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*The
Smith-McDowell House
Museum*

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Smith-McDowell House, circa 1840, is the oldest surviving structure in Asheville and the oldest brick building in Buncombe County. The house was built for James Smith, a "mountain master," who owned a hotel, a general store, a tannery, a bridge, extensive land holdings, and a gold mine. Upon his death and after a brief ownership by his son, John, the home was bought by William Wallace McDowell. McDowell was the organizer of the first unit of Confederate troops in the area and was eventually promoted to the rank of major during the Civil War.

Subsequent owners of the house included a millionaire from St. Louis, a general who fought Indians with General Custer, a Washington D.C. socialite, and a millionaire businessman. In 1900 the home's grounds were landscaped by Frederick Law Olmsted, Jr.

The Western North Carolina Historical Association undertook the restoration of this 6,500 square foot mansion in the 1970's. This non-profit organization operates the facility as a museum featuring restored period rooms and changing historical exhibits. The site includes the first Civil War Trails Marker in the county.

Contact Information

The Smith-McDowell House Museum is located on the campus of Asheville-Buncombe Technical Community College. For additional information, please contact us at:

Smith-McDowell House Museum
283 Victoria Rd
Asheville, NC 28801

For general information and lesson plans, please visit www.wnchistory.org/educationalprograms.html

For additional information, or to book your program, please email education@wnchistory.org

Or call:
828-253-9231

The Smith-McDowell House Museum

Bringing History to Life!

Traveling Trunks

Traveling Trunks include a weeks' worth of lesson plans, artifacts and hands on learning for your students. Lessons are adaptable for a variety of grade levels.

Cost is \$15 per week. Trunks may be picked up at the Museum on Saturday or Sunday afternoon and returned by 4:00 on the next Friday or by noon on Saturday (exceptions only by arrangement).

***The Civil War: The Confederate Perspective**

***The Civil War: The Union Perspective**

Recommended for Grades 4 and up

Both of these trunks feature reproduction uniforms, supplies and more that would be carried by the typical soldier. Handled carefully, a student can be allowed to dress and carry a soldier's load. Rent both trunks at a savings! \$25.00 for both, same week.

***The Roaring Twenties**

Recommended for Grades 5 and up

This trunk contains the essential objects for a young flapper woman of the 1920s. Lesson plans discuss the changing times, women's suffrage and the popular styles and language of the time.

***Dressing the Victorian Woman**

Recommended for Grades 5 and up

Investigate the elaborate fashions and styles of the late 1880s. Lessons include how advertising influenced the lifestyle and the strict code of conduct of the time. DVD of fashion illustrations included.

***The Woodland Indians**

Recommended for Grades 2 and up

This trunk includes items such as a deer skin, a bark basket, and corn that were used by Eastern Woodland Indians in historic times. Also included is information about North Carolina Native Americans, a music CD and a Cherokee language tape.

***History's Mysteries**

Recommended for Grades 3 and up

Students are challenged to act as history detectives to make observations and ask questions to determine the identity of various items. A teacher's guide is furnished with complementing activities based on the artifacts.

School programming can take different forms. Come to the Museum for a Field Trip. Let us come to you with a program or rent one of our artifact-filled Traveling Trunks.

All Smith-McDowell House Field Trips, Outreach Programs, Pre- and Post- visit lessons and Traveling Trunks are coordinated with the North Carolina Standard Course of Studies. Lesson plans and NCSCOS Social Studies goals listings are available on-line at our website (www.wnchistory.org/educationalprograms.html) or in The Teacher Resource Guide in your school's media center.

Field Trip & Outreach Programs

***The History of the U.S. Flag**

Recommended for Grades 2 and up

Follow the addition of stars to the flag's original 13 to learn about how new states and new presidents have added stars to our flag. Students will also learn about flag etiquette and how to properly fold a flag.

***Behind the Big House**

Recommended for Grades 4 and up

Students will be asked to consider the complex topic of slavery as they examine primary source documents including letters, census records and wills.

***The One Room School House**

Recommended for Grades 3 and up

Let our costumed interpreter bring the 19th century classroom to life. Compare the classroom experience over time with reproduction slates, books and writing implements..

***Hang Down Your Head, Tom Dooley**

Recommended for Grades 4 and up

The ballad comes to life! Students will reenact portions of the trial of Tom Dooley from court testimony and act as jury to find Tom guilty or not guilty of the Wilkes County murder of Laura Foster.

***Emeline Piggot, Confederate Spy (Sesquicentennial Special)**

Recommended for Grades 4 and up

A North Carolina woman, Emeline Piggot smuggled supplies under her skirt to Confederate soldiers. This is a first hand look into how she did it!

***The Home Front (Sesquicentennial Special)**

Recommended for Grades 4 and up

During the Civil War, women, children and enslaved persons maintained the home front and supported the soldiers. Learn about those chores and how news was distributed with activities and primary source materials.

***Kiffen Rockwell: Asheville's World War I Flying Ace**

Recommended for Grades 5 and up

Just before America entered WWI, young Americans went to France to fly for the Lafayette Escadrille. Explore our Asheville connection to this piece of history.

***The Drover's Road (one class at a time)**

Recommended for Grades 4 and up

This is a truly unique experience as students play an outdoor game that illustrates the economics and hardships of the locally famous Drover's Road. **(Required pre-visit activities)**

***Victorian Manners Tea (one class at a time —maximum 24)**

Recommended for Grades 2 and up

Learn manners with a real tea party! Students dress in their Sunday best and are treated to tea and cookies!! Cost \$7. **(Required pre-visit activities)**

Living History Day

Fourth Grade: October 14, 2011

Fifth Grade: April 20, 2012

9:00 am to 1:30 pm

Come enjoy this all-day event!!

- Registration deadline is October 1, 2011 and April 1, 2012.
- \$3.50 per student, teacher and four chaperones free.
- Curriculum guides and pre-visit materials available online.
- All programs are designed to be NCSCOS grade compatible.
- Please pack lunches and plan to eat picnic style on the grounds.
- Please check our website for complete information.
- Re-enactor and demonstrations will include Civil War and Revolutionary War soldiers, Cherokee storyteller, blacksmith, spinner, bobbin lace makers, School House reenactments and hands-on activities (all subject to availability).
- House tours will give students an opportunity to meet former residents of the Smith-McDowell House from 1850 to 1900.

School Field Trip & Outreach Guidelines

School Field Trips are scheduled on Thursdays and Fridays only. Cost is \$3.50 per student, Teacher, assistant, bus driver and four chaperones Free. Extra adults pay \$4.00 each. *Call and ask about financial assistance for needy students.* Facilities do not allow for more than TWO classes (or 60 students) at the house at a time. Some programs have requirements of only one class in the house at a time. Remember that Fall and Spring are prime field trip times, so make your reservations early!

Outreach Programs bring the Museum to you! Scheduled on Thursdays and Fridays only. Call and ask about financial assistance for needy students.

Outreach Pricing

Plan A: (two classes at a time)

\$90.00—one presentation

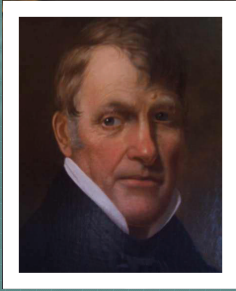
\$35.00— extra presentation, same day

Plan B: (one class at a time)

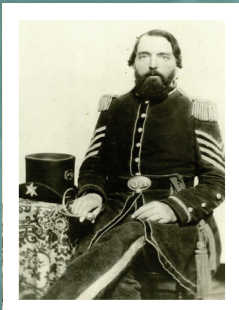
\$75.00—one presentation

\$30—extra presentation, same day

Outside of Buncombe County, add \$.25/mile (from Museum)



James Smith
Early 19th Century



W. W. McDowell
Mid 19th Century



C. Brewster Chapman
Early 20th Century

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Western North Carolina
Historical Association
Educational Programs
is to help each student and
visitor rediscover the land
and people of western
North Carolina through
experiences that reveal the
past and
illuminate the future*