

The Jesse Franklin Pioneers club from the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History received second place for a group project in the Literary Contest at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh this spring for the 2013 Tar Heel Junior Historian Association annual convention.

Club member Jonathan Casey placed first in the essay contest while Olivia Edwards and Emily Richardson were winners in the artifact search contest.

The local club members were among more than 350 [students](#) , advisers and parents from across North Carolina who gathered at the N.C. Museum of History in Raleigh for the convention, an all-day event.

Hands-on workshops at the convention focused on two topics: conflict in the 1800s and North Carolina A to Z. Students learned about subjects ranging from the history of the “Star Spangled Banner” to earthenware pottery. The Museum of History and the Museum of History Associates co-sponsored the statewide convention.