

Background:

NC played a role leading up to the American Revolutionary War

The Edenton Tea Party, It was the protest where 51 women met in North Carolina to give up tea and protest British goods in support of the American cause

The Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence, 1775 This document may have a story about being written in May of 1775, more than a year before the Declaration of Independence in Charlotte and delivered on horseback by Captain James Jack on horseback to the continental congress in Philadelphia

Halifax Resolves, This document was written in North Carolina in April 1776, calling for independence from Britain three months before the Declaration of Independence

The War of Regulation or Regulator Movement, It was the uprising that some historians consider a catalyst to the American Revolutionary War in the Carolina colonies, from about 1765 to 1771, in which citizens took up arms against Governor William Tryon and colonial officials

The Edenton Tea Party

WRAL News Story

<http://www.wral.com/lifestyles/travel/video/3283313/>

The Drawing of the Edenton Tea Party

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6nbxW-se7so>

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a boycott? Why did colonial Patriots resolve to boycott British tea and cloth?
2. What was the purpose of the Edenton Tea Party?
3. What was uncommon about the Edenton Tea Party?
4. How did Britain respond to the Edenton Tea Party? How did the colonies respond?
5. Do you feel the Edenton Tea Party was an effective method of protest? Why or why not?

Activity:

You're Invited!

To exhibit your understanding of the Edenton Tea Party, you will create an invitation to this historical event. Your invitation must contain accurate information about the Edenton Tea Party presented in a creative, artistic way. Your invitation must include:

- The name of the event
- Who is hosting the event
- The date, time and location of the event
- A detailed description of the event
- Creative, time-appropriate decoration



A SOCIETY OF PATRIOTIC LADIES,
AT
EDENTON in NORTH CAROLINA.

Plate V.

Engraved from a Drawing by G. Kneller, and published by W. Baskett, in the Year 1780.