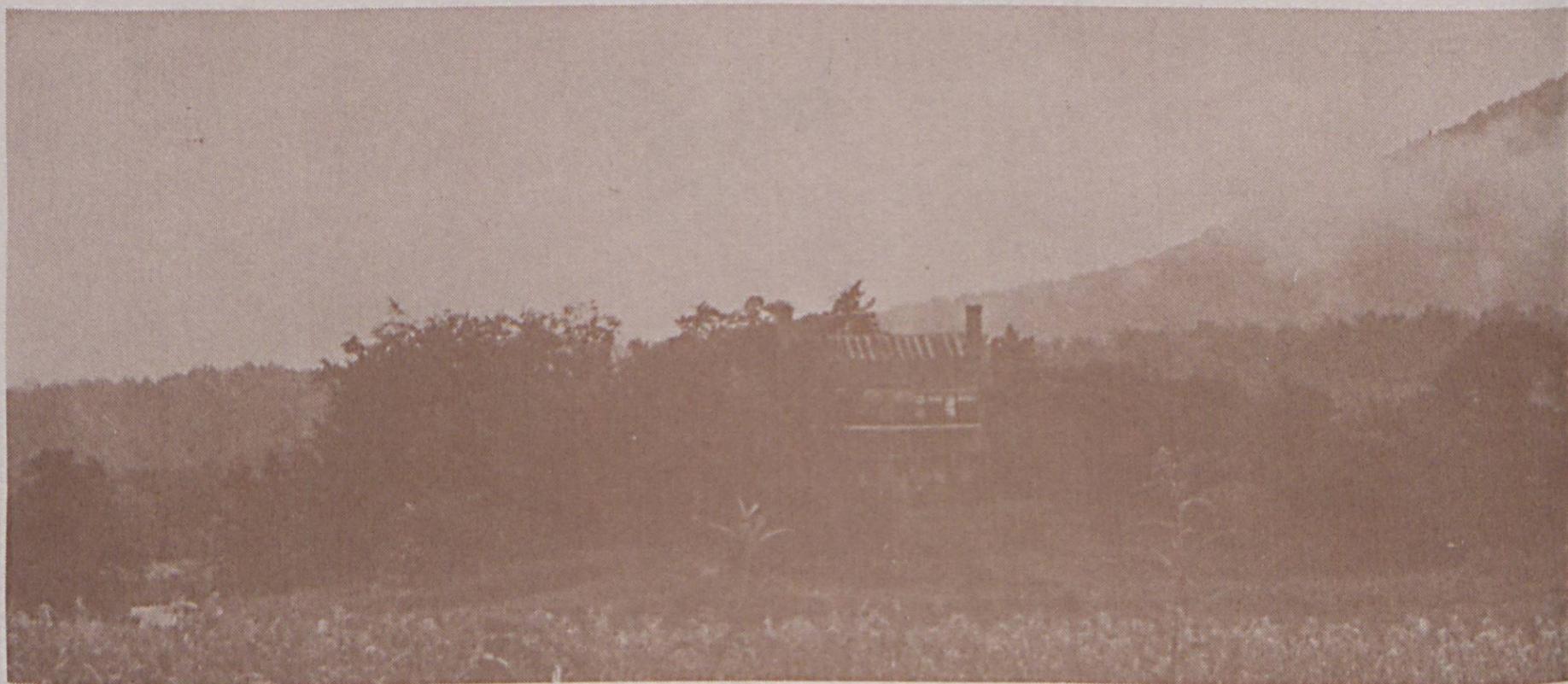
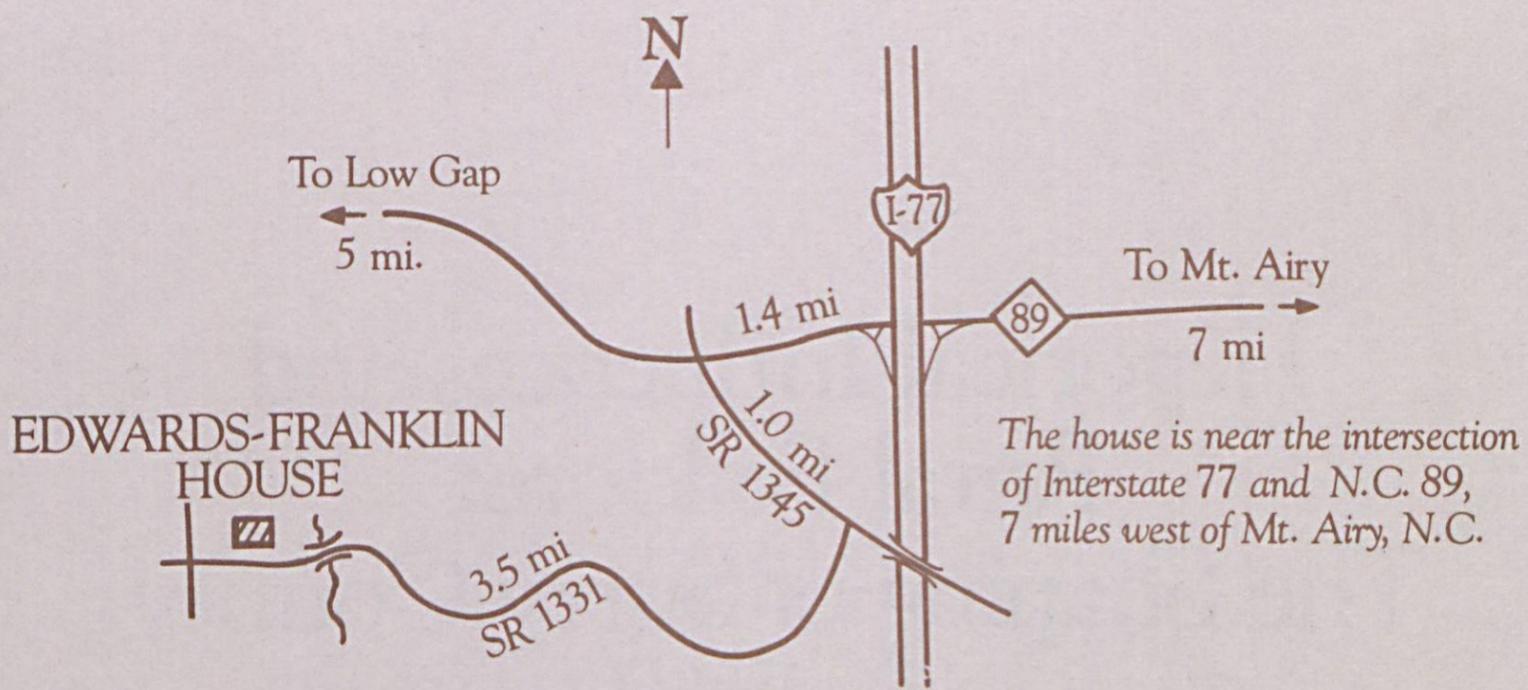
Thursday, October 11

Dr. Heinrich R. Bettich, author, student and literature scholar of the humorists of the old Southwest, will discuss the life and times of

Hardin Edwards Taliaferro (1821-1875). A native of Surry, Taliaferro adroitly captured the rural experience of the county in his masterful book, *Fisher's River (North Carolina) Scenes and Characters*, published in 1859. This collection of humorous tales of rural life during the 1820's is a cultural portrait of the gentry and the common folk of Surry County. In this lecture Dr. Bettich shows how Taliaferro used the customs, folklore and oral traditions of Surry County to shape the plotlines, characters and language of *Fisher's River Scenes*, creating a delightful social history of the period.

6:30 p.m. Barbecue buffet supper

7:30 p.m. Lecture and exhibit of illustrations from *Fisher's River Scenes*



Registration

Seating capacity for the lectures at the Edwards-Franklin House is limited. Reservations will be accepted as registration forms are received.

A traditional barbecue buffet supper will be served preceding each lecture for \$5 per person.

To register, complete the registration form below and send it with check payable to the Surry County Historical Society.

I/we wish to make reservations:

on July 19 for _____ supper(s) at \$5 each \$ _____

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