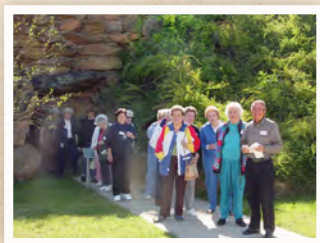


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as the Waldensians endured their exile from the Alpine Valleys of Italy to America. Relive their experience on a tour of the Waldensian Trail of Faith, which brings their struggles to life, commemorates their sacrifices, and celebrates their triumphs.

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Known as "people of the book," the Waldensians were embedded in the scriptures - they lived by it and died for it. They were tortured, exiled, and martyred, and still the faith that drove them from the Alpine Valleys of Italy to the foothills of North Carolina survived. The 'Trail of Faith' is their story. Each exhibit bears witness to the journey that led them from the time of the apostles, one continent to another, in search of religious freedom and a future for their families.



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Other Valdese Attractions

WALDENSIAN MUSEUM. Recognized as one of the top small museums in the state, the Waldensian Museum features a collection of artifacts, heirlooms, records and keepsakes related to the founding of the town of Valdese.

OUTDOOR DRAMA "From This Day Forward." Each Summer, the Waldensian story is relived through this outdoor drama, which traces the Waldensians historical journey from the valleys of northern Italy to America.

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WALDENSIAN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH. Completed in 1899 and still in use today, the Waldensian Presbyterian Church is a beautiful example of Romanesque architecture. The colorful stained glass windows carry the seals of the ancient Reformed churches of Europe and the Presbyterian churches of Mexico, Korea, and Brazil.

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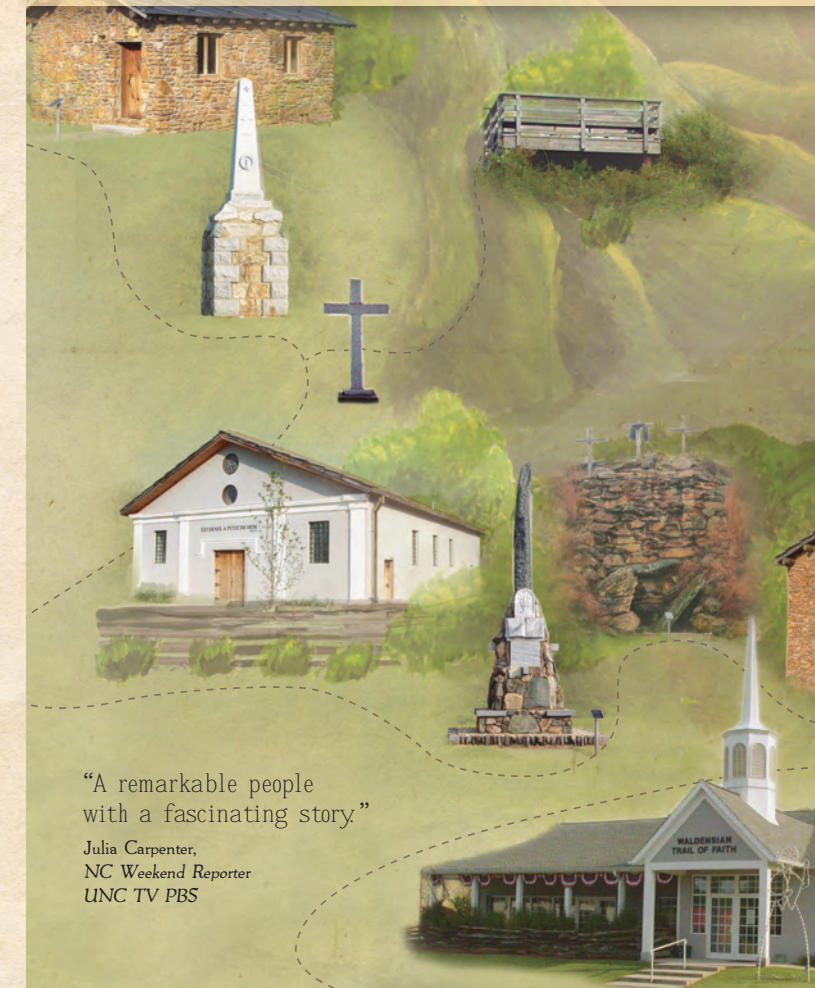
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A Walk Through Waldensian History

1173	1180	1218	1487	1532	1655	1685	1686	1689	1827	1848	1893	1901
Peter Waldo converts; establishes the "Poor Men of Lyon"	Waldo and followers excommunicated and exiled, found sanctuary in Waldensian Valleys	The Poor of Lyon grows stronger; ultimately, the School of the Barbas is established	Cataneo's War against the Waldensians, ignited by Pope Innocent VII	Waldenses join the Reformation; commission Olivetan to translate the Bible into French	"The Piedmontese Easter," a horrific massacre of Waldensians	Louis XIV demands destruction of the Waldensian Church	Catinat's War - 9,000 Waldensians slain; 12,000 Waldensians imprisoned; 3,000 exiled to Switzerland	Pastor Henri Arnaud and 900 Waldensian fighters retake their homeland in Italy	General Charles Beckwith visits the Valleys, stays over 30 years, builds 165 schools for Waldensians	"The Edict of Emancipation," by King Charles Albert grants Waldensians civil liberties	The first group of 29 Waldensians arrive in Burke County, founding Valdese, NC	Industry comes to Valdese (Waldensian Hosiery Mill), first of many to come