



CELEBRATING THE SPIRIT OF MECKLENBURG

We would like to thank the wonderful teachers at Cotswold Elementary School for sharing such an exceptional adventure with us. To prepare the amazing race, please print on cardstock paper, cut the clues along the dotted lines and post the clues along the Charlotte Liberty Walk markers.

*The May 20<sup>th</sup> Society*

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Congratulations! You are about to embark on the Cotswold Amazing Race: The Liberty Walk! There are 15 stops on the race today. You will use the clues to help you on the Liberty Walk. Each clue leads you to the next stop on the Liberty Walk. But don't get lazy-the clues are tricky. Good luck!

## Clue 1

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**Wounded in battle? This is where you'll get care...if you dare....for this one you will climb the stair....**

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Wow-you figured it out. You are standing in the pavilion at Liberty Hall, former site of the hospital used for soldiers during Buford's Defeat and the Battle of Camden. It was also used as a hospital to the British under General Cornwallis during their stay in Charlotte.

## Clue 2

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**This hall was at one time a unique museum. But before that, it operated as a place where you got a royal education.**

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You got it! Queens College operated as a secret college during the 1700s after King George III disallowed the college's operation. Now, moving out of the Liberty Hall Pavilion, keep your eyes peeled for Paul Revere's Charlotte cousin under your feet.

## Clue 3

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**Get your head out of the clouds for your next clue. You will see something in bronze but not a statue. You wouldn't want to be stuck here, but in 1780, about 4,000 called it dear.**

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The British Encampment of 1780 used to stand here where this plaque in the ground is now. It was like its own little city!

## Clue 4

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**Keep following the path under your feet. Hurry up now you don't want to get beat. This next stop is where it comes to an end, for Cornwallis and his army, which Davie, after a lot of work, could not defend.**

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This plaque honors the Battle of Charlotte, which takes place all around town as you've read. There was not any one spot for the battle but this sign commemorates it. Way to go, you are doing great!

## Clue 5

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**A first for the colonies, a declaration we do spy, Rock a bye baby. Here in Charlotte they did cry "We are independent from Britain" and told Britain good-bye!**

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You are doing great! You are at Independence Square-There is a lot going on here. Make sure you read the whole plaque though, there is lots of cool information. Keep it moving...but don't get wet.

## Clue 6

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**Water is your clue here. It's a park but not for deer. It honors a neat man. Justice of the Peace, and more. For Mecklenburg County he was a score!**

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This sure is a beautiful place to remember Thomas Polk huh? He did a lot for Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

## Clue 7

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**Powder for wigs got left behind, no tax. President George Washington stayed a night to relax. He hung out with Polk ...for fun to the max.**

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Great job finding the plaque about Cook's Inn. An Inn is much like a hotel. It was rumored that George Washington may not have been a fan of the Inn but we can't confirm or deny. Your next stop didn't have much reading in your packet. So...we will help you out. Find the Liberty Walk tiles if you haven't already and.....

## Clue 8

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**Follow the arrows they will get you here. To the home site of someone like Paul Revere.**

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Captain Jack, James Jack that is, was a very Paul Revere like man. He was responsible for carrying the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence and the Mecklenburg Resolves to Philadelphia. Want to see more? The May 20<sup>th</sup> Society dedicated a statue of James Jack on the *Trail of History* that runs along the Little Sugar Creek Greenway.

## Clue 9

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**Back in the days this is where a lot of Charlotteans (people from Charlotte) came to praise.**

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First Presbyterian Charlotte used to be called Town Church and was non-denominational. Not only is it old, but it sure is pretty too! You are getting close to the end, keep it up.

## Clue 10

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**In this next sight please remain silent. It is where some were laid to rest because of something violent.**

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## ROAD BLOCK

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Road Block here, choose one with no fear to enter the grounds and not make a sound.

**Once in the cemetery: You will find your next clue under the tree. Use the map at the front, it will be easy to see.**

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Wow, you are brave! Take this clue back to your group and make your way to the next stop on the Liberty Walk.

## Clue 11

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**At this spot a skirmish ensued, poor Davie...what a sad dude, but after 16 days Cornwallis withdrew.**

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As you may have noticed at the Battle of Charlotte sign, the battle actually took place over a long period of time and was all over what is now Charlotte. This site is where the British finally retreated to South Carolina.

## **Clue 12**

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**This is the statue of the lady who gave the city its name. She loved to spend time with her dogs and play games.**

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Queen Charlotte was a princess, Charlotte of Mecklenburg-Strelitz. However, she married King George III and became queen when she returned to England.

## **Clue 13**

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**A philanthropic man, a busy bee was he. He lived near here as you can see. Blind in one eye but from work he did not shy. We thank him for writing the declaration and resolves. He was captured and the same fever he treated caused his fall.**

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Dr. Brevard did a lot for Charlotte. His life came full circle when he married the Daughter of Thomas Polk. Then when he and his wife had died, the grandchildren went to live with Thomas Polk.

## **Clue 14**

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**Cornwallis used this as his headquarters when he was here. Brevard's wife and daughter held this place dear.**

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The Thomas Polk Home site was a hub for a lot of activity, as we have seen over the course of our race. You are almost done, one more to go, could you be 1st? I don't know!

## **Clue 15**

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**Look for the sign that marks the change in leadership. It pays tribute to the man who caused Cornwallis and friends to give up. They retreated to Virginia to see what was up.**

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This marker commemorates Nathaniel Greene, who took over for Major General Horatio Gates. Although he didn't have any major victories, he went down in history for being the General in charge when Cornwallis and the British retreated to Virginia.

## **Clue 16**

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**Used as a hospital during Buford's defeat. It's now a place you could eat. There are two levels, its open air...beat the other teams if you dare.**

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**Answer Guide:**

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**Start and end at Liberty Hall DAR marker. Have lunch in the Wells Fargo Atrium.**

<b>Clue #</b>	<b>Answer</b>	<b>Marker #</b>
1	Liberty Hall DAR Marker	4
2	Queens College	5
3	Site of British Camp	6
4	Battle of Charlotte State Historical Marker	7
5	Independence Square – MeckDec Marker	8
6	Thomas Polk Park	9
7	Cook’s Inn	10
8	James Jack Homesite	11
9	First Presbyterian Church	12
10	Settler’s Cemetery	13
11	Line of Patriot’s Retreat	14
12	Queen Charlotte Statue	15
13	Brevard Homesite	16
14	Thomas Polk Homesite	17
15	Nathanael Greene State Historical Marker	18
16	Liberty Hall DAR Marker	4