

Wilkes County in 1799

In 1798, the federal government mandated that every state collect a one-time property tax to fund military enhancements. Wilkes County is lucky that these records still exist because they provide amazing insight into how and where our ancestors lived.

William Lenoir's 1800 map laying out the new town of Wilkesboro is immediately recognizable because the streets remain just as he drew them. His map was redrawn many times for later deeds and surveys, but his original copy reveals the location of many of the town's most significant buildings just after the Revolutionary War.

Together, these two sets of records allow us to imagine and recreate what the town looked like 225 years ago.

Access notes and more information from this presentation.

<http://webjmd.com/programs>



Let us know if your group is interested in participating in the activity offered by the museum to recreate William Lenoir's survey of Wilkesboro. Ideal for group sizes of 10 to 25 people, and for ages 12 and up — kids and adults!

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William Lenoir's map to lay out the town of Wilkesboro

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