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SYLLABUS - VOLUME II

Hugh Montgomery: Two Men of the Same Name or One Man with a Fast Horse

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The application of genealogical problem solving techniques to an actual researcher's problem, showing the use of primary source materials which, properly analysed and interpreted, provided a conclusion affecting not only individuals but also property rights in the new state of North Carolina, a previously untold story.

Outline

I. Statement of Commission: Establish the ancestry of Hugh Montgomery's wife, the Lady Catherine Sloan Moore, a member of the Irish nobility

II. Types of Records Employed - in the order in which they are examined in the presentation

A. The family tradition

B. Revolutionary War documentation: obvious errors there, when pitted against the land records and court minutes -- and common sense

1. Treasurer's and Comptroller's Papers

2. 1766 Militia Muster Roll

3. Vacant Land Entries, 1778

4. William L. Saunders, ed., Colonial Records of North Carolina, Vol. X:10, 166, 228, 279, 566, &c.

5. DAR record

C. Examination of deeds for a wife signing dower relinquishment -- to determine her name and identity

D. Minutes of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions and the strange instance of a woman charged with disturbing the peace

E. Will of Hugh Montgomery, Rowan Co., NC, Will Book E:41. The will was written 16 Dec. 1779, probated Feb. Court 1780.

F. Exact date of his death. Notation in Dr. Adelaide Fries, ed., Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, Vol 3:1321.

G. Minutes of the Court of P & QS showing the wife claiming her dower interest in the estate, 11 Feb. 1780.

H. The Deeds of Gift, dated 13 Dec. 1779, Wilkes Co., NC, Deed Book A-1:157-191.

I. Wilkes County, NC, Deeds

J. The marriage bonds, or lack thereof

K. The Estates Papers, 671 pages in one file alone

1. Accounts of sales of estate
2. Names of purchasers
3. Book accounts for the stores
4. Indication of relationships
5. What the purchases reveal

L. Equity Court Minutes

M. Supreme Court Cases

III. Inescapable Conclusion

A. Salisbury District Superior Court Docket, Sept. 1778

B. Claims of British Merchants, British Public Records Office

IV: Catherine's later life

A. Marriage to Devil John Cleveland

B. Tax Lists

C. Draper Manuscripts - Catherine's thorough baptism

D. Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, GA; error on the tombstone

E. No sign

V. The Bigger Picture

A. The two Wachovia tracts

B. The Confiscation Act

C. The transfer of the property

VI: The later lives of the two small daughters, Rebecca and Rachel

VII. What did Catherine know? And when did she know it?

VIII: Finale - the silver tankard