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Re The Joel Lane Home in Bloomsbury in Wake Co., NC

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HISTORICAL RALEIGH.

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The county seat of Wake was originally Bloomsbury. This name was adopted evidently because such was the title of the homestead of Col. Joel Lane, who was the owner of vast estates in this vicinity. Bloomsbury was situated at what is at present the western terminus of Hargett street, on Boylan Avenue, and embraced the lands now owned by the Boylan and Snow families. When the county was organized, and Bloomsbury became the county seat, a court-house was accordingly erected. This was a log building, which stood on the hillside in front of Col. Lane's residence. Subsequently, and until 1792, the county seat was known as Wake Court House.

The residence of Joel Lane is still standing on Boylan avenue, near West Hargett street, facing east. It has been the property of the Boylan family since it was purchased by Wm. Boylan, nearly a century ago. Except the double-slanting roof and dormer windows, there is now nothing in its exterior to indicate its colonial origin, for the building has had many material repairs, especially on the interior. The fireplaces, originally, were evidently extremely large, as may be judged from the base of the chimneys, one of which is built at the end and on the outside of the house, and suggests that the pieces or "sticks" of wood used for fuel were at least five feet in length. One of the mantels is colonial in style, being five or six feet above the hearth, while the locks on the doors are of antique pattern and of great strength. At this season (mid-summer) the building and its environments—situated as they are in the background of a beautiful lawn, arched above with the thick foliage of towering oaks, with here and there a magnolia, roses and other shrubbery—present a most picturesque scene.

# BLOOMSBURY

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As of this date I have several references to "Bloomslury" in Raleigh, NC and a quick look at references does not clarify the use of this term. The attached items re Paul Webb and a 2006 archaeological dig started me looking. Must pursue more later. RPL

[Print](#) | [Close Window](#)**Subject: Reminder: Report on Neighborhood Archaeology Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm****From: Joel Lane Museum House<joellane@bellsouth.net>****Date: Mon, Apr 08, 2013 12:51 pm****To: Phil <phil@upchurchstory.com>**

April Events: Lecture on Neighborhood Archaeology Thursday, April 11 at 7pm and Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea

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## Lecture on Archaeological Testing at the Bloomsbury Estates Site

(Near the southwest corner of Boylan Ave. and Hargett St. in Raleigh)  
 Date: Thursday, April 11 at 7:00 pm at the Visitors Center

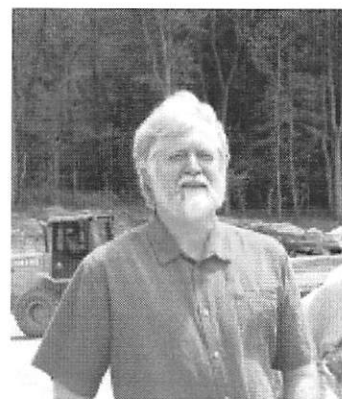
Paul Webb of TRC Environmental Corporation will discuss the findings from the archaeological dig of 2006 at the southwest corner of Boylan Avenue and Hargett Street. Please join us on Thursday, April 11, 2013, at 7 pm at the Visitors Center at 160 South Saint Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. Admission will be \$15 for the general public and \$10 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, and advanced payment is required. Please call 919-833-3431 with your MasterCard or Visa, or mail a check to P O Box 10884, Raleigh NC 27605. Be sure to include the names of all in your party; name tags will serve as tickets. Tickets are non-refundable unless we must cancel the event.

Paul will discuss the archaeological work at the Wake Courthouse community (also known as Bloomsbury or Wake Crossroads), which developed in the late 1700s around the home of Joel Lane. The existence of this

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*Above: Paul Webb*

## Coming Events

Lecture by Paul Webb of TRC on "**Archaeological Testing at the Bloomsbury Estates Site (2006)**" (adjacent to the Joel Lane Museum House) on Thursday, April 11, 2013. For more information, click [here](#).

**Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea**  
 on Sunday, April 21, 2013  
 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.



community has long been known, but until 2006 there had been no attempts to determine if any below-ground remains of the community had survived the extensive late 19th to 20th century residential and commercial development of the area. The work confirmed that intact remains of the Wake Courthouse community have survived in this highly developed setting and suggests that additional materials may be present elsewhere in the area.

Paul manages TRC Environmental Corporation's Chapel Hill office and has been conducting archaeological projects in North Carolina since moving here in 1992. To read more, click [here](#)



Above: Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea 2011

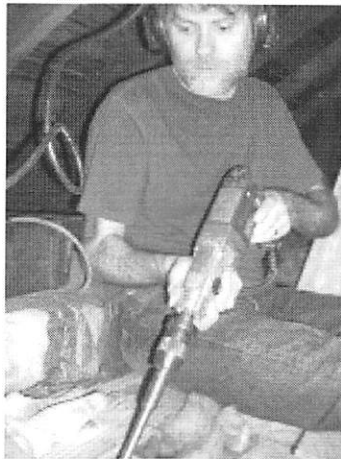
## Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea

Sunday, April 21 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Rain Date April 28

Lizzie Lane's Colonial Tea will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2013 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the beautiful gardens of the Joel Lane Museum House. The rain date will be April 28.

Grandmothers, mothers, and daughters will enjoy a cup of tea made in the time-honored manner of loose tea and boiling water accompanied by various tasty delicacies.



Above: Michael Worthington taking samples from the joists in the attic of the JLMH

## Please help us fund this study to date the JLMH

We are delighted that Michael Worthington is here taking samples for the tree ring dating (dendrochronology) study of the JLMH. At last, we will know when the trees used to build the house were felled.

Thanks to the

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Lecture by Mike Helms on "Boom and Bust: Paper Currency in Colonial North Carolina" on Thursday, May 16, 2013 at 7:00 pm. For more information, click [here](#).

Colonial Day Camp with Camp Flintlock for elementary-aged children, June 17-21, 2013 from 9 am to 3 pm. To register, click [here](#).

Independence Day Open House on Thursday, July 4, 2013 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. for more information, click [here](#).

After tea, girls can try their hands at several activities, including making rag dolls, learning to dance the Virginia Reel, and others. An email will be sent if we need to move to the rain date so it is essential to provide you email address when purchasing tickets.

Admission to the tea for the general public will be \$30 for adults and \$20 for children aged 12 and under. For members of the Joel Lane Historical Society, admission will be \$25 for adults and \$15 for children aged 12 and under. All tickets must be purchased in advance and are non-refundable. Minimum age is 5 years. Seating will be on a first come-first served basis. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Please click [here](#) for more details.

generosity of the Mary Duke Biddle Foundation and the Rotary Club of Raleigh, we have raised 60% of the funds needed to pay for the entire study. We will not receive results or the written report until we have raised \$1,300 more. Please consider making a donation by clicking [here](#). We thank you!

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