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## **Current Talks**

## **The South Carolina Regulator Movement**

This lecture provides a discussion of the backcountry of colonial South Carolina and the Regulator Movement leading up to the American Revolution. In the late 1760s the population of the backcountry numbered more than 30,000 settlers and crime was a major issue with seemingly no resolution. Criminals and bandits, including unruly women, roved through the backcountry with little fear of being punishment. In 1767, backcountry settlers, mostly landowners, formed a vigilante group they called the Regulators to combat the wave of crime.