

Rednap Howell ~ Poet of the Regulation

Rednap Howell was one of the key leaders of the War of Regulation in North Carolina from 1765 to 1771. A school master from New Jersey he settled in Southern Orange County (now Chatham County) and served as an itinerate teacher throughout the region. Being a musician as well as school master, Howell earned the title Poet of the War of Regulation by writing songs which spread the news of the corruption of the local officials and kept the flames of the Regulation Movement growing. For his role in this movement, he was declared an outlaw by Governor William Tryon and was one of only two Regulators that were never pardoned for their involvement in this movement.

Hear Rednap's first-hand recount of the War of Regulation in North Carolina in this video of a presentation delivered at CCHA's annual meeting on May 23, 2021.

[Watch the video of Rednap's presentation](#)



In this video, Rednap Howell is portrayed by Dr. Ted Scott Henson of Burlington, a descendant of three Regulators. He is a veteran of 40 years in education in North Carolina, having taught at every level from elementary school to college. He is a native of Franklinville in Randolph County.



Thanks to Dr. Henson for his entertaining and educational portrayal of Rednap Howell, and to Gary Simpson for recording the event.