

# *Remember Rockford*



## *Rockford Preservation Society*

SUMMER 2018

VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, N.C., EST. 1789

# **Remember Rockford Reunion Sept. 8!**

The Rockford Preservation Society Inc. is calling on all descendants and supporters of the historic village of Rockford to join us for the Remember Rockford Reunion Sept. 8!

This will be the eighth reunion since we began the tradition in 2010, and several activities are planned.

Parking will be available at Rockford Park. Registration also will be at the park. After a brief welcome at 10 a.m., we will walk over to the two shops now open in two of our buildings.

The program will be inside Rockford Methodist Church and will feature The Nonesuch Playmakers who will perform "Home Front Hit Parade," a musical revue of WWII-era songs. It will be a flag-waving, finger-snapping heartfelt journey back in time.

A display of banners about the history of the Surry County courthouse will be on loan by the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. When Rockford was the county seat, the courthouse operated in the village.

After a delicious barbecue lunch in the church, Larry Brindle, a descendent of the York family, will share his research about the famous Sgt. York from WWI.

Then we will update you on the progress, plans and upcoming activities at our six properties in the village. There also will be time for sharing your family photos and information. Tables and a copier will be set up in the church. (Surry Community College has a local history/genealogy room open on the Friday before the reunion until 2:30 p.m.)

Our reunion will wrap up with a tour and presentation at the W.P. Dobson General Store/Masonic Lodge, our largest project. Our preservation specialist Jason Allen, who is restoring the site, will show us his progress and answer your questions.

The Remember Rockford Reunion is a wonderful opportunity for descendants to make contact not only with their ancestors' pasts, but also to forge new friendships with cousins you may have never met! The only cost is for the lunch — \$10 for adults, \$5 for children. Just fill out the registration form (on back) and mail it with your check in the enclosed envelope. Or register online at [www.rememberrockford.com](http://www.rememberrockford.com).

**Please make sure we receive your registration by Aug. 15. See you soon!**