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The Surry County Genealogical Association is a non-profit organization formed on 3 March, 1981. Its purpose is to create and foster an interest in genealogy, preserve data, educate those persons interested in compiling their family history, and to share ideas that may aid in more accurate research.

The Surry County Genealogical Association meets on the second Monday of the month, at the Surry Community College Library, where most of the material relating to Surry County and the surrounding area is located.

The SCC Library also has microfilm of most of the original Surry Co. records held in Raleigh and the Surry County Census films.

You are cordially invited to join us in the never ending pursuit of our various ancestors. Perhaps by sharing, you may be able to solve some one of your genealogical mysteries.

The membership year of the SCGA starts January 1st. Any member joining during the year will receive the four quarterly journals published for that year. For dues information, please see reverse side of this flier.

SURRY COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA

Surry was formed from Rowan County in 1770. Rowan County was formed from Anson County in 1753. Anson County came from Bladen County in 1750.

The act creating Surry Co. was to become effective 1 April 1771 and court was to be held at Gideon Wright's until the courthouse could be constructed.

In 1779 the courthouse was established at Richmond on land of Colonel Martin Armstrong and William Sheppard.

In 1790 Rockford was established on 53 acres of land deeded by Thomas & Moses Ayres for that purpose.

In 1851, when Yadkin County was formed from Surry, a new county seat was established. The law directed that the town was to be named Dobson, which remains the county seat today.

The first county formed from Surry was Wilkes in 1777. Wilkes was followed by Stokes in 1789 and Yadkin in 1850. In 1869, 1870 & 1875 parts of Surry County were annexed to Alleghany County.

Modern Surry County is adjacent to the state of Virginia, and counties of Stokes, Yadkin, Wilkes and Alleghany.

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Donna Edwards, Charles McCraw, Frances Holder and Robert Holder (Dec. 1990)



Wade Gilley, Jr. and Bill Stewart (Dec. 1990)



(L to R) Ann Stewart, Jo Adams, Donna Edwards, Kate Creed, Teresa Smith, Esther Johnson, Jimmy Smith, Wanda Lewis and Bill Scott (Dec. 1988)



Robert Holder, Ed Camin and Betty Camin (Dec. 1990)

*Together is the
nicest place to be*



Billy Martin,
(Dec. 1990)

Betty Edwards



Ann Stewart, Libby Martin, Annie Lee Gentry and
Jo Adams (Dec. 1990)



Libby Martin, Annie Lee Gentry, Jo Adams,
Emily Southard, and Billy Martin (Dec. 1990)



Amanda Smith's first SCGA meeting. She is the
daughter of Jimmy and Teresa Smith. (Born in 1990)
(Picture made March 1991)

GENEALOGICAL GROUP LEARNS ABOUT HISTORY CENTER

Members of the Surry Genealogical Association met recently and heard A.M. Blackman and Faye Hall talk on the family history center at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Winston-Salem.

Mrs. Hall, who heads the library, explained how records can be ordered from Salt Lake City to help in genealogy research. Mr. Blackman told the group about microfiche records that also can be ordered from Salt Lake City. He has been a volunteer at the family history center since it opened and is there each Tuesday evening to give assistance.

Robert Holder, the president of the local group, also reported on the sale of the Surry County Heritage book. He further announced that Jerry Gentry will be the guest speaker for the Sept. 9 meeting of the Surry Genealogical Association at Surry Community College. Gentry has conducted extensive research on several Surry County families.

The public is invited to attend the meeting. For more information, call 786-7449.



Esther Johnson, Wanda Lewis, Faye Hall and A.M. Blackman are shown at the family history center.

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Tuesday, August 13, 1991



Wanda Lewis, Paul Lewis, Donna Edwards and Robert Holder look over Volume I of the Heritage of Surry County. The Surry County Genealogical Association is taking orders for a second printing of the book. Orders placed before Sept. 1 carry a price of \$40. After that, the cost becomes \$50. A Volume II is also in the works. For more information, call Robert Holder, 786-7449, or write P.O. Box 997, Dobson, N.C., 27017.

Civil War Book Discussed At Genealogical Meeting

At the meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association the other night Mrs. Hester Jackson gave a fascinating review of her forthcoming book on the Confederate soldiers of Surry County, due out some time this month — hopefully.

Mrs. Jackson spent years gathering her data which takes the role of the Confederate soldier of Surry County and the Civil War to the nth degree. Mrs. Jackson was helped in her research and the endless paper work which involves getting a book out by Agnes Wells, Kate Creed, Juanita Carpenter, Carol Jean Leonard, Barbara Summerlin and Ginny Phillips, all of whom are knowledgeable Surry County historians and who have gotten out Surry publications of their own. Mrs. Jackson also combed all sources she could find, including yours truly. Suffice it to say she did a monumental job, one which is of unestimable value to the history of Surry.

Mrs. Jackson explained that her book is divided into four parts. The first part is a roster of Surry Civil War soldiers, all authenticated by official records as well as by information furnished by families. Not only are the soldiers mentioned but the company to which they belonged, date of enlistment and where, their birthdate, their parents, children if any, all of unestimable value to those studying family histories.

The second part has 114 letters, most of which were sent home by the soldiers. Mrs. Jackson said that these letters were surprisingly well written which made her realize that Surry educational opportunities of that time were vastly better than has been pictured.

Mrs. Jackson observed that these letters were so poignant that she just had to stop reading them and take a breather to recover. In them, the soldiers told of their daily routine, their privations, their longings for home, and in many cases their pleadings for more news from home. From them, Mrs. Jackson gleaned what was already known, that many more soldiers died of disease than were killed in battle.

Mrs. Jackson was struck by the prevalence of childhood diseases, chicken pox, measles, whooping cough, those diseases which we older folks remember having had when children just as a matter of course. The more serious diseases of diphtheria, scarlet fever, tuberculosis, and especially typhoid fever, were prevalent, diseases often fatal which modern medicine has mostly eradicated.

About sixty of these letters were one of a kind; but the families of Brays, Collins and Dennys had saved whole files of letters which followed the progression of the war and of events.

Mrs. Jackson noted that many soldiers walked to their places of enlistment. Two companies from Dobson walked to Danville where they caught a train to their destination. Many of our soldiers had to walk home after the surrender, most of them in weakened condition.

The third section of the book is given to a discussion of the Surry



RUTH MINICK

County of 1861. In her lecture, the author reminded her audience that North Carolina was the last state to secede from the union. Three other states had held out to the bitter end — Virginia, Arkansas and Tennessee. These four states seceded only when President Lincoln called for 75,000 soldiers to serve in the Union army. The states would not fight their own kind.

Surry County, Mrs. Jackson noted, originally had not bothered about the war since slavery had not been a factor and the county itself was somewhat isolated. Author Jesse Hollingsworth had estimated that one in seven men was a Union sympathizer and joined the Union army. There were many deserters as the war progressed, many of whom were hunted down by the Home Guard as they hid out. But North Carolina ended up having more men enlisted than any other southern state, and had more casualties. It was the number of casualties that Mrs. Jackson said really got to her. At the surrender, two-thirds to three-fourths of the men belonging to companies at the beginning of the war were not present at the end.

The fourth part of the book is devoted to anecdotes and happenings during the war. These tales are not authenticated since they were tales handed down through families for generations. One assumes, and it must be a correct assumption, that these stories are essentially true, perhaps differing in minor details due to the telling and re-telling.

This section should be extremely interesting; numbers of them have been recounted in these weekly columns. One just hopes that the book contains the funny ones, such as an officer ordering one man's supply of wine poured out on the basement floor. The hitch was that the owner was one of the premier wine makers of the county, but the floor of his basement was rock. Therefore the wine did not sink into the ground as expected, but floated on top. Let's hope that the poor soldiers got at least a taste to relieve their miserable life.

In conclusion, Mrs. Jackson cited some interesting observations. One of them was the fact that the north called the battles by the names of the creeks on which the battle was fought; the south called them by place names. Thus the north's Bull Run became Manassas in the south; the north's Antietam Creek became Sharpsburg to the south.

Mrs. Jackson noted that all through the writing of the book she was struck by the folly and senselessness of it all. Slavery, historians agree, was already on its way out.

cene, Tuesday, December 17, 1991

Surry Genealogical Association Elects New Officers



Officers of the Surry County Genealogical Association were recognized during the group's Christmas dinner held at the Western Steer Restaurant. They are (front, left to right) Bill Scott, vice president; Robert Holder, president; Ann Stewart, secretary. Back row: Betty Camin, journal editor; Annie Lee Gentry and Emily Southard, co-corresponding secretaries; Jo Adams, librarian; and Donna Edwards, treasurer.



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The Mount Airy News

Kenneth and Imogene Pruitt were among those enjoying the dinner.



Jack and Virginia Leach (left) chat with Ed Camin.



Others present were (left to right) Wallace Kallam, Kathryn Creed and Frances Holder.



(Front) - Bill Scott, Robert Holder, Ann Stewart
(Back) - Betty Camin, Annie Lee Gentry, Emily
Southard, Jo Adams and Donna Edwards.
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Robert Holder, Bill Scott, Ann Stewart, Donna Edwards,
Annie Lee Gentry, Emily Southard, Jo Adams and Betty
Camin (Dec. 1991)



Bill Scott, Jimmy Smith, Donna Edwards,
Annie Lee Gentry, Emily Southard,
Jo Adams and Betty Camin

Agnes Wells

FULL NAME: Etta Agnes Mosley Wells
OCCUPATION: Housewife, Historian
BIRTHPLACE: Mount Airy
AGE: 58
FAMILY: Husband, Clayton; One Daughter, Sandra; One Granddaughter, Tammy
EDUCATION: Graduate Of Franklin High School
HOBBIES: Genealogy, Making Pine Needle Baskets

By **R.J. BERRIER**
 Staff Writer

Agnes Wells — historian, genealogist and human dynamo whose only speed seems to be high throttle — is a self-confessed bookworm. She also says that her avid reading was a reason for her deep interest in Surry County history and genealogy.

Reading isn't the only reason for her interest in the who, what, where, why and when of Surry County and its residents, though. Ruth Minick, Surry County's foremost historian, is numbered among her best friends. Hester Jackson of Dobson is another friend and Agnes Wells was one of those people laboring long and hard to prepare a Surry County Civil War book for publication.

But back to the reading.

"I was an only child for six years, until my brother Leon came along," Wells said. After Leon, who now lives in Rural Hall, came a sister, Iris, who now lives in Raleigh.

"Both of my parents were avid readers," she said. "I was a bookworm. I would read cereal boxes or anything I could get my hands on — Mama taught me to read simple children's books before I went to school."

Etta Agnes Mosley entered the world Aug. 16, 1934, the daughter of Leslie and Vella Belton Moseley. The spelling of her family name is one that is debated, with some favoring Mosley and others Moseley. "Take your pick," Wells says.

She was born at home on Willow Street. Her father — "We lost Daddy in 1984," she said with a catch in her voice — worked at Pine State Knitwear. Her mother worked at the start of her marriage, but "stayed home from the time I was born."

"I was about two years old when we moved over on Forrest Drive — the White Forks Service Station section — in the Franklin community."

She attended Franklin Elementary School and graduated from Franklin High School. "I had no interest in sports, just books," she recalled.

She says of her parents, "They taught us not only to work, but we liked to work."

"You know, when we were growing up, our parents didn't send us out to play. They played with us. We worked together, played together and went to church together."

Her interest in genealogy and history came early to Agnes Mosley. "I always asked questions about my family," she said. "Regretfully, I didn't think early enough to ask questions of my grandfather."

Wells was only 14 when she met "Mr. Right" at the home of a cousin. Clayton Wells was 18 and in the armed forces.

"I knew that was who I was going to marry," she said. "In 1952, two weeks before I was 18, the year I got out of school, we were married."

For a few months, the newlyweds lived at Valdesa, but then returned to Mount Airy. They live at 521 N. Franklin Road. He is an employee of Renfro Corp., while she is a housewife, who is also busy with her historical research.

The Wellses have one daughter, Sandra, who is married to Johnny Lankford. They live in the



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White Plains area and are the parents of a daughter, Tammy.

Clayton Wells is responsible for his wife's interest in family history.

"Clayton had lost touch with most of his cousins and so forth," Agnes said. "We got in contact with some of them and Clayton's cousin in West Virginia organized the York family reunions."

"I have always been interested in genealogy," she said. It is an interest her husband shares. "Whenever one of us becomes involved, that means both of us get involved. Everything's always been done together."

"You're never finished with genealogy," Wells continued. "My Mosley family came to Surry County in late 1776 or early 1777. My Belton family was in Stokes and then Patrick County, Va., where my mother was born. The Beltons came here in 1846 and 1850."

Wells said she's now doing research on some 20 family branches.

Although too modest to admit it, she is one of the few authorities on the Primitive Baptist faith, in particular Old Hollow Primitive Baptist Church. Her research into this early area church is extensive.

"Most of my family have been Primitive Baptists," she said by way of explanation for her

deep interest. Her family includes many elders (ministers) of the church.

Her interest in reading whetted her desire for knowledge of the Primitive Baptist church.

"My interest probably came from books. I set out to prove that Old Hollow was the first church in The Hollows (a name applied to this region in early days). I traced it back to about 1784."

Over the years, Agnes Wells and others have researched and published data on Surry County records. Her contemporaries have included Virginia Phillips, Juanita Carpenter and Carol Leonard Snow.

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Favorite Books: Southern historical novels, Anything about pioneer days
Favorite Food: Green vegetables
Favorite Movies: Westerns, if about pioneers
Favorite Songs: All music except rap and rock

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You are invited to Contribute to
The Heritage of Surry County
North Carolina
Volume II

The Surry County Genealogical Association cordially invites everyone with Surry County ties to participate in the creation of *The Heritage of Surry County, NC, Volume II*. We will publish your family's history, with photographs, whether you are a newcomer or descendant of area pioneers. Simply follow the guidelines inside this brochure to become a contributor.

As in *Volume I, 1983*, we'll also present a brief county history, hundreds of vintage photographs and an index in a hardbound, 9" by 12", over 500-page format.

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We offer a \$10 discount on all *Volume II* early book orders; see the order form inside.

The new *Volume II* will be placed in university, public and private libraries, historical archives and the United States Library of Congress. It is the fifty-first in *The Heritage Book Collection* produced in cooperation with Delmar Printing of Charlotte. Printing, binding and photo preservation will be archival quality.

While inclusion is prestigious, our real goal is to preserve our heritage for our children and theirs. Due to heavy public interest, we urge you to send us your Order Form and material promptly. The Book Committee reserves the right to edit or limit any submission.

Material will be accepted strictly on a first-come basis as space permits before September 30, 1993. Please be a part of Surry's new reunion!



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Photo A Cassell York

Sample History

CASSELL AND LUCY EDWARDS YORK

Cassell Columbus York was born Feb. 21, 1879, in Carroll Co., Va., to William F. and Millie Malinda (Hall) York. Lucy Mae Edwards was born in Carroll Co., Va., Aug. 25, 1882, to Daniel Austin and Mary C. (Rippey) Edwards. Cassell and Lucy were married in Surry Co., N.C., on July 12, 1899.

To this union were born 8 children: (1) Lena, called "Teeny," m. Ernest Perkins; (2) Lizzie Belle m. James Quesenberry; (3) Mae m. "Will" Perkins; (4) Trealey m. Adeline Gillespie; (5) Beulah m. Eugene Gilley (6) William m. Ila Marie Hall (7) Mary Etta m. George Edward Wells; (8) Cecil Alvin m. Ina Keith. William and Mary were twins.

My grandfather, Cassell York, was the most colorful and amusing character I ever knew. I was so slender he called me "Stick." To me he was always "Paw-Paw." To everyone he was kind, loving, and generous.

If Paw-Paw had not been a family man who felt his responsibilities keenly, he probably would have been the world's best hobo. As it was he combined the two characteristics into a personality that cannot adequately be described.

He was an excellent worker and a glib talker who could obtain work anywhere he went, and go he did. He said he had "itchy feet," always wondering what was in the next town or state or beyond the distant mountain. When the notion struck, "Well by George, he would just go and see." If he liked what he saw he would go to work and send for Grandma Lucy and the "Younguns."

One of their sons, Cecil, was fond of saying they moved so often that when a wagon was heard coming along the road the chickens would lay down and cross their legs to be tied. My mom said Cassell would leave for work in the morning with never a word about moving. In the middle of their household chores a stranger would appear with a truck saying, "Mr. York

How to Contribute Family Photos

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said come on." She said they were so experienced at moving they could strip the wet wash off the line, move to the next place, set up housekeeping, hang the wash on the new line and have hot supper on the table when Cassell came home from a hard day's work in the coal mines.

In 1928 a man came to West Va. with a load of produce. He told Cassell he should think about moving to N.C. to work in one of the many mills to be found here. That afternoon when the produce was all sold, Cassell piled the household goods on the truck and with Grandma and the unmarried children came to Mt. Airy.

They made their home in Mt. Airy more than once, moving back and forth between work in the mines in West Va., the local factories here and farming in between moves.

Paw-Paw was a good provider of everything except a permanent home for his family. Grandma seemed to understand and I never heard her utter a word in protest. The children, never having known a different way of life, grew up just like him which accounts for his descendants being scattered over many different states.

Cassell loved his family and urged them to move with him or come for long visits. My parents lived in West Va. for a time. On cold winter mornings Paw-Paw would try to slip out of the house to feed the pigs. I would hear him and cry to go. He would fuss and fume and finally yell, "Dad-blame it youngun, you'll freeze to death. Come on and don't say I didn't warn ye." He would carry me to the pen and hold me up to toss over the ears of corn one at a time, shivering with cold and saying, "dad-blame it" as each ear hit the ground. Snuggling up to his neck on the way back, I'd sneak a look at his face and the twinkle in his eye told me he enjoyed it as much as I did.

Underneath his restless nature, his love of a good joke, his frequent nips of coffee-lace, Paw-Paw had a heart of gold. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to friend or stranger. His advice to me was: always tell the truth, never break my word, love everyone even if I couldn't love their "ways," and when I

had a chore to do never say can't for a person with York blood in them could do anything they set out to do.

Paw-Paw died in Pulaski, Va. in July 31, 1947, when I was 14 years old. He was laid to rest in Oakdale Cemetery in Mt. Airy. Grandma Lucy remained a widow until her death Nov. 9, 1960. She sleeps beside him.

At family gatherings, mention of Paw-Paw bring tears to the eyes. Then a memory of something he said or did being a smile, a chuckle, and soon the house rings with laughter just the way it did when he was here.

Source: Personal knowledge.

—Clayton Columbus Wells
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**SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**

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ROBERT B. HOLDER, President

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APRIL, 1993

APRIL MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association will be held at 7:00 PM on April 12, 1993, in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College. The featured speaker will be Mrs. Jerry Brinegar, a member of the Forsyth County Genealogical Society. The topic of her speech will be "Oral History". We have had the experience of hearing the older members of our families talk about events and experiences of the past. Mrs. Brinegar will give some helpful hints on recording, interpreting and the value of oral history. This program will be most beneficial. We urge you to be present.

1993 SCGA COMMITTEES

Listed below are the SCGA committee assignments for 1993. We hope that other members will volunteer to serve on one of these committees. Involvement results in a more meaningful membership. Participation results in a more effective organization. Call or notify one of the officers that you wish to serve on a committee during this year.

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PUBLICITY: Jimmy Smith, Chairman; Donna Edwards

EXECUTIVE: Comprised of the Officers and Committee Chairpersons

WORKSHOP

The Virginia Genealogical Society's Spring Conference will be held on Saturday, April 17, 1993, from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Averett College, Danville, Virginia. The theme of the conference is "Virginia Migrations: Where They Came From, Where They Went". See Robert Holder for further information.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership in the Surry County Genealogical Association continues to climb. For 1993, a goal of 290 has been set; as of the March 8 meeting, there were 170 paying members.

Membership information fliers are available for your distribution. Send one to your friends and urge them to join. Let's reach our goal of 290 members by July 1, the mid-point of the membership year. With your participation in this effort, we can meet the challenge.

SURRY COUNTY HERITAGE, VOLUME II

It is important for SCGA members to send in information regarding the names of the two family histories which they will submit for inclusion in Volume II. Space allotment is being used very rapidly. Also, it is important to place pre-publication orders for copies of Volume II now. SCGA has pre-publication payment obligations which will be made from pre-publication sales income. We ask that you help by ordering one or more copies of Volume II.

FEBRUARY JOURNAL

Congratulations to Wade Marion, Editor, and the other members of the staff for an outstanding February issue of the quarterly Journal. Several complimentary comments have been received. The May issue of the Journal will carry a list of the microfilm and important printed material located in the Genealogical Section of Surry Community College Library.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of SCGA will meet at 6:00 PM, prior to the regular meeting. We request that all committee members be present for consideration of business.

New Book To Look At Revolutionary War

By **TIM PRESTON**
Staff Writer

A Toast woman who assisted in the production of a recently published book about Surry County soldiers in the Civil War is now seeking information about those who fought in the Revolutionary War.

Carol Leonard Snow says she has several years of research already completed, but is still seeking stories about local men involved in the American Revolution and their families.

"The hardest ones to find things on are the privates, the average soldier or minuteman," Snow said during a recent interview. "There's just no one book that you can go to and find those soldiers. It's just like looking for a needle in a haystack finding what you need."

Snow said she already has gathered many interesting stories while researching pension records. The pension application process asked soldiers to verify their service and list others they fought with, leaving historians with a firsthand account of many skirmishes and situations faced by the troops.

"We know of some skirmishes in Surry during the Revolutionary War," Snow said. "We know about the battle of Shallowford on October 14, 1780. Also, there was a skirmish at Chestnut Ridge located in the northeastern part of Surry near Patrick County. We have heard about (an incident involving) Jesse Franklin, who went on to become North Carolina governor in 1820."

Snow explained, "In this incident during the Revolution, Jesse went to get his family some salt and was near his father's home. The Tories captured him and tied his hands behind him. They then put him back on his horse, led his horse under a dogwood tree, took the bridle off his horse and tied it

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Snow

Book

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around his neck.

"They next tied the reins tightly around a limb on the dogwood above his head," the local researcher continued. "Jesse refused to take the Oath of Allegiance as his captors requested. They then untied the horse thinking the horse would run off, leaving him hanging by the neck."

"However, when the Tories took a branch from the tree and hit the horse, the bridle broke at just the right time and Jesse fell into the saddle as the horse ran away at a rapid speed. Before the Tories could fire their guns, Jesse had gotten out of range."

Snow said other fascinating stories, including tales of Tories stealing everything — including the pants — of a local soldier, Capt. Ambrose Blackburn, will be included in her account of local soldiers' roles in the war.

Blackburn subsequently borrowed another pair of pants and a horse before leading a dozen or so soldiers on a wild chase after the thieving Tories.

That incident ended after the skirmish at Chestnut Ridge left three Tories dead, with several others escaping their pursuers in the Blue Ridge Mountains.

Blackburn reportedly recovered his

INTERESTED?

Any personal family histories related to Surry County soldiers in the Revolutionary War should be forwarded to Carol Leonard Snow at Box 703, Toast, N.C., 27049.

pants along with saddles and guns left behind by the fleeing Tories.

The book project has been a personal interest of Snow's for many years and developed after she discovered that her first Leonard (her maiden name) relative in America, Valentine Leonard, was a Revolutionary War martyr.

Leonard and a neighbor were murdered at their homes, a story that will be included in detail in Snow's book.

She says she has two goals in writing the book — to document the Revolutionary War in Surry County and to provide as much information as possible about the local men who fought and died in the struggle to win America's independence.

The author estimates it will take another two to three years before her book approaches the printing press, but wants to use that time to gather all available information on the topic.

Deadline Nearing For Family Histories

The Surry County Genealogical Association is nearing publication of the second volume of *The Heritage of Surry County, NC*.

Family histories and photographs will be published, but you must prepare the history, including any photos, and you must meet the deadline of August 15.

Whether you are a newcomer or a descendant of area settlers, you can contribute to this project. A brief history of the county will be presented along with hundreds of vintage photographs in the hardbound, 500-page edition.

The new Volume II will be placed in university, public and private libraries, historical archives and the Library of Congress.

The goal of the Association in publishing this prestigious history is to preserve Surry County's heritage for our children.

Brochures with all information covering publication are available at the Charles Stone Library on Main Street in Pilot Mountain. Carolyn Boyles, 368-2556, is a local contact. The president of the Association is Robert Holder, 786-7449.

Genealogical Association Meets

DOBSON — The Surry County Heritage Vol. II Committee members will be at the Surry Community College Room 213 to accept stories on Thursday, August 12 from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. For more information about this project, please call Donna at 789-2559.

Genealogical Association Meets

DOBSON — The Surry County Genealogical Association will hold its August meeting at the Dobson Courthouse in the Register of Deeds office on Monday, August 9 from 6:30 until 9:30. Anyone needing help with research is invited to attend the meeting.

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Deadline Approaches For Heritage Book

From Staff Reports

The deadline for submitting material to be included in "The Surry County Heritage Book, Vol. II" is Thursday.

The book, which will include data on Surry County families and their histories, is being put together and published by the Surry County Genealogical Society.

9-29-93
Although the deadline is Thursday, additional space may be available at a later date.

For more information, call Robert Holder at 786-7449, Donna Edwards at 789-2559, Hester Jackson at 386-8766, Ann B. Stewart at 320-2914 or Agnes Wells at 766-2992.

Award Honors Hester Jackson

By R.J. BERRIER
Staff Writer

Hester Jackson of Dobson was "speechless."

She thought she was merely going to address a recent meeting of the Surry County Civil War Round Table and J.E.B. Stuart Camp 1598 Sons of Confederate Veterans to discuss her new book, "Surry County Soldiers in the Civil War."

She did, but also was surprised to receive what will be an annual award, the Hester Bartlett Jackson Southern Heritage Award.



Jackson

Jackson

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The award was presented by the two groups at their regular January meeting. It will go each year to a person "who has given much of themselves to preserve the history of the period relating to the War Between the States."

According to Tom Perry of Mount Airy, the president of the Civil War Round Table, the award was named for Mrs. Jackson because of the "monumental efforts she has gone through to keep the history of this area alive, not only with this book, with her work with the (Surry)



Perry

historic society and her weekly columns."

Jackson, author of the weekly Dobson community column in *Surry Scene*, a part of *The Mount Airy News*, worked on the book for more than two years. It contains short biographies of the 1,000-plus Surry County men who fought in the war.

In addition, there are more than 100 letters from soldiers in the book and articles relating to the regiments local residents fought in, information on the county during the war and other articles on related topics. These include Stoneman's Raid through Surry County.

The award was presented by Perry and Mike Hayes, the commander of the Sons of Confederate Veterans camp. 2-9-93

...In Other Fields

■ Agnes M. Wells of Mount Airy and Iris M. Harvey of Raleigh recently received a North Carolina Society of Historians' History Book Award for "Surry County, North Carolina, County Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, 1790 — 1795." 3-21-93



SCGA Picnic, July 1993.
Robert Holder, SCGA President,
and Joyce Payne (front table).
Sharon Kellam, Ed Camin, Ann
Stewart and Betty Camin (back
table).



Jimmy Smith, Teresa Smith,
Betty Edwards, Ann Stewart,
and Betty Camin.



Brenda Clinard, Emily
Southard and Jerry Gentry.



Clayton Wells, Brenda Clinard,
Annie Lee Gentry and Ron
Scales.

Francis Holiday and Jerry Gentry



Agnes Wells and Ron Scales.



Frances Holder and Jerry Gentry.



Joyce Payne and Ester Johnson



Donna Edwards and Agnes Wells
sitting at table. Standing,
Jimmy and Teresa Smith.



Seated, Emily and Garvey Southard. Standing, Donna Edwards and Ann Stewart.



Garvey Southard and Annie Lee Gentry.



Joyce Payne, Garvey Southard,
Donna Edwards, Clayton Wells,
Agnes Wells, Ron Scales,
Betty Edwards, Esther
Johnson.



Ed Camin, Teresa Smith,
Jimmy Smith, Ann Stewart,
Betty Camin, Sharon Kellam.



Garvey Southard, Donna Edwards,
Clayton and Agnes Wells,
Annie Lee Gentry, Ron Scales,
Betty Edwards, Esther
Johnson.

Genealogical Society Meets

The Surry County Genealogical Association met Monday night, October 11, in the teaching auditorium at Surry Community College. Carol Leonard Snow was the speaker.

She is planning a book on Surry County Soldiers in the Revolutionary War and told stories of men, places of battles, and places she had found her information. Snow already has over 500 names and wants to get as many more as possible. The present-day counties are Surry, Stokes, Forsyth, Wilkes, Ashe, and Alleghany. She encouraged anyone who has information to share it with her for her future book. Her address is: Carol Leonard Snow, P.O. Box 703, Toast, NC 27049. 10-11-93

Reports were given in the program of The Heritage of Surry County, Vol. II. The deadline for submitting stories was September 30. From the 27th to the 30th, over 200 stories were accepted. After editing, the 700 story limit will be met. Pictures can still be turned in for those who submitted a story. There is a limited amount of patron pages still available. For more information on these pages, contact Charles McCraw, 786-6642.

President Robert Holder announced that the speaker for November 8 would be William Brown. He will speak on accessing the state archives. For more information, contact Robert at 786-7449.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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ROBERT B. HOLDER, President

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AUGUST, 1993

AUGUST MEETING

The next regular meeting of SOGA will be held on August 9, 1993, 6:30 - 9:30 P.M. and will meet at the Surry County Register of Deeds Office located in the county courthouse in Dobson. "Bud" Camerson, Register of Deeds and a SOGA member, is kind and gracious enough to open his office for use by SOGA members once each year. This is not something that he is required to do; he does it because he wishes to render a convenient service to those who may not otherwise have the opportunity to visit the Register of Deeds Office to do family research. Express your thanks to Bud for taking the time away from his family in order to be of service to SOGA members.

If you have an interest in doing some family research, this will be a wonderful opportunity, especially if you need someone to assist you. Experienced SOGA members will be present to offer suggestions about where valuable information is located and what you must do to access it.

We look forward to the opportunity to visit with some of you who have not attended a meeting in recent months. Come to work, assist or visit. We hope to see you.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- SEPTEMBER - "Share and Help"; SCC Library
- OCTOBER - Carol Leonard Snow, "Surry County Soldiers in the Revolutionary War"
- NOVEMBER - William Brown, NC State Archives, "Accessing Military Records in the State Archives"
- DECEMBER - Christmas Party

JULY PROGRAM

Those present at the July picnic and program had a most enjoyable evening. When the storms came we moved inside, ate too much of that exquisite food, shared experiences and looked in amazement at some of the old pictures. We found it difficult to adjourn the meeting and go home. It has been suggested that we plan this type of program more often, even on a non-meeting evening. With your help, perhaps that can be scheduled.

PIEDMONT BERRY FESTIVAL

The excitement of the Berry Festival was felt by all SOGA members who worked our booth on July 16 - 17. Approximately 250 membership fliers and Volume II brochures were distributed, five Volume I and five Volume II books were sold. We have already received new memberships as a result of our efforts on those two days. Donna Edwards kept the radio announcer busy with public service announcements about SOGA. Many thanks to the approximately fifteen SCBA members who spent time during those two days talking with people about genealogy and the Association. We presented a very positive image to the public.

FUTURE PROJECTS

We have concrete evidence about the success of the Association's public relations efforts during the Berry Festival. We should plan and conduct more of these types of activities. In fact, it has been suggested and we plan to operate a table at the North Carolina Visitor's Center on I-77 during a holiday period soon. This is when many travelers will be stopping at the Visitor's Center. We can obtain permission to operate a table without cost. If SOGA does this, we will need enough people to talk with visitors, distribute fliers and sell books. A date will be set and we will ask for volunteers at the August meeting. Please volunteer to give a couple of hours of your time to this project.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Fifty seven (57) is the magic number. That is the number of memberships that SOGA needs in order to reach its goal of 290 for 1993. Help in this project by distributing membership fliers, mailing fliers to prospective members and by giving gift memberships in the Association. The number of memberships is considerably ahead of the number at the same time last year; however, it should be because our goal is 40 higher

than last year. Help us with this important project. The number of memberships actually determines the amount of money available for the purchase of new research material.

THE HERITAGE OF SURRY COUNTY, VOLUME II

The Volume II Committee continues to meet, plan and work on Volume II. At our meeting on July 26, it was reported that 114 family histories have been received and what was earlier a "trickle" has become a "deluge". It is important for your family history to be turned in soon because space is rapidly being taken up and reserved. SOGA members were given advance notice and, therefore, should be ahead of non-members in writing their stories.

Also, at the July 26 meeting, it was reported that SOGA has received 92 pre-publication orders for Volume II. That means many of the SOGA members have not placed their pre-publication order. This should be done immediately in order to provide sufficient money for the first payment of printing costs. If you need an order form, call and one will be mailed to you.

We will make the Volume II project a success but we will need your help to do it. Get your family history in and order at least one copy of Volume II today.

FAMILY REUNIONS

SNOW FAMILY REUNION - Descendants of the several branches of the Snow Family will celebrate their family traditions on August 21 - 22 during their family reunion. The reunion will begin at Round Peak Masonic Lodge at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday morning with a tour of family historic sites; at 3:00 P.M. participants will meet at the Masonic Lodge to exchange genealogical information and at 6:00 P.M. there will be a cookout.

On Sunday, participants will attend the 11:00 A.M. worship service at Gum Orchard Baptist Church followed by lunch and a time of visiting. At 3:00 P.M. the Sons of Confederate Veterans will honor three Civil War veterans buried in the Zephyr Cemetery.

All Snow relatives and friends are invited.

PLEASE NOTE: The SOGA Executive Committee will not meet in August.

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Mrs. Wilma Hiatt
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Historical Book Is In The Works

By NANCY DAMRON
Staff Writer

10-8-93

DOBSON — It's been 10 years since the Surry Genealogical Association undertook its first effort to record local history.

Now, it's getting ready to do it again with the publication of "The Heritage of Surry County, N.C., Volume II," a collection of histories of Surry's families along with photographs.

It's been a painstaking effort for those involved in compiling the information from the hundreds of residents who have submitted their family stories.

"The response has been very good," said Wilma Hiatt, a member of a group that has worked at Surry Community College all summer gathering the data.

It has received stories and book orders from across the United States — Texas, Colorado, Oregon, Idaho, Wisconsin and even Alaska — as well as foreign countries such as New Zealand.



Nancy Damron/The Mount Airy News
Compiling family histories has been interesting for those working on "The Heritage of Surry County, N.C., Volume II." Left to right are Jo Adams, Agnes Wells, Donna Edwards, Eloise Wall and Wilma Hiatt.

Book

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Each Thursday throughout the summer, members of the Genealogical Association waded through stories turned in by local residents. Each history was edited by two people before being approved, indexed and filed in a drawer. All entries will be alphabetized before going to the publisher.

It's been a real learning process, group members said, educating them about traditions, dialects and things totally unfamiliar to many, especially younger people with no idea of life in early Surry County.

This book will not contain any of the histories that appeared in the first volume, according to Agnes Wells. But it will include more family histories than the previous publication. In addition, another local historian, Hester Jackson, will write a

section containing histories of some of the county's oldest residents.

Compiling the histories, each written in its own unique form, has been a fascinating experience, the organizers say.

Among the more interesting items they've run across:

■ "Maid" Holder was described as plowing in nothing but "a greasy wool hat and a long shirttail that came below his knees." This occurred in the mid-1800s.

■ Sarah Whittington Bennett was the "workingest lady they ever saw. She'd set tobacco plants out in the rain until the water was running out of her coattail."

■ A woman relocated from Los Angeles to Mount Airy and wrote that she "started meeting the people of Surry County." People who didn't know who she was still were willing

to stop and talk to her. People were willing to take time from their busy lives to help another being. She became convinced this was the place she had been looking for.

"Surry County ways and language were new to her — such things as 'fatback.' She thought it was something you needed to exercise to get rid of; 'grits' were definitely not to be eaten. And Good Lord, what is a sonker?"

The book is scheduled to be released in June and is selling for \$50 per copy.

Although the deadline for submitting family histories has passed, Wells said persons wanting to share theirs still can submit them to the Genealogical Association to be included in the group's library.



February 1994 SCGA Meeting.
Front, standing: Robert
Merritt. Seated: Ruth Minick
Cama Merritt, Shirley and
Steven Hall.



The Heritage of Surry County,
Volume II, Book Committee.
Ann Stewart, Agnes Wells
and Donna Edwards. Feb. 1994.



Wilma Hiatt, Donna Edwards
and Ann Stewart.



Wilma Hiatt and Agnes Wells.



Ann Stewart, Donna Edwards
and Agnes Wells.



Robert Holder, President of
SCGA presenting Jo Martin,
Delmar representative, with
first payment on The Heritage
of Surry County, Volume II,
on Feb. 8, 1994.



Robert Holder and Jo Martin.



Seated, l-r: Donna Edwards,
Jo Martin, Wilma Hiatt.
Standing, Agnes Wells and
Robert Holder.



Donna Edwards, Jo Martin,
Wilma Hiatt and Agnes Wells.



Donna Edwards, Robert Holder,
Jo Martin, Wilma Hiatt.



Seated, l-r: Donna Edwards,
Jo Martin, Wilma Hiatt.
Standing, Agnes Wells and
Robert Holder.



Donna Edwards, Jo Martin,
Wilma Hiatt, Agnes Wells.



Jo Martin (serious moment).



Jo Martin (clowning around).



SCGA releasing 700 family histories to Delmar on Feb. 8, 1994. L-R: Agnes Wells, Wilma Hiatt, Jo Martin, and Donna Edwards.





End of work day shows a happy Agnes Wells and Donna Edwards.



Delmar Publishing representative Jo Martin (seated, center) accepts the histories of 700 Surry County families for "The Heritage of Surry County, Volume II" from committee members Donna Edwards (seated, left), Wilma Hiatt (seated, right), Agnes Wells (standing, left) and Robert Holder.

Old Pictures Being Sought

From Staff Reports

Old pictures of Surry County families and activities are being sought by local historians for possible use in the book, "The Heritage of Surry County, Volume II."

Book committee members met with Delmar Publishing representative Jo Martin recently and turned over histories for 700 families in the county.

They now are seeking any old or

historical photographs for possible use on extra pages of the 528-page edition. Pictures taken in Surry before 1920, especially those of five-generation families, can be submitted by contacting Agnes Wells at 786-2292 or Donna Edwards, 789-2559, no later than March 31.

Submitted photos will be used only if space is available, organizers stress.

3-20-94

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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ROBERT B. HOLDER, President

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March, 1994

MARCH MEETING (1994)

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, March 14, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. and will meet in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

The speaker for the March meeting will be Mary Leigh Boisseau, Genealogy Researcher from Danville, Virginia. Ms. Boisseau is associated with the Pittsylvania County, Virginia Genealogical Society. She has had extensive experience as a researcher and speaker.

Many of the early settlers who came to Surry County migrated from Pittsylvania County. Several families were neighbors, migrated together and became neighbors here in Surry. Therefore, Ms. Boisseau will have valuable information about Pittsylvania County to share with those in attendance.

Ms. Boisseau has indicated that she will talk about the holdings of the courthouses and libraries of the Virginia counties adjacent to and contributing to the early population of Stokes and Surry Counties.

We encourage you to be present for this meeting. Ms. Boisseau will make your research efforts much easier, especially if you have "roots" in Virginia. There will be opportunities for you to ask questions.

Call me for confirmation of the meeting if we are visited again by inclement weather.

For additional information contact Betty Leach Brown, 313 Gregg Street, Archdale, NC 27263; telephone number 919-431-5640.

ORAL HISTORY INTERVIEWS LIST

Some of you who were present at the February meeting have inquired about a list of those who participated in the Oral History Interviews conducted by the Surry County Historical Society. If you wish to have a copy of that list, please pass your name along to one of your SCGA officers. That list is available and a copy can be passed along to you.

THE HERITAGE OF SURRY COUNTY, VOLUME II UPDATE

The Publication Committee continues to work on Volume II. The Family History section is at the printer. The Local History and Patron Honor Pages sections are being reviewed. Patron Pages are available for those who failed to get their family histories in by the deadline or for those who wish to use more space. The price of a Patron Page is \$175.00 and it may be used for both pictures and print. Call a member of the committee for further information.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you have not paid SCGA dues for 1994, this will be the final issue of the Newsletter which you will receive. Association By-laws state that the Newsletter and quarterly Journal will not be sent to anyone who has not paid dues by March 31. If you have not taken care of this inexpensive task, please do so today.

Please check your February Journal for information about the special new member/The Heritage of Surry County, Volume II offer. There is an opportunity for you to experience a savings on the purchase of a copy of Volume II.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

The Randolph County Genealogical Society will conduct an all-day workshop on Saturday, April 30, 1994, in Asheboro, NC. The speaker will be Jo White Linn, professional genealogist and lecturer of Salisbury, NC. Her topic will be "The Great Wagon Road: A New Look."

FUTURE PROGRAMS

Please be aware that included in our future schedule will be a program of "old time" mountain music by Sharon Kellam (April); a program on Native Americans in this area; a tour of Rockford; a visit to the Surry County Register of Deeds Office; and the annual Piedmont Berry Festival held in Dobson, NC. Each of these will provide an opportunity to share information and learn new information as well. Please plan to be present for each activity.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will meet prior to the March 14 meeting, 6:00 P.M. in Room A-213. Each officer and committee chairman should be present to consider the work of the Association.



Mary Leigh Boisseau from Danville, VA, was speaker at the SCGA March meeting.



Robert Holder, President of SCGA.



Mary Leigh Boisseau and Betty Camin (front).



Carlos Surratt, Emily Southard and Annie Lee Gentry.



Brenda Clinard, Joyce Payne and Mark Slawter.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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ROBERT B. HOLDER, President

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APRIL, 1994

APRIL MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for April 11, 1994, 7:00 P.M., and will meet in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

Sharon Kellam, SOGA member, who entertained the group with her broad array of musical talent at the Christmas party, will present the program. Sharon brought several "old-time" mountain musical instruments with her and charmed the group as she demonstrated her skills with each. Included were the zither, dulcimer, banjo and others which the (non-musical) writer does not remember.

If you have an interest in either the historic mountain music or instruments, this program is for you. Come and enjoy Sharon Kellam's authentic presentation of the music which the early settlers of the mountain region used for their entertainment.

Plans are being made to take group pictures during the meeting. These photographs will be included in The Heritage of Surry County, Volume II. Please be present.

TENTATIVE FUTURE PROGRAMS

- MAY - Mr. Ned Woodall, Professor of Anthropology at Wake Forest University, "Indian Culture"
- JUNE - Review of The Heritage of Surry County, Volume II
- JULY - Picnic and tour of Rockford
- AUGUST - Workshop on use of material in Register of Deeds Office; visit to that office at a later date

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Teresa Smith, Treasurer, reported at the March meeting that there were 207 paying SOGA members for 1994. While a membership goal has not been established for this year, it is expected that the number of members will continue to increase. There were 279 last year. Additional members provide money for the purchase of research materials. In

addition, a larger membership provides a broad range of access to research which has already been done. In every way it is beneficial to recruit additional members for the contributions which they make to SOGA. Continue to be active in this area.

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

Since becoming your President in January, 1991, it has been my desire to lead SOGA to believe the goals for which this organization exists. My efforts have emphasized increasing the number of members, opening the channels of influence to all on an equal basis, full disclosure of the Association's financial and business activities, equal participation by all in the decision making process, involvement by the membership in Association projects and activities, planning and providing monthly programs which are both interesting and beneficial, and increasing the holdings of the research library. Perhaps none of these is established beyond the point of needed improvement, but significant progress has been achieved in each area.

The Association is at a point where, both individually and as an organization, the decision must be made to continue to pursue a leadership philosophy of openness and involvement or one of an outdated regressive retrenchment.

The decisions which individual members of SOGA make are reflected in the successes or failures of the organization. A refusal to share a vision of what SOGA can become serves as a limiting factor in each activity; we are here to serve, not to be served.

Leadership has been defined as "influencing, guiding in direction, course, action, opinion" (Warren Bennis & Bert Nanus). As your President, I have attempted to do these things based on a philosophy of openness and involvement by all. As your President, I shall continue to base my leadership on this same philosophy and continue to pursue the same goals as in the
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past three years. I can do no other because this philosophy is a basic facet of my being, my beliefs, and my attitude toward my fellow man.

To enable SOGA to become a service organization, one that seeks to help its membership better understand both themselves and others, there must be a shared vision. When there is a shared vision, "It takes the form of enthusiasm, commitment, willingness to work hard and go the extra mile" (Bennis and Nanus). It is only when we reach that stage in our Association that we will reach our potential, both in terms of numbers and in terms of fulfilling the purposes for which we exist. The challenge to become more than we are or have been confronts this organization. How we respond will determine what our status will be next year and on into future years.

Each member is important and the commitment which each makes to the vision and support of the Association will determine the degree of our success.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the April 11 meeting. It is important for each member of the Executive Committee to be present in order to plan and conduct the business of the Association. The members of the Executive Committee are:

- President.....Robert B. Holder
 - Vice-President.....Wanda Lewis
 - Secretary.....Ann B. Stewart
 - Corresponding Secretary..Mildred Eaton
 - Treasurer.....Teresa Smith
 - Librarian.....Barbara Welborn
- Committee chairmen:

- Membership.....Esther Johnson
- Publications.....Charles McCraw
- Research.....Agnes Wells
- Publicity.....Jimmy Smith
- Journal Editor.....Wade Marion

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR 1994

- April 30 - "The Great Wagon Road: A New Look", Randolph County Genealogical Society, Asheboro, NC
 - May 21 - "Unique Elements of our Regional History", Western NC Genealogical Workshop, Asheville, NC
 - May 21 - Third Family History Institute of Southwest VA, Sponsored by Kegley Books, Wytheville, VA
 - July 22-24 - Rainey/Raney Genealogical Research Conference, Holiday Inn, Franklin, TN
 - July 24-25 - Holder Family Reunion, Mount Airy, NC
 - Aug. 27-28 - Snow Family Reunion, Surry County, NC
 - October 8 - Cook-Reid-Stallings Family Association, Eatonton, GA
 - Oct. 12-15 - "On to Richmond", Richmond, VA
- (Contact your officers for further information.)
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Sharon Kellam entertained
SCGA members at the April
meeting.





Sharon Kellam with some of her musical instruments.



Attendees at the SCGA April Meeting. Front Row: Betty Rogers, Esther Johnson. Second Row: Emily Southard, Mildred Matthews, Agnes Wells. Third Row: Betty Edwards. Donna

Edwards, E. Anderson. Fourth Row: Shirley and Steven Hall.



Front Row: Sharon Kellam and Ruth Minick. Second Row: Benney Moseley, Pauline Badgett. Third Row: Mark Slawter, Charles and Wanda Hall, Fourth Row: Teresa Smith, Back: Mary and James Marsh.



Front Row: Sharon Kellam.
 Second Row: Faye Prather and
 Benney Moseley and Pauline
 Badgett. Third Row: Mark

Slawter, Charles Hall, Fourth
 Row: Mrs. Robert Smith, Teresa
 Smith. Back Row: Roger Redmond
 M. Vaughn Ikerd, Mary and James
 Marsh.



Front Row: Robert Holder and
 Ann Stewart. Second Row:
 David Hawkins. Third Row:
 Wade Marion. Fourth Row: Friend
 of Sharon Kellam, Ethel Smith.
 Back Row: Roger Redmond and
 M. Vaughn Ikerd.



Front Row: Robert Holder.
Second Row: Marion York,
David Hawkins. Third Row: Ron
Scales, Wade Marion. Fourth

Row: Friend of Sharon Kellam,
Ethel Smith. Back Row: Roger
Redmond and M. Vaughn Ikerd.



STUDY OF AN ORCHID (detail)

Martin Johnson Heade, American, 1819–1904

Oil on canvas; 18 x 23 inches; 1872

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for the information,
advice, + contacts you sent
me regarding my Surry ancestry.
I appreciate the volunteer work
you do to help others trace
ancestry. I hope I'll be
sending you research findings
from my family lines every
year or two + that possibly
it will help other members.

Thanks again for your
kindness + good work!

Sincerely,
Jean

Jean Sorensen
HL 76, Box 2466
Garden Valley, ID 83622

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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ROBERT B. HOLDER, President

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MAY, 1994

MAY MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, May 9, 1994, 7:00 P.M. and will meet in the Science Lecture Room (T-125) at Surry Community College.

Lisa Turney, Site Manager for the Horne Creek State Agriculture Museum, will be the speaker.

Horne Creek Museum is located on the historic Hauser Farm in the Shoals area. The goal of the Museum is to restore the farm, farming methods and implements which were used in the 1900 - 1910 era in Surry County.

Since most of our ancestors were farming in Surry County during that time, we will have an interest in the farming methods and implements of the early 1900s. I urge you to attend in order to learn more about our ancestry.

We are appreciative of Ms. Turney's willingness, at the last moment, to be our featured speaker. Professor Woodall from Wake Forest University had to postpone his visit with us until the June meeting when he will speak on the early Indian Culture of Surry County.

TENTATIVE FUTURE PROGRAMS

- June - Mr. Ned Woodall, Professor of Anthropology at WFU, "Indian Culture"
- July - Picnic and Tour of Rockford
- August - Workshop on use of material in the Register of Deeds Office

VOLUME II UPDATE

The Volume II Committee continues hard at work to bring to completion this superb history of the families of Surry County. The galley proofs have been returned by the publisher, proofread by the Editorial Subcommittee and are ready to return to the publisher. Work on the other sections is near completion. This should go to the publisher soon.

Due to the vast amount of work required to complete Volume II, the publisher probably will not have the book returned to us in June. Hopefully, it can be, but if not, we will look for it in July. We will continue to inform you of its progress.

We encourage you to continue to buy and

sell copies of Volume II. Several of our membership have not purchased a copy. Let's do so today so that we can be prepared to make final payment to the publisher at the time that the books are delivered.

BERRY FESTIVAL

SCGA will participate in the Piedmont Berry Festival on July 22-23, again this year. If you enjoy meeting and talking with people about genealogy, there will never be a better opportunity. We ask that you volunteer to work at the Association's booth for a couple of hours (or more) on Friday or Saturday. Jimmy and Teresa Smith will arrange the work schedule. See them to volunteer.

Those who have books for sale may display and sell them during the times when they are working. This is an excellent method of publicizing the research which our SCGA members do.

GENEALOGY FAIR

The SCGA Executive Committee continues to discuss plans for a "Genealogy Fair" which will be held in early fall. The dates have not yet been set.

At the Fair both members and non-members will be invited to bring their materials and display them. Those who have material for sale may do so at that time. Copies of The Heritage of Surry County, Volumes I and II will be on display for sale.

Plan to participate in the Association's Genealogy Fair which will be held in early fall, 1994.

RESEARCH BOOK PURCHASES

A major purpose of SCGA is to build an excellent research library. Books are added to the Association's collection monthly. If you wish to recommend the purchase of certain research material, please send that information to Barbara Welborn, SCGA Librarian.

Also, members and non-members are invited to contribute copies of their printed materials to the research library which is located at Surry Community College. The larger the collection of research material,

the more valuable it becomes to those who are involved in family research.

EXCHANGE JOURNALS

Currently SOGA exchanges journals with the following:

- Carroll County Historical Society, Inc.
- Caldwell County Genealogical Society, Inc.
- Forsyth County Genealogical Society
- Holston Territory Genealogical Society
- The Mountain Empire
- N C Genealogical Society
- Old Buncombe Genealogical Society
- South West VA Genealogical Society
- Stanley County Genealogical Society
- VA/NC Piedmont Genealogical Society
- Wilkes Genealogical Society, Inc.
- Yadkin County Historical & Gen. Society
- Rockingham-Stokes Counties Gen. Society
- TN Valley Genealogical Society
- Guilford County Genealogical Society

If your research leads you to any of the areas represented by these societies, you may wish to review their journals. Journals are housed in the genealogical research section of the Surry Community College Library.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Help with genealogical research or problems is available on Wednesday afternoons from 1:00 to 4:30 P.M. at Surry Community College Library.

We extend thanks to our friend for straightening and shelving books in the Local History and Genealogy Section.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SOGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. in the Science Lecture Room (T-125) prior to the meeting on May 9. Each officer and committee chairman is urged to attend.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR 1994

May 21 - "Unique Elements of our Regional History," Western NC Genealogical Workshop, Asheville, NC

May 21 - Third Family History Institute of Southwest VA, sponsored by Kegley Books, Wytheville, VA

June 4-5 - "4th Annual Civil War Living History," Jeb Stuart Birthplace, Ararat, VA

July 22-24 - Rainey/Reney Genealogical Research Conference, Holiday Inn, Franklin, TN

July 24-25 - Holder Family Reunion, Mount Airy, NC

August 27-28 - Snow Family Reunion, Surry County, NC

October 8 - Cook-Reid-Stallings Family Association, Eatonton, GA

October 7-9 - Alford American Family Association, Richmond, VA

October 12-15 - "On To Richmond," Richmond, VA

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May 23, 1994

Dear Society Members,

Thanks for the response to my letter about people connected with the Graves family. I will follow up on your suggestions after I catch my breath after the Graves Reunion + our 50th Wedding anniversary celebration.

Thanks again

Betty Aldrich

264 Baker Rd SW

Cleveland, TN 37311



Lisa Turney, Site Manager of Horne Creek, was speaker for the May SCGA meeting.



Members of 'The Heritage of
Surry County,' Volume II,
Book Committee: (front)
Donna Edwards and Brenda
Clindard; (back) Ann Stewart,
Teresa Smith and Betty Edward

**SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER**

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ROBERT B. HOLDER, President

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JUNE, 1994

JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association will be held at 7:00 P.M. on Monday evening, June 13, 1994 in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

Ned Woodall, Professor of Anthropology at Wake Forest University, will speak on the topic of "Surry County's Indian Culture." Mr. Woodall will include in his presentation some of the results of previous Indian "digs" which he has directed. He is scheduled to conduct a "dig" in the Ronda area this summer.

Numerous people in our area have collected Indian artifacts for several years. If you have an interest, Mr. Woodall will be present from approximately 5:30 P.M. to look at your collections and to comment on them.

This presentation is one which our members have anticipated for several months. We encourage you to be present.

BERRY FESTIVAL

SCGA has rented space at the annual Piedmont Berry Festival which will be held in Dobson on July 22-23, 1994. We need volunteers to work in our booth on Friday and Saturday. If you are willing to work a couple of hours (or more) either day, please contact Jimmy or Teresa Smith. I encourage you to participate and enjoy meeting the people who stop by to talk about genealogy.

JULY MEETING

The Association will meet in historic Rockford on Monday, July 11, 1994 for its meeting. A tour of historic places will begin at 4:00 P.M. Mrs. Evelyn Holyfield will be our guide. We will picnic together at the Richmond Pearson Law School, just across the Yadkin River, at 6:00 P.M. At approximately 7:00 P.M., we will meet in the historic Rockford Methodist Church where Mrs. Holyfield will tell us about the mural in the church and make other comments about the history of Rockford.

The food list will be compiled at the June meeting. Please come prepared to add your name to this list.

HERITAGE OF SURRY COUNTY, VOL. II NEWS

All of the material for Volume II has been given to the publisher. The galleys for the introductory section and part of the patron pages have not been returned for proofing. We expect these to be returned any day. Once they have been proofed, they will be returned and printing of Volume II can then begin.

While we are running somewhat behind schedule, extra effort was made to ensure that this Volume II will be of the highest professional quality and something in which our Association can take pride. Tentative delivery date is August.

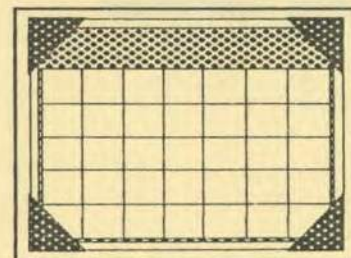
EXCHANGE JOURNALS

SCGA exchanges journals with several other genealogical associations. Some of these journals will be available for your review at the June meeting. Please take the opportunity to look through these for information related to your research.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee of SCGA will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the June meeting, in Room A-213. If you are an officer or committee chairman, you are a member of the Executive Committee and should be present to consider the business of the Association.

CALENDAR OF FUTURE ACTIVITIES



(Please see reverse side for dates.)

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FUTURE ACTIVITIES FOR 1994

- JULY 22-24 - Rainey/Reney Genealogical Research Conference, Holiday Inn, Franklin, TN
- JULY 24-25 - Holder Family Reunion, Mount Airy, NC
- AUG. 18-20 - Hawks Family Reunion, Elementary School, Lambsburg, VA
- AUG. 27-28 - Snow Family Reunion, Surry County, NC
- OCTOBER 8 - Cook, Reid, Stallings Family Association, Eatonton, GA
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Dr. Ned Woodall Discusses Indian Digs In This Area

One of the most enjoyable speakers around, to this writer's thinking at least, is not a professional speaker as such, but is an expert in his field. He speaks informally as if he is carrying on a private conversation, which he is. No question is too trivial for him not to give it his undivided attention. His name? Dr. Ned Woodall, a professor of archeology at Wake Forest University and expert on local Indians, as much of an expert as anyone can get, as he says. The Indians were gone when the white man came; they left no written records; nobody is quite sure of what became of them. All one really knows about them is what is buried in the ground. And that's what Dr. Woodall is doing, digging along the Yadkin to learn about these Indians of 1000 to 1500 A.D.

Dr. Woodall was the guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association. Since information was gained by digging, Dr. Woodall illustrated his talk by slides of digging which he and his students had been doing for the past several summers.

Dr. Woodall, several years ago, did a dig down near Donaha. Marion Venable, whose ancestral home is down on the Yadkin at Siloam, was very intrigued by the many Indian artifacts being turned up by the plow in the bottoms. She felt sure that there had been a sizeable Indian settlement there. And there had been.

The Surry County Historical Society, whose business is Surry County history, was interested enough to provide a sizeable sum (from its \$5 membership fund) to help finance a project of digging at Siloam. So in came Dr. Woodall and his students. The student



RUTH MINICK

dormitory was an empty store building, sleeping cots all in a row.

And the summer turned out to be hot and dry; but the crew persevered and was so successful that the state took an interest and provided the financing of further diggings. The crew is now at Ronda along the Yadkin.

To work an archeological dig, Dr. Woodall says, one looks for a promising site which experts can usually spot. This was the Hardy site. To proceed they would stake out a four- or five-foot square, and begin to take off the worthless ploughed area — Dr. Woodall says that it is impossible to hide disturbed ground. When they reached the undisturbed area they would be elated when dark spots began to show up. That meant rotted wood, perhaps a post which could be apt of a house.

Early in the game at Siloam the archeologists found a promising dark spot. They began a painstaking dig because they figured — rightly — that they had found the foundations of a dwelling house and perhaps a village. So they painstakingly dug, hot

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and sweaty. And what did they find — the burial place of a farmer's horse. Of all the thousands of other spots available, the farmer had inadvertently chosen this one choice spot and ruined it. Disappointments always came at one time or another, Dr. Woodall observed.

In digging around these sites, the archeologists came across many graves. Dr. Woodall stated that the Indians did not have a graveyard as such — just any spot would do. The bodies would be placed in a fetal position, the arms crossed and the legs drawn up to the body. Most of the graves would be a body only with perhaps a string of shell beads.

But if a person were important the body would have other adornments.

In several graves of importance the archeologists found a headdress or shawl made of turkey feathers with bits of copper sewn on here and there. Copper, Dr. Woodall said, had the tendency to help preserve things. Hence the somewhat preserved feathered shawl or headdress. In one grave the copper had helped preserve a piece of woven fabric, a very rare find.

In digging, the archeologists were always happy to find a round dark spot. This meant that a pit was dug for some purpose, perhaps for the preservation of food. These holes were sometimes found lined with pine bark which protected the food. When this purpose was over the hole was used as a garbage dump, a very welcome find.

From the garbage dump the archeologists could learn what the Indians ate — seeds of squash, pumpkin, corn, etc. as well of bones of animals and of fish. It was noted that at first remnants of hard wood, oak, poplar, in the charcoal which would give way to pine which meant that the Indians probably used up the hardwood and moved on to a new place.

From his diggings, Dr. Woodall found that these Yadkin Indians were very knowledgeable and political, and that they had contact with many tribes with whom they traded. At the Siloam site they found a bit of copper, origin the Great Lakes region.

Also, pottery was imported. The native pottery was not very well made and when found was broken into

many tiny fragments much as though the Indians had deliberately smashed it. Other pottery vessels, which were all cone shaped, were well made and decorated.

It is interesting to note that man is born with a sense of beauty. If he doesn't adorn his personal self he puts beauty into his crafts. Also, it was interesting to note that Dr. Woodall had to put two and two together to come to a conclusion just as this writer has had to do so many times in researching the history of Mount Airy.

Please note: If you are interested in family history, or have struck a snag, Mrs. Betty Camin, genealogist, is at the college each Wednesday to help you — free.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President

JULY, 1994

JULY MEETING

The Genealogical Association will meet in historic Rockford on Monday, July 11, 1994 for its regular monthly meeting.

There has been a revision in the schedule of activities which was announced previously. We will meet at the historic Rockford Methodist Church at 4:00 P.M. Miss Evelyn Holyfield, the recognized official historian of Rockford, will tell about the beautiful mural which was painted in the church several years ago. Following an orientation to the history of Rockford, Miss Holyfield will serve as our guide as we take a brief historic tour of this former seat of Surry County government. When the tour is completed, we will cross the Yadkin River on the low-water bridge for a picnic at Richmond Hill, the home and law school of Justice Richmond Pearson. Justice Pearson was Chief Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court during the Civil War. He and Governor Zebulon B. Vance fought many battles over significant constitutional issues.

You may get to Rockford by one of two routes, both from NC Highway 268: (1) take Rockford Road south off Hwy 268, or (2) take the Copeland and then the Stony Knoll Road until it intersects with the Rockford Road and proceed south. The Methodist Church is located on the right of the road just as you reach Rockford.

Some of you have signed up to bring eating utensils, drinks and food. Even if you did not sign up, come to the meeting and picnic anyway. Bring whatever is convenient for you. We will have an enjoyable evening!

I suggest that you come early and visit the cemeteries before the meeting at 4:00 P.M.; spend the afternoon there; make it a special occasion, especially if you have never been to Rockford. We will be looking for you on Monday, July 11.

NOTE: The SOGA Executive Committee will not meet in July.

PIEDMONT BERRY FESTIVAL

Remember July 22-23 - BERRY FESTIVAL in Dobson. SOGA will operate a booth as in the previous two years. We need volunteers to help

on both Friday and Saturday. Some have volunteered to help on both Friday and Saturday. Some have volunteered for a scheduled time. Do so if you can; but, if you cannot volunteer for a specific time, come whenever you can. You will enjoy this experience if you enjoy talking with others about genealogy.

We invite members who have genealogical research material to sell to bring it with you as you volunteer your time. Many valuable contacts are made for future sales of material.

Also, we are asking that you prepare pedigree or descendency charts on your family research lines. If these are done on posterboard/cardboard with a black magic marker (for greater visibility), they will be displayed and will help generate interest in SOGA's booth. Please bring your material to the July 11 meeting.

THE HERITAGE OF SURRY COUNTY, VOLUME II

All of the materials for Volume II have been proofread and returned to the publisher. It is now up to Delmar to print the book and return the copies to us as soon as possible—hopefully in August.

If you have not reserved a copy of Volume II or wish to purchase additional copies, a convenient order form is included. Complete the order form and return it with your check to the address listed.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of SOGA continues to increase at a steady pace. It was reported that as of June 13, there were 243 dues paying members—about 30 more than at this same time last year. The SOGA officers are appreciative of your efforts in member recruitment. We urge you to continue your activities. Hopefully, we can exceed 300 paying members this year. Additional members means additional funds available to purchase genealogical research materials.

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON RESEARCH SERVICE

Each Wednesday afternoon SOGA members, primarily Betty Camin, are in the Surry Community College Library to help with genealogical research. If you need help, arrange to come at that time. Also pass the word along to your friends that help is available on Wednesday afternoons.

If you can serve as a volunteer to help others or to file genealogical materials, please volunteer your services on Wednesdays. We need you every Wednesday or anytime you can help!

GENEALOGY FAIR

A tentative date of Saturday, October 8, 1994 has been set for the Association's Genealogy Fair. Further details will be provided later.

IN MEMORIAM
MR. CHARLES JACKSON

Our sympathy is expressed to Mrs. Hester Jackson, charter member of SOGA and a long time supporter of its activities, in the death of her husband. Charles served as Surry County Agriculture Extension Agent for many years prior to his retirement. He supported Hester in her many activities related to the Genealogy Association and to research.

Those who knew Charles found him to be outgoing, friendly and helpful. His presence will be sorely missed by all of us. Our prayers are for Hester during her time of sorrow and the vacancy left by Charles.

Hester's address is P. O. Box 707, Dobson, NC 27017.

Fresco in Rockford Methodist Church, Rockford (Surry County).



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Tour of historic Rockford and
picnic at Richmond Hill -
July SCGA meeting.



Historic Rockford Methodist
Church, July 1994.



Annie Lee Gentry, Brenda Clinard,
Charles Hall, Wanda Hall, Barbara
Bryant White, Robert Holder,

Crystal Pell and her two children,
Kelly and Adam, Emily Southard,
and Barbara Bryant White's father.



Miss Evelyn Holyfield,
historian of Rockford.



Evelyn Holyfield, Roger Redman,
Barbara Welborn, Mildred Matthews,
and Robert Holder



Old Rockford Courthouse in
Rockford.





Judy Stanley Cardwell, Betty Camin, Barbara Welborn and Sharon Kellam.



Agnes Wells, Betty Edwards,
Betty Rogers and Donna
Edwards.



Mark Slawter, Joyce Payne
and Annie Lee Gentry.



Betty Edwards, Imogene Pruitt,
- Jimmy Smith, Teresa Smith,
Wanda Hall and Charles Hall



Judy Cardwell, Jimmy Cockerham,
- Ann Stewart and Annie Lee
Gentry.



Agnes Wells, Clayton Wells,
Joyce Payne, Mary Marsh, Mark
Slawter, Emily Southard and
Mildred Matthews.



Esther Johnson, Ann Stewart,
—Brenda Clinard, Jimmy Cockerham, —
and Helen Stanley.



James Marsh, Mary Marsh, Barbara Bryant White and her father, and Emily Southard.



SCGA members at Richmond Hill, home of Justice Richmond Pearson.



SCGA members at picnic area
at Richmond Hill.



SCGA members touring Rockford
in July 1994.



Robert Holder, Teresa Smith,
Betty Rogers, Agnes Wells,
Donna Edwards and Betty
Edwards (facing camera)



Garvey Southard (standing in front)
Imogene Pruitt, Jimmy Smith and
Charles Hall (sitting in front)



Mildred Matthews, Agnes Wells,
- Betty Edwards and Donna Edwards -



Betty Rogers (standing in front) -
- and Annie Lee Gentry (sitting in
front).



Rockford, Surry County, NC



SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel. # 910-786-7449)

AUGUST, 1994

AUGUST MEETING

The August meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association will be held in the Surry County Register of Deeds Office, located on the main floor of the Courthouse. Bud Cameron, Register of Deeds and a SOGA member, each year makes the research facilities of his office available to the Association's membership at a special time. August 8 is the regular monthly meeting night. The Register of Deeds Office will be open from 6:00-9:00 P.M.

If you are not familiar with the facility, experienced members of SOGA will be available to assist you with your research.

This is one of our most popular meetings of the year. Please make an effort to be present either (1) to do research on your own, or (2) assist others with their research.

Keep in mind that the Register of Deeds Office will close promptly at 9:00 P.M. Please be present at 6:00 P.M. so that you may take advantage of the full three hours set aside for this meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The SOGA Executive Committee will not meet in August.

JULY MEETING

Thanks to each one who contributed to the success of our meeting in Rockford. Each of you brought food and drink, Miss Evelyn Holyfield was a gracious hostess, and Mildred Matthews was invaluable in arranging a place for the picnic and tour of the Richmond Pearson house. Attendance was excellent. Many favorable comments were made. Thanks again to each one who contributed and who participated.

GENEALOGY FAIR

The Surry County Genealogical Association's Genealogy Fair is tentatively scheduled for the Surry Community College Cafeteria on Saturday, October 8. Each person may apply for

use of a display table if they wish to share research information. Publishers who wish to display and sell (genealogical material only) may apply for use of a display table. There will be no charge for the use of one table, but every person who comes through the door will pay an admission fee of \$5.00. Application forms for a display table will be available soon. Further information will be publicized as soon as plans are finalized.

SIMPLE PLEASURES

A debt of gratitude must be expressed to Barbara Summerlin, Editor, and Hester Jackson, Genealogical Researcher, for their support of SOGA through Simple Pleasures, the monthly publication of The Mount Airy News. Both consistently write of the assistance available to genealogical researchers through membership in SOGA. You may subscribe to Simple Pleasures (\$12.00 per year) by contacting the Mount Airy News Office. The mailing address is: Simple Pleasures, P.O. Box 808, Mt. Airy, NC 27030.

VOLUME II

We anxiously await the publication of the Heritage of Surry County, Volume II. Everything is in the hands of the publisher. With a stroke of good luck, we should receive copies sometime in August. We will notify our membership when they will be delivered.

RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

We want to remind you that free genealogical research assistance is available each Wednesday afternoon at the Surry Community College Library. Betty Camin and others will be available to assist you in researching your ancestry. Come, take advantage of this valuable service!

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MOUNT AIRY MUSEUM OF REGIONAL HISTORY

RESEARCH LIBRARY

Progress continues at a steady pace on the Museum which is located in the old Merritt Hardware building in Mount Airy. Renovation of the building is underway. A tentative opening date has been set for this fall. We believe that we will take pride in the size and scope of what is becoming reality in our midst. I encourage you to become an active participant by making a cash contribution—small or large—to this project. The Genealogical Association has been active in this project from the beginning. It will continue to be up front in leadership of the project in the future. Let's make every effort to support the activities of the Museum because of its contributions to our community in coming years.

If you have not recently visited the Genealogical Research Section of the Surry Community College Library, we encourage you to go by, browse through the new acquisitions and become acquainted with the resources available. The Association is spending more money than normal on additional research material. It is our goal to build one of the best genealogical research libraries available in North Carolina. With your help, we will accomplish this goal.

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Trip to Delmar Publishing Co.
in Charlotte, NC in August



Jo Martin, Sherry Atwood and
Myra



Donna Edwards, Ann Stewart, Sherry
Atwood, Jo Martin, and Agnes
Wells.



Donna Edwards presenting Jo Martin
and Sherry Atwood a check for
SCGA's second payment on the
Heritage book.



After a day of work at Delmar, the
group is on the way home.

Margaret Matthews, Donna Edwards,
Agnes Wells, Clayton Wells, and
Ann Stewart



Mildred Matthews, Donna Edwards,
-Wilma Hiatt, Ann Stewart, and -
Agnes Wells.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
NEWSLETTER

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ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

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September, 1994

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association will consist of three parts: (1) A review of The Heritage of Surry County, Volume II, (2) planning for distribution of Volume II to purchasers and (3) completion of plans for the Genealogy Fair scheduled for October 8.

We do not anticipate distribution of Vol. II at the September 12 meeting because the books will not be delivered by that time. However, we will do a review of its contents and make plans for distribution whenever they are delivered later this month.

We urge you to be present for the review of Volume II and to help plan the distribution process.

We are all impatient as we await the arrival of Volume II. There were delays due to bad weather and tardiness in getting family histories to the committee. We ask you to be patient and, as soon as possible, Volume II will be delivered to you.

NEEDED! Space for storage of Volume II for a couple of months, from the time they are delivered until distribution and sales are complete. Let us know if you have space which can be used.

GENEALOGY FAIR

The Surry County Genealogical Association's Genealogy Fair is scheduled for October 8, 1994, 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM and will be held in the Surry Community College Cafeteria. Tables may be reserved for display and/or sale of materials by anyone; however, preference will be given to SCGA members. In order for the Genealogy Fair to be a success, SCGA members should plan to be present, display their materials and, those who have materials for sales, should make them available for purchase. It is our goal to have reservations for every available table in the Cafeteria. By offering for sale research material and by displaying genealogical research, participants will feel justified in spending the time and the price of admission.

A flier is attached for your information. Please complete the table reservation form and

return it before October 1, 1994. Even if you do not reserve a table, plan to attend and meet fellow researchers.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

The Guilford County Genealogical Society will sponsor a one day genealogy workshop on Saturday, November 19, 1994 at the First Friends Meeting, 2100 West Friendly Avenue, Greensboro, NC. Helen F. M. Leary will present four, one-hour lectures on BASIC GENEALOGY, how to get started and where to look for information.

MILITARY RECORDS

For military records of those serving prior to World War I, write General Reference Branch (NNRG), National Archives and Records, 7th and Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20408. Military records of those serving since WWI may write National Personnel Records Center, 9700 Page Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63132-5100 for information.

MT. AIRY MUSEUM OF REGIONAL HISTORY

The efforts of many individuals and organizations, including SCGA, will soon result in the successful opening of the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History. The dedication of the Museum Building is scheduled for 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 2, at the location of the former Merritt Hardware Building on Main Street, Mount Airy.

RECORDS NEEDED

John Hawkins, SCGA member from Caldwell County, needs a copy of the 1790 Surry County Tax Records. Also, some researchers need copies of the early 1800s Census Records for Surry County. Perhaps some of our members will undertake to transcribe and print these records for sale.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

As one of its valuable services, SCGA members are at the Surry Community College Library to assist those who may need help in pursuing their research projects.

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Come by on Wednesday afternoon for free assistance by Betty Camin and others. Also for the next ten weeks, Diane Hardy Norman will be at the Library to help on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

MEMBERSHIP

As of September 1, SOGA has 287 paying members, the largest in the organization's history. We have surpassed last year's total and, with four months left in the 1994 membership year, fully expect to surpass the 300 mark. Encourage your friends to become a member of SOGA, especially if they are involved in family research. The value of the quarterly Journal is worth more than the cost of membership.

Also, we will begin now to remind you that the membership year will end on December 31. Membership benefits will not carry forward through March as they have in previous years. You may consider 1995 renewal anytime.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

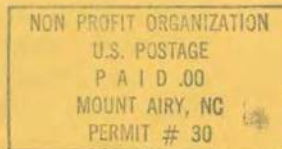
The SOGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 PM in the SOC Teaching Auditorium. We ask that each officer and committee chairman be present for this important meeting.

FUTURE ACTIVITIES

- October 1 - J. McKinney Lowe Reunion. For information contact Teresa Lowe Smith at (910) 352-3396 or Route 1, Box 21, Lowgap, NC 27024
 - October 8 - Genealogy Fair, Surry Community College Cafeteria
 - October 8 - Cook, Ried, Stalling Family Association, Eatonton, GA
 - October 7-9 - Alford Family Association, Richmond, VA
 - October 12-15 - "On To Richmond," Richmond, VA
 - November 19 - Guilford County Genealogical Society Workshop
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New Heritage Book Available

By R.J. BERRIER
Staff Writer

Volume two of the Surry County Heritage Book has arrived.

Robert B. Holder of Mount Airy, president of the Surry County Genealogical Association that spearheaded the new publication, said that work on the volume had been in progress since January 1993.

Volume one was published in 1983.

"This is completely different," the retired educator said, as he proceeded to recount some of the differences.

"It has an introductory section and then 700 family histories," he said. "All (the histories) are new. There are no repeats."

The first heritage book contained 800 histories.

The new volume "has an abundance of pictures, many more than volume one," Holder continued.

In addition, the new volume contains 50 family histories on patron pages. Families purchased those pages for \$175 each, the association president explained.

Too, the new edition also contains a brief section on pioneer families in Surry County that was written by Hester Jackson of Dobson, newspaper columnist and a Surry County genealogist.

The concluding section has various information on some of the local churches, Holder said.

The book has 528 pages. The cost is \$50, plus \$3 tax. Copies will be mailed for an additional \$4.50 each.

The initial distribution of Surry County Heritage Book, Volume II was made to purchasers Monday night at the Surry County Genealogical Association meeting. 9-12-94

Anyone who has purchased a copy of the new heritage book may pick it up in the lobby of the Administration Building at Surry Community College Thursday from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. and also from 7 until 9 p.m. Saturday, the books may be picked up from 9 a.m. until noon.

Mail orders should be addressed to Surry County Genealogical Association, P.O. Box 997, Dobson, N.C. 27017.

"Later," Holder said, "volumes will be available for purchase at outlets such as *The Mount Airy News* and the Mount Airy Public Library.



Tim Preston/The Mount Airy News

Robert Holder inspects the new edition of the Surry County Heritage Book. 09-14-94

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION
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TO: SCGA Local Members
FROM: Robert B. Holder, President
DATE: September 21, 1994
SUBJECT: GENEALOGY FAIR PLANNING MEETING

There will be a meeting of all who will help with the Genealogy Fair scheduled for Saturday, October 8 on Tuesday, September 27, 1994 at 7:00 P.M. in Room A-213 at Surry Community College.

If you will help as a doorkeeper, Heritage Book salesperson, or with any of the other jobs which will make the Fair a success, please attend this meeting so that we will be well prepared and able to enjoy the same success with this as with other activities.

If you cannot attend this planning meeting but you are willing to help, please call me at 786-7449 and let me know if you have not already done so.

We need your help! Please join with us as we plan for the Genealogy Fair.

Also, perhaps we can use part of this meeting to plan future sales of Volume II. Because of the efforts of the Heritage Book staff, distribution and sales are going well. Let's keep up the good work so that the final payment can be made in the near future.

Thanks for your support in all of the projects of SCGA. That is why we have enjoyed such success in past years. Your continuing support will make both the book sales and the Genealogy Fair great successes also.

We will look for you on Tuesday evening.

THE HERITAGE BOOK IS HERE!
SEPTEMBER 10, 1994



Brenda Clinard, Donna Edwards,
Robert Holder got the first book,
and Ann Stewart.



ENJOYING A FIRST LOOK AT VOL. II --
--Brenda Clindard, Donna Edwards, --
--Robert Holder and Ann Stewart.



CHECKING PHOTOS IN VOLUME II --
--Brenda Clinard, Ann Stewart, and --
--Donna Edwards with Robert looking
on.



— Mildred Matthews finds a spot to —
work.



— SCGA member Emily Southard shows —
off her quilt during Mayberry —
Days.



SCGA members Ann Stewart, Betty Rogers, and Donna Edwards selling Heritage books during Mayberry Days on Main Street, Mount Airy, on Sept. 23, 1994.



Barney Fife (David L. Browning) reviewing Heritage book with Alta Carlson and Donna Edwards.



Emily Southard and her favorite
- deputy 'Barney' during Mayberry -
Days



Barney has just written a parking
- ticket to Wilma Hiatt for parking -
all day on Main Street



Barney's reaction to the Quilter's
Guild and SCGA members selling
Heritage books during Mayberry Days

Fair announced in
the Winston-Salem
Journal 10-7-94.

GENEALOGY FAIR: 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday,
Surry Community College cafeteria. Spon-
sored by Surry County Genealogical Associa-
tion. Admission \$5. Call Robert Holder at
(910) 786-7449.

Fair announced in
'The Pilot' on
October 5, 1994.

Genealogy Fair Set

The Surry County Genealogi-
cal Association will present a
"Genealogy Fair" on Saturday,
October 8 from 9 a.m. until 4
p.m. in the Surry Community
College cafeteria. Admission is
\$5.00 and tables for groups and
individual books sales will be
available. The book, "The Heri-
tage of Surry County, Vol. II"
will be available for purchase as
will Volume I. These books are
also available at the Charles
Stone Memorial Library in Pilot
Mountain and are \$50.00 plus
\$3.00 tax per book.

The Association meets the
second Monday night of each
month at Surry Community Col-
lege at 7 p.m. Anyone interested
is invited to attend.

For more information about
the Fair or to reserve a booth,
contact Robert Holder at (910)
786-7449.

10-8-94

"GENEALOGY FAIR"

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**SATURDAY
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9 A.M. - 4 P. M.**

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE FAIR CONTACT
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**"THE HERITAGE OF SURRY
COUNTY, VOL. II"
AVAILABLE AT THE FAIR**

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

OCTOBER 1994

GENEALOGY FAIR

There is an air of excitement as we approach Saturday, October 8 and SOGA's Genealogy Fair. Requests for table reservations by genealogical societies, historical groups and book publishers have met our expectations. While there have been several researchers who have requested table space to display their work, there have not been as many as we had expected. There is some table space still available. We encourage our members and others to bring their research and display it as examples of the quality work which SOGA members conduct. Call if you wish to reserve table space.

Lunch will be catered by a local catering company. The truck will be parked outside the SCC Cafeteria from 10:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. A variety of snacks, sandwiches, soft drinks and coffee will be available for purchase.

As a reminder, the Surry Community College Cafeteria will open at 8:30 A.M. for those who will display and from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for the general public. The price of admission is \$5.00.

OCTOBER MEETING

The October meeting of SOGA will be held on Monday evening, October 10, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. in the Teaching Auditorium of Surry Community College. The program will be a discussion on The Heritage of Surry County, Vol. II, "Share and Help" Program, work in the Genealogy Section of the SCC Library, news about new genealogy research publications by our members, a report on the opening of the Regional Museum, and a survey of the membership about future Association projects.

This will be a "catch up" session which has been needed for several months; also, it will give us an opportunity to chart the future course of the Association. Please be present and participate in the decisions which need to be made.

MEMBERSHIP--300!

This has been a very prosperous membership year for SOGA. Finally, we have reached the

300 paying membership level. That was our goal for 1993; however, we fell just short of that number last year. This year we did not set a goal but have worked to increase membership. We will add a few additional members before the year is up.

Membership number is a barometer of organizational health. As long as we offer the services which are helpful to the membership, the number will continue to increase.

Remember that the membership year will terminate on December 31. The 1995 newsletters and journals will not be mailed until the 1995 membership fee has been paid.

VOLUME II

The Heritage of Surry County, Vol. II has been delivered to the Association. All but a few of the pre-orders have been delivered. If you ordered and have paid for a copy, it will be available for pickup at the Genealogy Fair on October 8.

If you wish to purchase a copy, they will be available at the Fair and at the usual places which sell the Heritage books.

We are pleased with the demand for Vol. II. Several copies have been sold. Encourage your friends to purchase copies. Give a Vol. II for a Christmas, birthday or anniversary gift.

The reviews of those who have read theirs express approval and satisfaction with the quality of the publication.

Congratulations to a staff who devoted so much time and energy to the project.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- November - Jerry Gentry: Report on Research
 - December - Christmas Party at the Lantern Restaurant (large dining room reserved this year)
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WORKSHOPS

The Caldwell County Genealogical Society will sponsor a work session at the office of the Register of Deeds from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on October 11.

Also, CCGS member John Hawkins will present a case study, "The Search for Hiram Pipes - An Attempt to Reconcile Family Stories and Official Records," on November 8, 1994.

HELP AVAILABLE

Remember research assistance is available each Wednesday afternoon in the SCC Library. Betty Camin and others will be available to assist in your research. Diane Hardy Norman will be at the Library to help on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

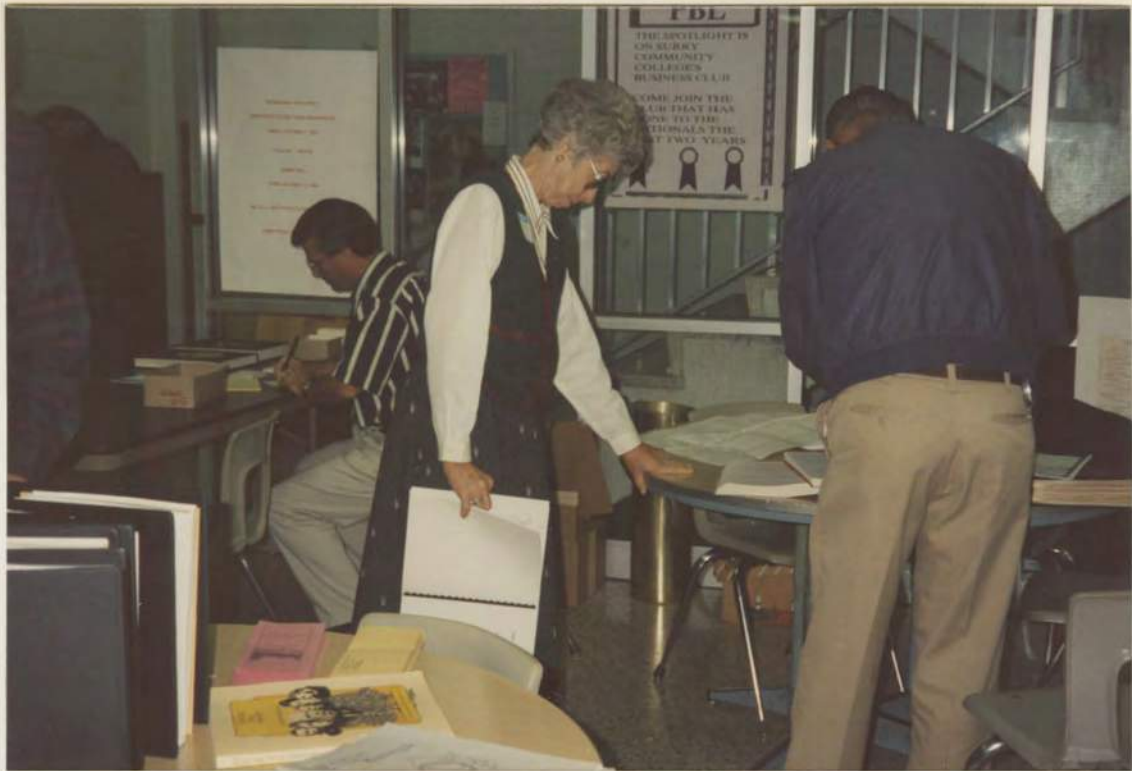
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SCGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. in the Meeting Room prior to the October meeting.

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NEWSLETTER**

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NOVEMBER 1994

NOVEMBER MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, November 14, 1994, at 7:00 P.M. and will meet in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

We are pleased that Jerry Gentry will be the featured speaker for the November meeting. Jerry always has new research data and experiences to share with the group. He stated that he plans to share information about the Snow family and several other families which he has discovered since he last spoke to the Association.

Jerry has researched 105 families who live, primarily, in Surry County. Currently he is passing this material along to the Association for use by genealogy researchers.

You will enjoy Jerry's presentation as he relates information and his experiences in conducting research.

November is the time for election of three officers for two year terms. This year the officers to be elected are Vice-President, Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary. Other items of business include reports on the sales of Volume II and plans for the Christmas party in December.

Make plans now to attend the meeting on November 14.

REPORT ON GENEALOGY FAIR

Saturday, October 8, was a beautiful, sunshiny day and this encouraged attendance at SCGA's first "Genealogy Fair." Nearly 30 individuals and organizations displayed their materials. Enthusiasm was evident from the time the doors were first opened. Everyone who attended enjoyed visiting and talking with each other. People came from distant places - Florida to Washington, D.C. - to be with us.

It is a little early to make a final decision, but there was sufficient interest for SCGA to schedule this event next year. We should consider the suggestions for improving the Fair, despite its overwhelming success, in order to perfect the process.

VOLUME II

Newly published The Heritage of Surry County, Volume II continues to sell at a brisk pace. All of the sales outlets are having calls for the book and we continue to receive mail orders as well. It is our goal to sell sufficient volumes by December 31 to make the remaining payment to Delmar Printing Company. Publicize and sell as many volumes as possible. Suggest that they be given as Christmas gifts.

I continue to hear many favorable comments from purchasers. Some people tell of locating ancestors of which they were unaware. This, indeed, is a valuable local history that tells about people and events which will never be found in a history book. It should be treasured by all who own a copy.

Thanks again to all those who spent many long hours in researching and assembling this important source book. We are indebted to each of you!

MEMBERSHIP

All of us should be extremely pleased with the continuing rise in the number of members. As of the October 10 meeting, there were 304 paying members and 20 exchange members of SCGA. This provides a pleasant satisfaction for all of us who have struggled to increase the membership so that we would have sufficient money to continue to purchase research materials. When the membership is low, it takes all of the membership fee income just to keep the organization functioning at a minimum level. When membership increases, we are able to consider other activities and purchases. Therefore, help with the membership drive as you have opportunities.

Membership in SCGA is of value to anyone who is interested in genealogical research or Surry County history. Membership rates provide a bargain. Let's continue to tell others of the services which we offer.

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A REMINDER: A change in SOGA By-laws states that the membership year expires on December 31. Therefore, the membership fee for 1995 will be due by that time. Non-renewed members will not receive the SOGA Newsletter and quarterly Journal after January 1, 1995 until the membership fee has been paid. You may pay your membership fee for 1995 any time.

The November issue of the Journal will contain a convenient envelope to be used when paying the fees. Please list surnames you are researching in the space provided on the envelope if you wish these to be published when the 1995 membership list is printed in the Journal.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

A reminder that Betty Camin and others are available on Wednesday afternoons in the Surry Community College Library to help anyone with research problems. Diane Hardy Norman will be at the library to help on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Take advantage of this valuable service.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SOGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting on November 14. Please be present.

PRESERVATION WORKSHOP

Learn to preserve photos and memorabilia at a workshop conducted by Pam Robinett on November 15, 6:30 P.M.-9:30 P.M. at Surry Community College. The session will be educational and hands-on with techniques for photo cropping, layout, mounting, etc. covered. Cost for workshop is \$10.00; spouses are encouraged to attend at no extra fee if both work on one project. Bring 8-12 recent photos, scissors, and a pen to the workshop. For more information or to register contact Shirley Hall at (910) 969-9713 or Pam Robinett at (910) 768-6096; or see Shirley at the SOGA meeting on Nov. 14.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- December 12, 1994 - SOGA Christmas Party at the Lantern Restaurant (large dining room) Please bring a door prize.
 - January 9, 1995 - Jimmy Cockerham, speaker, will share results of some of his research.
 - February 13, 1995 - Marion Venable will present the results of some recent research on the Architecture of Surry County.
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FLYERS

The response so far to our new heritage book has been positive. Books are selling well in certain areas, but we need your help to publicize the sales outlets even better. To do that, we'd like for you to post the enclosed flyers at your church, office, grocery store, bank, doctor, dentist, beauty shop, school, etc.

Also, pass out the flyers at family get-togethers and other meetings, and have books available for purchasers. Feel free to copy the flyers if you need more.

SALES CONTEST

We hope you will personally sell at least two more boxes of books (20) by December 31, 1994. If 300 more books are sold by that date, the top three salespersons of November and December will be honored with a gift at the February genealogical association meeting.

Books can be picked up by prior arrangement by calling Donna Edwards at 910-789-2559. (Inventory forms and payments should be mailed in to Donna as books are sold so she can make contract payments.) Be sure to give Donna your completed forms so you'll be credited with sales for the contest.

It takes every association member to make this project successful. We need and appreciate your effort!

Give Some Memories This Christmas...

THE HERITAGE OF SURRY COUNTY, NC VOLUME I AND VOLUME II

are the perfect Christmas gifts for everyone on your gift list who is interested in Surry County's present, past and its people. A collection of over 2,000 Surry County family histories, pioneer families, patron honor pages and local histories are represented in these large, handsome, hardbound volumes, illustrated with hundreds of pictures and indexed. They will be treasured for many generations to come.

Books can be purchased at The Mount Airy Library, The Pilot Mountain Library, The Elkin Library, Surry Gift Shop in Elkin, The Register of Deeds Office in Dobson, The Mount Airy News, The Treasure Chest on Red Brush Road, The Lantern Restaurant in Dobson, Diana's Bookstore in Elkin, Horne Creek/Hauser Farm in Pinnacle, The Panda Store in Pinnacle, The Bed & Breakfast in Pilot Mountain, Surry Community College Bookstore, Wall Greenhouse in Dobson and The Chamber of Commerce in Mount Airy. Also after Christmas: Hallmark in Elkin.

Books can also be purchased from the following people in Surry County -- Mount Airy: Pauline Badgett 786-2220; Donna & Betty Edwards 789-2559; Robert & Frances Holder 786-7449; Charles McCraw 786-8019; Ron Scales 789-4984; Clayton & Agnes Wells 786-2992. **Dobson:** Jo Adams 386-8565; Lessie Brindle 386-8358; Eloise Wall 366-4548. **Pilot Mountain:** Betty Rogers 368-4130; Barbara Welborn 368-4162. **Elkin:** Garvey & Emily Southard 366-4483; Jimmy Cockerham. **State Road:** Annie Lee Gentry 874-2871. **Lowgap:** Jimmy & Teresa Smith 352-3396. People in surrounding area: Steve & Shirley Hall - **King** 969-9713; Wilma Hiatt - **Tobaccoville** 983-5229; Mildred Matthews - **Boonville** 367-3299; Linda Marion - **Pinnacle** 325-2190; Diane Norman - **Yadkinville**. (all numbers area code 910)

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

DECEMBER 1994

DECEMBER MEETING

The Surry County Genealogical Association's December meeting will be held at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson in the LARGE meeting room this year. The meeting is scheduled for the Association's regular meeting date—Monday, December 12 and will begin at 6:30 P.M.

The December meeting has become a highlight of the year since it is Christmas party and officer installation time. Please bring door prizes, preferably something that relates to genealogy or to Surry County history in some way. However, if none of this is available, bring whatever may be at hand.

This year SCGA was required to make a refundable deposit of \$2.00 per person expected in attendance (50 = \$100). For every person under 50 who is not in attendance, it will cost SCGA \$2.00; therefore, we urge you to attend and bring your spouse or a friend.

Because of some sensitivity to smoke, we ask that those who desire to smoke do so outside of the meeting room.

This is our opportunity to celebrate a highly successful year. The membership diligently co-operated and supported many activities. Because of your involvement, the Association closes 1994 with a record membership, a sound financial base and moving rapidly toward making the final payment for the publication of Volume II. You are to be commended for your success.

Come to our Christmas party on December 12, 6:30 P.M. and join in celebrating the successes of this year.

Note: The Executive Committee will not meet in December.

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY AND ARCHIVES

It has become virtually impossible to secure Virginia wills and certain other information at the local county level; instead researchers are referred to the Virginia State Library and Archives.

When you write to the Virginia State Library and Archives, if you live outside that state, there is a basic "Alien Fee" of \$10.00. Recently Betty Camin ordered a copy of a 3

page will. The fees were: copying a 3 page will - \$12; research fee - \$10; handling - \$4; alien fee - \$10; a total cost of \$36.

Visitors may use, free of charge, the printed and manuscript resources of the Library of Virginia during the hours of 8:15 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Saturday, except on legal holidays. Professional staff is available to provide free assistance.

Experienced SCGA members are sufficiently ingenious in devising economical means for securing research information.

MEMBERSHIP YEAR - 1995

December 31 will end the current SCGA membership year. January 1 begins a new year. I want to remind all SCGA members that, due to a change in the By-laws, there will not be a carry over of benefits into 1995 from the current membership year. The membership fee must be paid in order for members to receive the monthly newsletter and quarterly journal. Previously these had been sent through March even though the membership fee had not been paid. That will not be the case this year. Please renew your membership for 1995—\$15 for individuals and \$17 for families—so that your membership benefits can continue uninterrupted.

This past year was a record membership year—306! With continued co-operation and support, that number will be surpassed this year. We should strive for a minimum membership of at least 500. With a base of support that size, it will be possible to move ahead with many of the research modernization projects for which we have sought support during recent years. If each member will renew and seek one additional member, 1995 will be another record membership year.

1995 SCGA OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee recommended and the Association elected officers for 1995 at the November meeting.

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Officers are:

President - Robert B. Holder
Vice-President - Carlos Surratt
Recording Secretary - Ann B. Stewart
Corresponding Secretary - Lessie Brindle
Treasurer - Teresa Smith
Librarian - Barbara Welborn

These will be installed at the December meeting. Committees and their chairpersons will be appointed at the January meeting.

SERVICE ON COMMITTEES

The By-laws of SOGA state that most of the work of the Association will be conducted by committees. In addition to the Executive Committee, comprised of Association Officers and Committee Chairpersons, there are five standing committees—Membership, Publicity, Journal, Publications, and Research.

If the Association is to accomplish its stated goals, each of these committees must fulfill its responsibilities. In order for each committee to function, there must be a sufficient number of committee members.

Attached to this newsletter is a "Service Interest Survey." We ask that local members volunteer to serve on a committee of their choice. Please complete the survey and return it by mail or in person on December 12. We need your help!

(SURVEY MAILED TO LOCAL MEMBERS ONLY)

FUTURE PROGRAMS

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February 13, 1995 - Marion Venable will present results of some recent research on the architecture of Surry County.

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

JANUARY 1995

JANUARY MEETING

The Surry County Genealogical Association will meet on Monday, January 9, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

Jimmy Cockerham, longtime member of SCGA, will be the featured speaker. Jimmy has done extensive research on numerous Surry County families. Recently we have featured several speakers who have shared their research on the Snow family of Surry County. Jimmy says that he will not talk about his research on the Snow family but about research on other families in Surry County.

This is the first time (at least in recent years) that Jimmy has had the opportunity to speak at the Association's monthly meeting. You will enjoy what he has to share with us. Come with your questions; Jimmy probably will answer them for you.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

SCGA's December meeting was a Christmas party held at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson. This year we met in the large dining room so there was comfortable seating for all. There were forty seven members and guests in attendance. Door prizes were brought and shared by those present. Betty Edwards was the winner of a free membership for 1995.

CHALLENGES FOR THE NEW YEAR

The new year, 1995, has arrived. We feel the excitement of a year of challenges which confront us as individuals and as an organization.

Each new year I set goals to accomplish (I avoid resolutions because these imply commitment and a compelling desire to accomplish which, usually, I don't have). In some areas I have success; in others, time and circumstances conspire to deny success. One personal goal for 1995 is to complete research on the Holder family ancestry.

As the President of SCGA, there are five goals which we should strive to accomplish:

- (1) Sell sufficient copies of Volume II to pay printing cost (estimated - \$7,000);
- (2) Increase the membership (especially

- local membership) beyond the 306 of 1994;
- (3) Strengthen the organization so that there is greater participation by the membership in Association activities through standing committees;
- (4) Acquire additional genealogical research material for the library; and
- (5) Schedule special events which are of interest to members.

SCGA must actively be involved in fulfilling the purposes for its existence. These are stated in the Association's By-laws. We exist as a tax exempt service/educational organization and as such should pursue to the utmost to render service to the membership and others within our ability.

Many of you give freely of your time and energy to accomplish the purposes of the Association; we encourage others to become more actively involved. The value of your membership in SCGA is commensurate with the investment of your time and energy.

Come, join with us as we face the challenge of meeting our goals in 1995.

COMPUTER PROGRAM

SCGA member Barbara Summerlin sent me a review of "Family Tree Maker, Deluxe CD-ROM Edition, Version 2.0" from the Wall Street Journal. This review is reprinted for your information:

The long-winded name of this \$59 program is misleading, because this is a full-fledged genealogy program, not just a way to mock up family trees. It lets you create a detailed database of all your relatives and their relationships and can even incorporate photos if they have first been transferred to a Kodak photo CD disk.

Not only that, but the program's publisher, Banner Blue Software of Fremont, Calif., has built in a list of 100 million deceased Americans. The program tells you what sort of historical government records contain information on each person -- Social Security records, census data, military records and so forth. You can then go to a library and look up indexes to the relevant records, or Banner Blue will sell you a CD-ROM containing detailed indexes to the records for about \$25, in most cases. The indexes alone often contain key dates and other data.

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SERVICE INTEREST SURVEY

There was limited response to the "Service Interest Survey" which was mailed to local members with the December Newsletter. We need your service on a committee if we are to move forward in 1995. Please find your copy of the Survey, complete it and return it by the time of the January meeting.

WALLACE KALLAM HONORED

Wallace Kallam is to be congratulated for being recognized by the "North Carolina Society of Historians, Inc." for publication of the Kallam Cemetery Books 27 & 28. Wallace continues his invaluable contribution of making material available to those who are researching their family ancestry.

Congratulations on your recognition, Wallace!

MOUNT AIRY MUSEUM OF REGIONAL HISTORY

Work on the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History continues at a steady pace. A director, Vince Canino, has been employed and is on the job.

The progress of the museum's work will depend, to a major degree, upon the size and rate of contributions. Since this is, primarily, a community project, the museum is dependent upon private donations. We encourage you to be supportive of the museum's efforts; become a member, make a contribution. The work of the museum and that of SCGA are supportive of each other.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Each Wednesday afternoon Betty Camin and others will be present in the Surry Community College library to assist any who may have research problems. Come by and you may find the "missing link" for which you have been searching.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. on January 9, prior to the regular meeting. The committee will meet in the Teaching Auditorium. Please be on time since there are some items which call for a decision by the Executive Committee.

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

FEBRUARY 1995

FEBRUARY MEETING

The Surry County Genealogical Association will meet on Monday, February 13, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

Marion Venable, member of SOGA, will present an updated program on the early architecture of Surry County. Marion presented a similar program two years ago which was a tremendous success with SOGA members. This is a different program and will be equally enjoyed by all in attendance.

Make a special effort to be present for this presentation about the kinds of buildings which our early Surry County ancestors constructed as they settled this area.

GEORGE STONEMAN AND HIS CIVIL WAR RAIDS

Along with this newsletter you received a brochure about the "George Stoneman Symposium" scheduled for April 8, 1995. Please note that SOGA is a co-sponsor of this event. We encourage you to support this event by your attendance.

STANDING COMMITTEES - 1995

Membership: Esther Johnson, Ch., Wilma Hiatt, Teresa Smith

Publications: Betty Rogers, Ch., Donna Edwards, Treasurer, Carlos and Jo Ann Surratt

Research: Agnes Wells, Ch., James Cockerham, Teresa Smith, Wilma Hiatt

Journal: Wade Marion, Editor, Carol Johnson, James Cockerham, Ann Stewart

Publicity: Steve Hall, Ch., Shirley Hall, Co-chairman

Wednesday Volunteers: Betty Camin, Ann Stewart

The committees listed above represent the names of those who completed their "Service Interest Survey" forms for 1995. Additional volunteers are needed to accomplish the goals which SOGA hopes to accomplish this year. Will you help continue the excellent work of SOGA through 1995? We need you. Return your volunteer form today!

HARDY FAMILY HISTORY

Thanks to Diane Hardy Norman for the donation of a copy of her family history of the Hardy family to SOGA. This book will be placed in the genealogical section of the Surry Community College Library.

MEMBERSHIP

SOGA active membership as of January 9, 1995 meeting--172. Remind all members to renew immediately in order to receive newsletters and journals.

HERITAGE BOOK SALES

As of the January 9, 1995 meeting, the remaining amount owed for publication of Volume II had been reduced to \$4,881.09. FABULOUS! Keep up the good work. Turn money for sales of Volume II in to Donna Edwards by February 20th.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS - 1995

In addition to the regular monthly meetings and programs, SOGA will sponsor several special events this year. These include: (1) Visit to the Patrick County, VA Museum; (2) visit to the Carroll County, VA Clerk of Court Office; (3) a Genealogy Fair; (4) co-sponsor the "Stoneman Symposium"; (5) participate in the Piedmont Berry Festival; and other special events which have not been finalized.

Remember that SOGA has representation in the Surry Community College Library each Wednesday afternoon to provide assistance to those who have encountered difficulties in their research.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular meeting on February 13. The Executive Committee is comprised of officers and committee chairmen. Any SOGA member who wishes to attend is invited to the Executive Committee meeting. It is and will continue to be our policy that all Association affairs and business transactions are conducted in the open and shared with the membership.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Ron Bremmer, a speaker who is well known by genealogists, will make a presentation on February 28, at 6:30 P.M. at the Hillsville Public Library in Hillsville, VA. This program will be sponsored by the Carroll County Genealogy Club and Hillsville Public Library. You may contact Donna Edwards at (910) 789-2559 for further information.

READERS COMMENTS

SOGA has received "thank you" notes and information as follows:

"Thank you for the great newsletters and articles in the journal of SOGA. I am grateful for the hard work by all of local volunteers."

Frank C. Cockerham, Melbourne, FL

"I am so very proud and pleased with Heritage Vol. 11. Merry Christmas and God bless all at the SOGA meeting."

Barbara Wall, Columbia, CA

"On reading about the "awful" cost of getting information, I wonder if anyone is aware of the services offered by the Allen County Public Library in Ft. Wayne, Ind.

I have been able to get wills & other information and the fees have been nominal.

You must know what you want, i.e. Wills of Va. List the name - county and date. They will copy your material and send it to you with a bill."

Their address is:

Allen County Public Library
Genealogy Department
900 Webster St., Box 2270
Ft. Wayne, IN 46801

Helen L. Fritz, Sun City, CA

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March 1995

MARCH MEETING

The Surry County Genealogical Association will meet on Monday, March 13, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

This will be a "Share and Help" program. Jimmy Cockerham, Jerry Gentry and Agnes Wells will lead small group discussions about research on certain Surry County families and other selected topics. If his health permits him to attend, Wallace Kallam will talk with members who wish to obtain a military veterans cemetery marker.

These programs offer something for everyone who has an interest in genealogy. Come and enjoy the evening discussing genealogical research with your fellow members.

GUILFORD WORKSHOP

The Guilford County Genealogical Society plans to conduct a workshop for beginners on Saturday, April 15, 1995. You will receive a flier in the mail giving details.

DAVID MARSHALL'S DATABASE EXTRACTIONS

David Marshall has developed a comprehensive computer database on the descendants of Martin Marshall and allied families including Badgett, Frey (Fry), Joyce, Marion, Key, Nichols, Quesenberry, Robertson, Sparger, Vanhoy, Venable, Wolfe, and Wray. If you wish to take advantage of this available material or perhaps add your family information to the database, write David Marshall for this information and the cost. His address is: 147 West Idlewood Circle, West Columbia, SC 29170. (NOTE: Normally SOGA does not advertise products for sale unless the provider has rendered reciprocal service to the Association. In this instance, the Association has received services many times in excess of that which it has rendered. RBH)

THE HERITAGE OF SURRY COUNTY, VOL. 11

Sales of Volume 11 continue at a steady

pace. As of the February 13 meeting, the amount owed the publisher was approximately \$1,300. Hopefully, with the continued diligence of the membership to this task, that amount can be paid by the time of the March meeting. Keep up the good work! Thanks to all who have devoted time and energy to this highly successful project. You have done a superb job.

GENEALOGY FAIR

The Association voted at the February meeting to conduct another Genealogy Fair, this year on Saturday, October 7. Spread the word to additional presenters and those who may have an interest in pursuing their family research in this manner. We will advertise for table reservations at a later date.

MEMBERSHIP

Paid membership for 1995 reached 212 at the February meeting. A membership advertising campaign is currently underway. We look forward to the challenge of exceeding the 306 paid memberships of 1994.

1994 MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION

A recent analysis of the 1994 paid membership revealed the distribution as follows: Surry County-64; Forsyth County-17; Stokes County-4; Yadkin County-4; other NC counties-28; Virginia-25; California-18; Texas-16; Florida-16; Tennessee-9; Georgia-8; South Carolina-7; Kansas, Oregon, and Oklahoma-each 6; Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, and Utah-each 5; Washington and Idaho-each 4; Colorado, Delaware, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Iowa, Missouri and Nevada-each 3; New Mexico, Arkansas and New York-each 2; Maryland, Alaska, Michigan, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Minnesota and District of Columbia-each 1; Canada-2; and New Zealand-1 (6 not listed in November Journal).

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JOURNAL EDITOR

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

Wade Marion, who has served faithfully as Journal Editor for three years, has requested that we seek a new Editor for 1996. If you have an interest, contact your President. You have a wonderful opportunity to gain experience during the remainder of 1995.

The SOGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. on March 13, prior to the regular meeting. All officers and committee chairpersons are to be present to discuss the business of the Association.

STONEMAN SYMPOSIUM

SOGA along with other history oriented groups will sponsor a symposium entitled "George Stoneman and His Civil War Raids" at the Andy Griffith Playhouse on Saturday, April 8, 1995. SOGA will operate a table to sell books and distribute information. Donna Edwards will be in charge of planning for SOGA for that day. If you will assist in that effort for part of the day, contact her and get your name on the schedule. Let's join together to make this another successful project!

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April 1995

APRIL MEETING

The Surry County Genealogical Association will meet at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, April 10, 1995, in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

Shelia Core, Reference Librarian, will be the speaker at the April meeting. She will tell about the new books and materials in the Library and how best to access the research materials available to family researchers. This information will prove to be extremely helpful to those who go to SCC Library to research their family ancestry. Both the Library and the Association are adding material to the Genealogical Section. Our goal is to continue efforts to build one of the best family research libraries in North Carolina. As materials are acquired, however, researchers must know what they are and how to find them. Shelia will provide that information at the next meeting.

Our thanks to Shelia for taking the time to come and share with us. She has been a loyal supporter of SCGA since its beginning in 1981.

REGISTER OF DEEDS OFFICE PROJECT

Several volunteers from SCGA are working with the Register of Deeds office preparing materials for microfilming. Marriage licenses from 1868 through 1961 are being broken into two sets (1868-1899 and 1900-1961), alphabetized, and readied for microfilming. It will be possible to access the alphabetized sets by computer at a later date. When the licenses are refiled, they will be put into mylar envelopes and placed in binders which will protect the documents and give more efficient access to researchers.

We commend Register of Deeds, "Bud" Cameron for arranging what will be an improvement in service. Also, thanks to the SCGA volunteers who have spent, already, many hundred of hours in this project. It is this kind of co-operative spirit which makes the Surry County Register of Deeds office so readily accessible and keeps SCGA growing and improving in the kinds of service which it renders. Thanks to each one who is involved in this project.

RESEARCHERS FOR HIRE

From time to time we publicize the names of SCGA members who will do genealogical research for a fee. Previously we have listed the names of Agnes Wells (910-786-2992) and Betty Camin (910-786-2307) who will do research in Surry and surrounding areas. Velpo Robertson, SCGA member, has notified us that he will do research at the Library of Virginia and the Archives in Richmond for a fee. If you are interested, call him at 804-737-4739 or write him at 205 Algiers Drive, Sandston, VA 23150.

1900 SURRY COUNTY CENSUS

Recently Lorna Barrett has completed the transcription of the 1900 Surry County Census. It is a large book (almost 600 pages) with an abundance of information, some of which has never been referenced before. For example, it gives the month and year of birth, how many years married, how many children a woman has had and how many are living. This will prove to be invaluable in your research. It can be ordered at a cost of \$40.00 postpaid from Lorna Barrett, P. O. Box 6248, Mount Airy, NC 27030 or Agnes Wells, 521 North Franklin Road, Mount Airy, NC 27030.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of SCGA for 1995 has surpassed 250. In 1994 there was 306 for the entire year. We fully expect to surpass that figure by a substantial amount. Eventually the membership of SCGA will surpass 500. If the Association continues to offer worthwhile services to the membership and if we continue the recruitment of new members, there is no limit to our success. Thanks to each one for your support!

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SOGA has reached a historical milestone, one in which every member should feel pride and satisfaction. The final payment has been made for the printing of Volume 11 and it was done through book sales and without having to borrow from the regular account as had been planned, if necessary. You are to be commended for this momentous achievement; the final payment was made before it was due. This is due to the efforts of many people who took the time and made the effort to see that the job was done.

A reminder that Betty Camin and others will be present in the SOC Library to provide assistance to anyone who is doing family research. Come by at that time if you need help.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

SOGA plans to participate in the "Stoneman Symposium" on April 8, 1995 at the Andy Griffith Playhouse in Mount Airy and the "Piedmont Berry Festival" in July in Dobson. If you have a couple of hours, come by and help maintain the table which SOGA will operate. We need your help.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A "Family History Fireside" will be held at 7:00 P.M. on April 21, 1995 at the Mount Airy Ward of the Latter-Day Saints Church. "How to Organize Family History" and other topics will be discussed by guest speaker, Phil-Haslett. For more information contact Esther Johnson (786-2545) or Linda Johnson (789-3264).

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SOGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. prior to the April 10 meeting. If you are a committee chairperson or officer, please join us for this important meeting.

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Register of Deeds Office Project
- (See info in Apr 1995 SCGA News-
letter.)



Some of the volunteers were:
- (L to R) Lorna Barrett, Donna
Edwards, Ann Stewart, Wilma Hiatt.



Volunteers Lorna Barrett, Ann
Stewart, Agnes Wells, and Donna
EDwards. (3-95)



Lorna Barrett, Ann Stewart,
Agnes Wells, and Donna Edwards
(3-95)



View of the Surry County Court-
house in Dobson where Register of -
Deeds Office is located.





Emily Southard and Gerald Cook



Rilla Gregg, Barb Wood, Barbara Welborn, Ann Stewart

fellow genealogists, and have a fun day. Applications for table reservations will be available at a later date.

JUNE MEETING

You will receive a Newsletter and information about the June meeting the latter part of May, but we wanted you to be aware now that it will be a special meeting. We plan to visit the Kapps Mill/Mitchell River/Rocky Ford Baptist Church area and then picnic together. We want to announce this ahead of time so that you can put it on your calendar. Last year's visit to Rockford was very enjoyable. You will enjoy this year's outing also.

REUNIONS

If you are planning a family reunion, get the information to us and we will print it in the Newsletter.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

We wish to remind you that Betty Camin and others will be present in the SCC Library on Wednesday afternoons to provide assistance to anyone who is doing family research. Come by at that time if you need help.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SOGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular May 8 meeting. If you are an officer or a committee chairperson, please join us for this important meeting.

VISIT TO PATRICK COUNTY

The Patrick County Museum and Library have scheduled SOGA for a special visit on Saturday, May 20, 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. The Museum and Library are located in Stuart, Virginia.

This excursion has been planned by SOGA for several months. Teresa Smith finalized details with Museum and Library officials this week.

Plan to visit the museum in order to see some of the historic artifacts which are on display. You may wish to visit the library for some family research while there.

Since this has been scheduled especially for SOGA members, we encourage all to show their appreciation by attending this special event. Car pool and enjoy the day!

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Angela Leonard/The Mount Airy News

Surry Register of Deeds Bud Cameron reviews deeds from the 1770s, among many historical documents needing preservation.

Effort Made To Preserve Records

By ANGELA LEONARD
Staff Writer

DOBSON — The past is a real, but fragile, commodity in the Surry County Register of Deeds Office.

Leather-bound deed books, their delicate, yellowed pages filled with handwritten conveyances, date to 1771 — the year Surry County was created. Marriage records, often with misspelled names and missing information, go back to 1868, when keeping such records became the duty of county registers of deeds.

Genealogists love the records and depend on them to carry out their research.

But keeping the records protected and still available for the public is a struggle for Bud Cameron, the Surry register of deeds.

"This office is the archives of Surry County," said Cameron. "A

"We add to them every day, but we are also responsible for the old ones."

5-95 —Bud Cameron

lot of people may not have much sympathy for the preservation of records for genealogy, but these records also tell us a tremendous amount about Surry County.

"Besides, these are the records of the county and they must be kept and maintained. We are very fortunate never to have had a courthouse fire to destroy our records as so many counties have. We add to them every day, but we are also responsible for the old ones."

Cameron opened a deed book and turned to an entry describing a father deeding his possessions to his son in 1770, although the deed was not recorded until the next year. The possessions included land, two slaves listed by name and a horse described by color. "It's kind of sad," Cameron said, pointing out that it is a bit of the county's history just the same.

In an effort to preserve Surry County's past, Cameron has undertaken two projects. The first will become reality in the coming months; the second will take years to complete, but Cameron hopes to begin this coming year.

The initial project emerged when Cameron learned about a potential grant from the N.C. Department of

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Cultural Resources. Cameron applied for a grant to microfilm closed-out index books, something that had not been done since 1977 when state budget cuts meant the Department of Archives would no longer provide that service.

"We didn't have a security copy of a lot of our records," the local official said. "If someone stole a record, and the page from the index, we could not recreate it."

Other registers of deeds learned what Cameron was attempting, and being in the same position made the same request. The end result, he said, was that the grant was awarded in a lump sum to the Department of History to send a microfilm technician to counties in the western and eastern parts of the state and photograph their records.

"So I didn't get the grant, but I did get what I wanted and more," Cameron said.

In addition to the county's index books, the project extended to records of the Board of Education, county clerk, commissioners, Board of Elections, Department of Social Services and Health Department, he said.

Then Cameron ran into a problem with county marriage records. They never had been microfilmed and there was no second copy of ones before 1962.

The licenses were folded and filed by year and last name of the groom in upright files dating back to 1868. The state's new constitution to be readmitted into the United States made marriage licenses a register of deed duty beginning that year.

The problem was the old records were deteriorating. They were yellowed, and many were wearing thin where they had been folded once or twice. Many were filled out by ministers in pencil, which had faded a great deal. And because of the filing system, it was impossible to keep the licenses in order, which meant time wasted whenever an old license was needed.

Cameron was concerned that the county was about to lose some of its history. Before the technician arrived, he called and asked if it would be possible to get the marriage licenses filmed as well. "He said he'd do it if we flattened them and alphabetized them. The problem was, he was going to be here in two weeks and stay for three.

"They didn't realize what they were saying yes to, and I didn't, either. There was no way the present staff could handle it."

Cameron said more than 2,000 licenses were issued from 1868 to 1899, and another 16,000 from 1900 to 1961. All had to be unfolded and alphabetized. He called for help from the experts, Surry County genealogists.

Sixteen people responded to his call: Jo Frances Adams, Lorna Barrett, Betty Camin, Irene Dobbins, Donna Edwards, Shirley Hall, Steve Hall, Zetta Haynes, Wilma Hiatt, Robert Isaacs, Ester Johnson, Wade Marion, Ann Stewart, Jimmy Smith, Teresa Smith, Agnes Wells and Clayton Wells.

Cameron said they worked late into the evening many days and devoted 680 hours — or 17 work weeks — to the project. "They were the best people for the job," he said. "They are used to old writing and spelling, and handling old documents."

Volunteers took each of the records out of the drawers, flattened them and separated them by letter. Then they spread several years out on the table, and grouped the letters together, Cameron said. Finally, they alphabetized all of each letter.

In the end, genealogists had two groups for each letter — a pre-1900 one and the second covering 1900 to 1961 — ready to be microfilmed.

The records from before 1900 also were Xeroxed, as another means of preservation, and Cameron said the originals will be transferred to Raleigh to the Department of Archives for storage. The copies will be put in binders, so that their order will be maintained and locating the old documents will be easier.

Keeping the newer records in order and protected was also a concern, Cameron said, especially since so much work had been done organizing them. He asked the Board of Commissioners for an additional appropriation of \$3,600 to buy mylar envelopes for the licenses, and that request was approved Tuesday night. Cameron expects to have his volunteers back at work once the envelopes, more than 8,000 of them, arrive.

Until the licenses can be placed in binders, Cameron said they've been removed from public use. The microfilm rolls already have arrived and research can be done on them, but the order must stay the same so that people can work from the film and the originals or duplicates.

He's now tackling the next project — the preservation of about 30 of the oldest volumes of deeds and death records. That is work that will have to be contracted out, Cameron said, and will cost about \$30,000. He doesn't expect to fund that project all in one year, but hopes to receive county funds to begin a few books this year.

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JUNE 1995

JUNE MEETING -- PICNIC TIME!

The June meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday evening, June 12 (the regular meeting date). The time of the meeting has been adjusted because of the schedule of activities.

SOGA will meet at Kapps Mill on Mitchell River for its June meeting. Tours of the area will begin at 4:00 P.M. Sites to be visited include Kapps Mill and area, Rocky Ford Baptist Church and area, Devotion (the Reynolds estate), and perhaps some historic cemetery sites.

Mrs. Jackie Jackson, owner of Kapps Mill, graciously offered for members to park in her driveway and appropriate grass areas. Mrs. Jackson lives just off Kapps Mill Road on the east side of the mill in the historic house which is painted yellow. While members may park in these areas, please do not block the driveway.

The mill building will be open for members to tour. The mill could be put into operating condition again without much difficulty. While we members have freedom of access, we should not handle or attempt to operate any of the machinery.

Tours to the other sites will begin at Kapps Mill. We will post a notice about the site of the picnic at Kapps Mill (it may be there or elsewhere). We will plan to eat at 6:30 P.M.

Those who attend are to bring foods of their choices and two liter drinks. Someone will bring plates, eating utensils, cups, napkins and ice. Since there are no picnic tables at any of these sites, if you have folding tables, picnic tables, or other tables appropriate for a picnic, please bring them. Also, don't forget to bring your folding chairs.

To reach Kapps Mill from Dobson, travel west on Zephyr Road. After you cross I-77, travel approximately 2.5 to 3 miles until you reach Kapps Mill Road on the right. Turn onto Kapps Mill Road, travel west about 1.5 miles until you reach the mill site. Park in the driveway or grass areas on the east side of the mill (as described above).

The annual summer picnic has been one of

the highlights of our year. We encourage you to attend this year. Bring food, visit the historic sites and enjoy sharing with fellow members. This will result in a very satisfying evening.

DOBSON BERRY FESTIVAL

SOGA will participate in the Berry Festival again this year. Dates for the Festival are July 21 and 22. We need help! We ask that members volunteer to spend a couple of hours operating the Association's booth either on Friday or Saturday. Those who work the Festival enjoy sharing information and talking genealogy with those who stop by to visit. We don't sell many books (we do sell some), but it is an excellent publicity event for SOGA. Volunteer to spend at least a couple of hours in SOGA's booth.

MEMBERSHIP

The membership of SOGA continues to increase at a rapid pace. It was reported at the May meeting that there are 288 paying members--well ahead of where we were one year ago. In fact, we now need only 19 members to surpass last year's total. Thanks to all who have encouraged others to become a member of this organization. SOGA does have a service to render and performs that service in a superb fashion.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- July - Bud Cameron will be with us at SOG to explain the changes made in the organization of materials at the Surry County Register of Deeds Office
- Aug. - Annual visit to the Register of Deeds Office

MANY THANKS!

Patrick County Museum and Library volunteers were very helpful to visiting SOGA members on May 20. There is plenty of Virginia materials for researchers, compiled genealogies for many families, and splendid displays of local historical items to view.

NOTE! The Executive Committee will not meet in June.

Kapps Mill on Mitchell River,
Surry County, NC







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JULY 1995

JULY MEETING

The July meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday evening, July 10, 1995, 7:00 P.M. and will meet in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

Bud Cameron, Surry County Register of Deeds, will be the speaker for the July meeting. There have been numerous changes made in the arrangement of research materials at the Register of Deeds office. Additional material has been microfilmed and can be accessed in that manner. The location of other materials in the office has been changed. Since the August meeting of the Association is scheduled for the Register of Deeds office, it seems appropriate to invite Mr. Cameron to the July meeting to tell us about the changes. He will answer any other questions which you may have about the operation of the Register of Deeds office.

Bud is a charter member of SOGA. He continues to be a loyal and enthusiastic supporter of this organization and its activities. I know that you will want to attend the July meeting and hear him tell about the changes made in the Register of Deeds office.

JUNE MEETING

Despite torrential rains for two days, SOGA members were able to enjoy a most interesting tour and picnic at the June meeting. The sun made its appearance about 3:00 P.M. and by the time that the group arrived, the weather was pleasant. An estimated 50 members and guests were in attendance. Due to the efforts of members, we heard a brief history of the Reynolds family and Devotion and were able to eat in the Mountain Park Community Building. Thanks to all who had a part in making this outing such an enjoyable success!

WEDNESDAY BECOMES THURSDAY...

SOGA member Betty Camin and others have provided research assistance-free of charge-to

those who came to the SOC Library on Wednesday afternoons. The day when Betty and others will be there has been changed. Beginning immediately, assistance will be available on THURSDAY afternoons from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. in the library at SOC. Pass the word so that others may learn of this change. Our thanks also to Betty for the numerous books she has donated to the research library.

Additionally, Betty is willing to share the many, many volumes of genealogical material she has in her home library. Just call her to arrange for a convenient time to "browse" through her books.

BERRY FESTIVAL

The Association will participate in the Dobson Berry Festival on Friday and Saturday, July 21 - 22. We will operate a station as in the past; therefore, we need volunteers to talk with those who stop by. Plan to spend a couple of hours under our tent. It is an enjoyable experience, especially if you enjoy talking about genealogy. We don't sell many books or enlist many new members, but it excellent publicity for SOGA. It establishes contact with those who have similar interests.

MEMBERSHIP

The revised membership total now stands at 298, only eight from the total for 1994. Continue to encourage others to join with us as we work to make additional research services available to the public.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The SOGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. on July 10, prior to the regular meeting. We encourage officers and committee chairpersons to be present so that we can discuss the business of the Association.

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IN MEMORIAM

WALLACE KALLAM
(1934 - 1995)

Wallace Kallam, charter member of SCGA and a loyal supporter of the Association's activities, passed away on Monday morning, June 19, 1995.

Wallace had been in poor health for the past few years, but he continued his work in securing tombstones markers for veterans. He surveyed hundreds of cemeteries in Surry and surrounding counties and assisted researchers seeking the burial places of their ancestors. Wallace compiled more than two dozen books of his surveys.

We will miss Wallace as a friend, a SCGA supporter, his efforts to secure tombstones, his interest in preserving and protecting the cemeteries located in out-of-the-way places and his endless knowledge of genealogical information. We extend our sympathy to his family and countless friends. All of us have suffered an irreplaceable loss.

Berry Festival in Dobson



Robert Holder, Emily Southard,
Steve Hall, Shirley Hall and
Jo Adams

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

August 1995

AUGUST PROGRAM

The Genealogical Association will meet at the Surry County Register of Deeds Office in Dobson for the regular August meeting. The office will be open for SOGA members beginning at 6:00 P.M. and closing at 9:00 P.M. (Please note the change in meeting times!)

Bud Cameron, Surry County Register of Deeds and SOGA member, has graciously opened his office for our use one night in August for the past several years. We owe a debt of thanks to him and his staff, not only for the extra time and attention he gives to the Association, but also for the many other things that he does to be of service to us.

Bud came to the July meeting of the Association and explained to those present the many changes which have been made in the arrangement of research material at the Register of Deeds office. This will be helpful as we come to do some research this month.

Generally, attendance is excellent at the August meeting. We will be looking for the opportunity to meet and visit with each of you again this year.

GENEALOGY FAIR

Attached to this month's Newsletter is a flier with information about the 1995 Genealogy Fair scheduled for October 7. Last year's Fair was a tremendous success. We encourage those of you with books to sell or information to share to reserve a table now. I anticipate a greater demand for space this year than last.

This year a copier will be available for use by those in attendance. Also, we anticipate having a caterer available during the lunch hour for those who wish to purchase lunch.

MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to report that membership in the Association has reached 300. We look forward to surpassing 306, the number of members in 1994. Encourage your friends to join with us as we continue to increase in size and quality of service offered to the

membership and to the general public.

SOGA TO HONOR WALLACE KALLAM

The Association voted to join with the Sons of Confederate Veterans to honor the memory of Wallace Kallam through the purchase of a set of books which lists the names of 1,400,000 veterans of the Civil War. These books will be placed in the Genealogy Research Section of the SCC Library. A special presentation is planned for a later date.

You may contribute toward the purchase of these books by mailing your check either to SOGA or to the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

BERRY FESTIVAL

Thanks to each one who helped to maintain our booth at the Berry Festival on July 21 - 22. Several of you gave of your time to represent the Association at this important event. Several Heritage books were sold and at least one membership secured. This is an excellent publicity event for the Association. Public exposure tells people who we are and arouses their interest in becoming one of us.

REMINDER

Betty Camin and others are available in the SCC Library on Thursdays, 1:00 - 4:00 P.M., to assist researchers. Come by during those hours for free assistance.

Also, Betty has "A List of Warrants issued to Officers and Soldiers in the Continental Line Raised in and Belonging to State of North Carolina - 1785-1820." These are warrants for land (now in Tennessee) which give the soldier's name, # of acres (that was dependant on rank), time served in the Revolutionary War (usually varied from 36 to 84 months), date of warrant, and to whom delivered. Call Betty-786-2307- for more information.

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FUTURE PROGRAMS

- SEPTEMBER - Kyle Stimpson will speak on "The Great Wagon Road"
OCTOBER - Presentation by the Carroll County (Virginia) Historical Society who will be our guests
NOVEMBER - Angela Leonard, the new editor of Simple Pleasures, will be our guest speaker
DECEMBER - Christmas Party at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

A Genealogy Workshop by the North Carolina Genealogical Society will be held in Charlotte on August 11 - 12. On August 11 there will be registration, dinner, and an introductory talk. On August 12 there will be workshops held all day on "old handwriting, accessing records, etc.," with Helen Leary as speaker. The cost will be \$40.00 (\$35.00 to NCGS members); Holiday Inn rooms are available for this event (\$49.00 single or double), if desired.

Dear S.C. S.A. members and
research comm.,

Just a note of thanks for the recent
Draughn/McHone deeds print-outs
you were kind enough to send me.

Yes, I know of Esther (Draughn) Johnson
she's my 2nd cousin, with whom I
correspond often. Unfortunately, she
doesn't appear to be able to locate info.
on our G. Grand mother, Emazetta McHone
either, but has been very helpful to
me in my research. I don't know if she
is aware of these deeds you have sent
though.

You are probably aware of the fact that I
am diligently putting queries in the
"Journal" constantly, but sometimes
I realize, sometimes are just not there
to find. Anyway, wanted you to know how
very much I appreciate hearing from
you. At least I know someone is trying
to help. Thank you for being so kind.
I will get in touch w/ mt. Cameron &
send you copies of what-ever I find.

and mt. Airy!!

8-19-95

You're being thought
of and missed.

I love mt. Airy so
much. I am also a Charter-
builder of the new museum. I
wish I could see how things
are coming along there.

I also realize how nearly
impossible it is to answer
every "out of town" members
questions. So the help you've
extended me makes it all
the more special.

Your friend in
research - Love to
you all. Sincerely
Mrs. Lerry Ackerman



— Bud Cameron and Pattie Midkiff —
— Wilmoth —



— Bud Cameron and Emily Southard —



Betty Edwards, Donna Edwards
and Ann Stewart



Carlos Surratt and Robert Holder



— Agnes Wells, Robert Holder and
— Rilla Gregg



— Donna Edwards, Lorna Barrett
— and Agnes Wells

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State Archives Hosts Annual Meeting of NAGARA

The North Carolina State Archives hosted the 1995 annual meeting of the National Association of Government Archives and Records Administrators (NAGARA) at the Radisson Plaza Hotel in downtown Raleigh, July 26-29. The annual meeting had as its theme "Communication, Cooperation, Collaboration: Keys to the Future" and featured the following programs:

"Electronic Document Imaging: The State of the Art," a workshop led by Dr. William Saffady, professor, School of Information Science and Policy, State University of New York at Albany and the author of several books on the management of electronic records

"The Theory and Practice of Disaster Preparedness and Response," a workshop conducted by Harlan Greene, director, North Carolina Preservation Consortium and an expert on the preservation of records



The North Carolina State Archives hosted the 1995 annual meeting of NAGARA, July 26-29. Shown pausing for a photograph at the main entrance to the State Archives are (left to right) Betty Ray McCain, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources; David J. Olson, state archivist of North Carolina; John W. Carlin, Archivist of the United States; and Jeffrey J. Crow, acting director of the Division of Archives and History. (All photographs by the Division of Archives and History unless otherwise indicated.)

"Intergovernmental Cooperation: A Report from the Archivist of the United States," a plenary session presented by John W. Carlin. Mr. Carlin, a former governor of Kansas, was recently confirmed as Archivist of the United States by the U.S. Senate. He discussed ongoing National Archives programs, particularly as they relate to common problems and issues involving record keeping and records programs at local and state levels, as well as the need for cooperation and collaboration among archives and records administrators at all levels of government.

"Government Records, Government Information, and the National Information Infrastructure," a discussion of the impact of the Information Superhighway on government and the information professions led by Marie B. Allen of the National Archives and featuring a presentation by Jane Smith Patterson of the Governor's Office

"A Picture is Still Worth a Billion Bytes," a panel discussion of the continuing importance of photographic images and recorded sound in a period of transition from paper to electronic record keeping and an exploration of the present state of the art in preservation and restoration of sound and image archival holdings. Frank B. Evans of the National Archives, moderator; John Lynch of Vanderbilt University and Paul Mangiafico of Duke University, panelists

"Safeguarding Our Cultural Heritage: Disaster Preparedness, Networks and Alliances," a panel discussion of efforts by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the National Institute for Conservation, and the Getty Conservation Institute to create a national disaster preparedness and response infrastructure. Thomas F. R. Clareson, AMIGOS Bibliographic Council, moderator; Richard Krimm of FEMA and Stanley M. McKinney of the South Carolina Emergency Preparedness Division, panelists

"The Intergovernmental Connection: The Food Stamp Project Report," an examination of a recent report on record-keeping issues involving the national Food Stamp program. Deborah Skaggs (Alabama), moderator; Rosalye Settles (National Archives), Pat Durlach (South Carolina), and John K. Hulmston (Utah), participants

"Electronic Authenticity: Ensuring the Integrity of Electronic Records," a discussion of difficulties involved in safeguarding the authenticity of records in electronic formats. Ed Southern, North Carolina State Archives, moderator; Peggy Adams (National Archives) and Richard Davis (National Climatic Data Center), panelists

"We're in this Together: Strengthening Local and State Government Records Relationships," an examination of the strengths and weaknesses of state-centralized and decentralized local records programs from the perspective of the local program. Michael Unruh, North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, moderator and commentator; Claire A. Cardina (Tampa, Florida) and Robert Westby (Contra Costa County, California), panelists

"Future Shock or Future Success: The Structure and Mission of Records Programs in the 21st Century," forecasts and suggestions pertaining to relationships, strategies, and alliances to help government archives and records management programs adapt to coming massive changes in telecommunications and information technology. David J. Olson, state archivist of North Carolina, moderator; Brent Glass (Pennsylvania) and Harlan E. Boyles, state treasurer of North Carolina, participants

"Recordkeeping in an Intergovernmental Environment," a discussion of federal intergovernmental records systems and their effectiveness, design, use, and value. Federal records administrators John Paul Deley, moderator; Jimmy Harrison and Michael L. Miller, panelists

"Government Information Locator Systems: Strategies, Policies and Development," a session designed to identify opportunities and challenges presented by information locator systems mandated by the federal Office of Management and Budget and the North Carolina state government. Lisa Weber (National Historical Publications and Records Commission), moderator; Larry G. Misenheimer, deputy director, Division of Archives and History, and Elliot Christian (U.S. Geological Survey), panelists



During a tour of the North Carolina State Archives, David Olson (left) and Governor Carlin (right) paused to view a portrait of Robert D. W. Connor, first secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission, first Archivist of the United States, and chairman of the Executive Board of the Department of Archives and History. The portrait, by Fayetteville artist William C. Fields, hangs in the Search Room of the State Archives.

An open-forum round table on local government records facilitated by Laura McGee (City of Dallas, Texas)

"In Search of Identity and Family: Government Records Laws and the Demand for Confidential Information," an examination of how government record keepers attempt to preserve a balance between long-standing rights of privacy and compelling rights to confidential information. Guy Louis Rocha (Nevada), moderator; Jeffrey M. Kintop (Nevada), R. Jackson Armstrong-Ingram (St. Louis County, Indiana), and Richard Roberts (Florida), panelists

An open-forum round table on electronic records (Charles Robb, facilitator)

"Statewide Policy and Local Needs: The Impact of State Information Policy on Local Government," a discussion of the role of local needs in the formulation of statewide information policy. Tom Runkle, Office of the North Carolina State Controller, moderator; Denny McGuire (State Controller), Gayle P. Holder (Harnett County, North Carolina), and James Blackburn (North Carolina Association of County Commissioners), participants

"Effective Alliances for Electronic Records Management," a discussion of the need for archives and records management programs to function in cooperation with records creators and other central government agencies—especially computer and information services and auditing, budgeting, and purchasing entities—when managing electronic records. Tom Mills (New York), moderator; Jeffrey M. Kintop (Nevada) and D. Gregory Sanford (Vermont), panelists

"Revision of Public Records Laws," an inquiry into the benefits of recent revisions and the difficulties encountered in obtaining approval of such revisions. Darrell Gabhart (Kentucky), moderator; Jeff Johnson (Utah), George Parkinson (Ohio), and Chris LaPlante (Texas), panelists

"Regulating Use of Imaging Systems," a survey of current methods of regulating electronic imaging systems and problems encountered in developing such regulations. Richard Roberts (Florida), moderator; Lynn Rawls (Florida), Amelia Winstead (Alabama), and Darrell Gabhart (Kentucky), participants

"Effective Service to Local Governments," a discussion of similarities and differences among local government records programs in the realms of activities, funding, and degree of administrative and political support. C. Russell McCabe (Delaware), moderator; Murray M. Parker Jr. (North Carolina State Archives) and Lynn Morrow (Missouri), panelists



Joining Mr. Olson and Secretary McCain on a tour of the State Archives are C. Edward Morris (left), Search Room supervisor, and Jesse R. Lankford Jr. (second from right), assistant state archivist of North Carolina.

The four-day annual meeting also included a meeting of the board of directors of NAGARA that included the participation of the Archivist of the United States; a brief breakfast address by Betty Ray McCain, secretary of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources; a luncheon address by Rufus L. Edmisten, secretary of state of North Carolina; receptions at the North Carolina Museum of Art and the North Carolina Executive Mansion; dinner at the North Carolina Museum of History; and a tour of Old Salem.

David J. Olson, state archivist of North Carolina, and Catherine J. Morris, assistant state records administrator, served as cochairmen of NAGARA's local arrangements committee, which planned, scheduled, and oversaw the 1995 annual meeting. Serving on that committee were Mary Hollis Barnes, David W. Mitchell, C. Edward Morris, and Murray M. Parker Jr. of the Archives and Records Section; Michael Unruh of the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts; Gayle P. Holder of Harnett County; John MacIntosh of the South Carolina Department of Archives and History; and Glenn Smith of the State Library of Virginia. Jesse R. Lankford Jr., assistant state archivist of North Carolina, served as a member of NAGARA's 1995 Program Committee.

NCLHA and FNCHS to Hold Joint Annual Meeting

The North Carolina Literary and Historical Association (NCLHA) and the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies (FNCHS) will hold a joint annual meeting at the North Carolina Museum of History on Friday, November 17, 1995. The theme of this year's meeting is "Who Owns History?" The keynote speaker will be Richard H. Kohn, chairman, Curriculum in Peace, War, and Defense and professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Dr. Kohn's topic will be "The Smithsonian's Enola Gay Exhibit: The Making of a History Tragedy." Complementing Dr. Kohn's address will be a paper titled "A Woman's Voice," by Lee Smith, distinguished author and novelist of Chapel Hill, the joint meeting's after-dinner speaker.

The daylong meeting will include the presentation of numerous awards for distinguished achievement in the fields of literature, public history, and historic preservation. Winners of the awards will announced in the January 1996 issue of *Carolina Comments*.

Entries for Book Awards Announced

The following titles have been entered in the four literary competitions sponsored by the North Carolina Literary and Historical Association (NCLHA) in cooperation with the Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of North Carolina, the Historical Book Club of North Carolina, the Roanoke-Chowan Group of Writers and Allied Artists, and the North Carolina Division of the American Association of University Women (AAUW). **Winners in each category will be announced during the joint annual meeting of the NCLHA and the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies, which will take place in Raleigh on November 17, 1995.**

Mayflower Award

- Barnes, Jay. *North Carolina's Hurricane History*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1995
- Flory, Henry C. *Rich Mixture, Fine Pitch*. Southern Pines: Bluegreen Publishing, 1995
- Gaillard, Frye. *Lessons from the Big House*. Asheboro: Down Home Press, 1994
- Kirk, Stephen. *First in Flight*. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair, 1995
- Lally, Kelly A. *The Historic Architecture of Wake County, North Carolina*. Raleigh: Wake County Government, 1994
- Lawlor, Brenda C. *If Laughter's the Best Medicine, I Can't Be Sick*. Vienna, Ga.: Old Mountain Press, 1994
- Leuchtenburg, William E. *The Supreme Court Reborn*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995
- Link, William A. *William Friday: Power, Purpose, and American Higher Education*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1995
- Lischer, Richard. *The Preacher King*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995
- Moses, Michael Valdez. *The Novel and the Globalization of Culture*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995
- Powell, Danyne Romine. *Parting the Curtains: Interviews with Southern Writers*. Winston-Salem: John F. Blair, 1994
- Stephens, Robert O. *The Family Saga in the South*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1995
- Surry County Genealogical Association. *The Heritage of Surry County, North Carolina, vol. 2*. [Dobson: Surry County Genealogical Association, 1994]
- Yarbrough, Tinsley E. *Judicial Enigma*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1995

Sir Walter Raleigh Award

- Argiri, Laura. *The God in Flight*. New York: Random House, 1995
- McLaurin, Tim. *Cured by Fire*. New York: Putnam Publishing Group, 1995
- O'Quinn, Robert A. *The Bermuda Virus*. Hamilton, Bermuda: Bermudian Publishing Company, 1995

Roanoke-Chowan Award

- Angelou, Maya. *Phenomenal Woman*. New York: Random House, 1995
- Chess, Richard. *Tekiah*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1994
- Eaton, Charles Edward. *The Country of the Blue*. New York: Cornwall Books, 1994
- Gilbert, Marie. *Connexions*. Laurinburg: St. Andrews Press, 1994
- Griffin, Maureen Ryan. *When the Leaves Are in the Water*. Charlotte: Sandstone Publishing, 1994
- Huling, Billie Jean. *The Lore and Lure of the Coastal Banks*. Mount Olive: Mount Olive College Press, 1994
- Knauth, Stephen. *Twenty Shadows*. Marshfield, Mass.: Four Way Books, 1995
- Makuck, Peter. *Shorelines*. Maryville, Mo.: Green Tower Press, 1995

Moore, Marijo. *Returning to the Homeland*. Alexander: WorldComm, 1994
Snotherly, Mary Carleton. *Direction*. Whispering Pines: Persephone Press, 1994
Watson, Robert. *The Pendulum*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1995
York, John. *Johnny's Cosmology*. Winston-Salem: Hummingbird Press, 1995

AAUW Award

Chafe, William H. *The Road to Equality: American Women since 1962*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1994
Compton, Joanne and Kenn. *Sody Sallyratus*. New York: Holiday House, 1995
Marshall, Judy. *Ride a Hole through the Wind*. Unionville, N.Y.: Royal Fireworks Printing Company, 1994
Morgan, Annie Laurie. *Sunward I've Climbed*. Montgomery, Ala.: Black Belt Press, 1994
Ogburn, Jacqueline K. *The Noise Lullaby*. New York: William Morrow and Company, 1995

Polk Bicentennial Plans Announced

The James K. Polk Bicentennial Committee and Polk Memorial State Historic Site in Pineville (near Charlotte) have planned a series of programs for the remainder of 1995. The year's bicentennial events began in Raleigh in March with Secretary of Cultural Resources Betty Ray McCain and a costumed "President Polk" (Hunter Garbee) officially opening the two hundredth anniversary. Among generous contributors to the committee's programs are John M. Belk, the Dickson Foundation, Duke Power Company, First Union Corporation, the Mecklenburg Declaration Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, NationsBank, the North Carolina Humanities Committee, United Carolina Bank, Wachovia, and individual donors.

On September 15 the bicentennial committee, Polk Memorial, and the cosponsoring North Carolina Humanities Committee presented "The Ethics of Diversity: James K. Polk and the Election of 1844," a free public lecture by Wayne Cutler. Dr. Cutler is research professor of history and editor of the Polk Papers at the University of Tennessee in Knoxville. The lecture took place at Pineville Elementary School. At the Central Carolina Community College library in Charlotte earlier in the day, Dr. Cutler offered a free workshop on historical editing of early nineteenth-century documents. The bicentennial committee also arranged a social hour and dinner, with music by the Loonis McGlohon Trio, at the Pineville School on the evening of September 15.

On the following day the committee offered a daylong bus tour of historic sites in Mecklenburg County associated with the Polk and Knox families. Dr. James Sasser of Central Piedmont Community College led the tour, which featured a luncheon prepared by Hopewell Presbyterian Church and concluded at Polk Memorial.

On Friday, November 3 (Polk was born on November 2, 1795), the North Carolina Collection of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will present a free symposium on Polk from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Speakers will include Dr. Cutler on Polk and the presidency, Dr. Sasser on Polk and Mecklenburg, and Dr. Harry L. Watson of the UNC history department on a historian's view of Polk. Robert G. Anthony, curator of the North Carolina Collection, will discuss Polk, the university, and Chapel Hill, and Dr. John L. Sanders of UNC will lead a walking tour of the historic north campus of the university, where Polk studied. The afternoon will also feature a question session and unveiling of a special exhibit on Polk. Call the North Carolina Collection at (919) 962-1172 for details.



A number of sites and organizations in North Carolina are currently commemorating the bicentennial of the birth (on November 2, 1795) of James Knox Polk, eleventh president of the United States. Renowned American artist G. P. A. Healy painted this portrait of Polk in 1849, the last year of the former president's life. The painting hangs in the Polk Ancestral Home, Columbia, Tennessee. Photograph courtesy Polk Ancestral Home.

On Saturday, November 4, from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. the Polk Memorial will host the James K. Polk Bicentennial Celebration at the historic site in Pineville. Among planned activities are a radio quiz on the topic "Polk and his Times," music, speeches by President Polk, stagecoach rides, drama, storytelling, and late eighteenth-century crafts such as woodworking, quilting, and open-hearth cooking. The celebration will be free but of necessity will require fees for such options as food and rides.

The memorial and the committee will close the year's commemoration with the Polk Bicentennial Christmas Celebration on December 10 from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. The free event, which will take place within various historic buildings at the memorial, will include a dramatic presentation depicting the holiday season in early Mecklenburg, an exhibit on the Polks at the White House for the holidays, carolers and singing, period games for children, and refreshments.

Conference on Influence of Women on Southern Landscape

On October 5, 6, and 7, Salem Academy and College in Old Salem will host the tenth Conference on Restoring Southern Landscapes and Gardens, which is held every other year to promote discussion of historical horticulture, garden history, and landscape restoration in the southern states. The theme of this year's conclave is "The Influence of Women on the Southern Landscape." In addition to lectures and scholarly presentations, workshops on landscape photography, landscape restoration, and late nineteenth-century plants will be offered. Readers interested in participating in the conference should write to Kay Bergey, conference registrar, at Old Salem, Box F, Winston-Salem, NC 27108, or telephone her at (910) 721-7313. Sponsors of the conference are Old Salem, the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, Reynolda Gardens, all of Winston-Salem, and Historic Stagville of Durham.

University Press Seeks Submissions on Civil War Topics

The University of Arkansas Press is currently seeking manuscripts for "Civil War in the West," its new ongoing series of monographs. The series will focus on the often neglected Trans-Mississippi and Mississippi Valley Theaters of the Civil War. The press invites for consideration manuscripts that deal with any aspect of the war as the people of the region experienced it. Appropriate topics include

biographies of prominent military, political, and social leaders; campaign and battle histories; social and political studies; unit histories; and new scholarly editions of important firsthand accounts. For additional information, write to Kevin Brock, Acquisitions Editor, University of Arkansas Press, Fayetteville, AR 72701; telephone him at (800) 626-0090; or contact him via e-mail at kbrock@comp.uark.edu.

Obituaries

Mattie Erma Edwards Parker, longtime history teacher and a former employee of the Division of Archives and History, died in Raleigh on July 4, 1995, at the age of eighty-nine. Mrs. Parker was born November 3, 1905, in Hookerton. She was a graduate of North Carolina College for Women (now the University of North Carolina at Greensboro) and held a master's degree in political science from UNC-Chapel Hill. She began her career by teaching history at North Carolina College for Women and later at Vassar College, Poughkeepsie, New York. After taking additional postgraduate courses, she briefly taught history and civics at Chapel Hill High School.

From 1935 to 1942 Mrs. Parker worked as a collector for the North Carolina Hall of History, predecessor of the North Carolina Museum of History. During a portion of that time she was assistant regional director of the Survey of Federal Archives, an agency of the Works Progress Administration. For nearly twenty years thereafter she taught history, government, and English at North Carolina State College (now North Carolina State University) and at Meredith College in Raleigh. From 1961 to 1971 she served as editor of the North Carolina Colonial Records Project in the Historical Publications Section of the North Carolina Department (now Division) of Archives and History, overseeing the publication of the first three volumes of *The Colonial Records of North Carolina [Second Series]*. Mrs. Parker was the author of *Money Problems of Early Tar Heels* (Raleigh: North Carolina Historical Commission, 1942) and "Legal Aspects of 'Culpeper's Rebellion,'" *North Carolina Historical Review* 45 (April 1968). For her lifelong devotion to history, she received the 1990 Christopher Crittenden Memorial Award for "significant contributions to the preservation of North Carolina history."

Lenox Dial Baker of Durham, an orthopedic surgeon and a friend and benefactor of the Division of Archives and History, died in Durham on June 2, 1995, at the age of ninety-two. Dr. Baker, born in DeKalb, Texas, on November 10, 1902, was a member of Duke University's first class of medical students (1933) and joined the Duke faculty in 1937 as an assistant in orthopedics. He served as chief of orthopedics from 1937 to 1967 and as a full professor of orthopedics from 1947 to 1972. When the North Carolina General Assembly established the Durham Cerebral Palsy Clinic in 1947, Dr. Baker was chosen as medical director. He resigned that position in 1971 to become the state's first secretary of human resources. Two years later the clinic was named in his honor. Baker's effective treatment of injuries to athletes earned him inclusion in the North Carolina Sports Hall of Fame in 1983. In 1988 Dr. Baker endowed the Friends of the Archives, a support group that benefits the activities of the North Carolina State Archives, with a generous donation that funds an annual student internship at the State Archives.

News from Archives and History

Archives and Records

The Friends of the Archives' annual meeting, held on June 26 at the Archives and History/State Library Building in Raleigh, was well attended and featured a special presentation. William A. Link, professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, discussed the research and writing that went into his recent biography, *William Friday: Power, Purpose, and American Higher Education* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1995). Following Dr. Link's discussion was a brief commentary by the subject of the book, William C. Friday, former president of the University of North Carolina. Dr. Link and Dr. Friday concluded the program by taking questions from the audience.



William C. Friday (left), former president of the University of North Carolina, and William A. Link (right), professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, appeared at a meeting of the Friends of the Archives on June 26 to discuss the research and writing of *William Friday: Power, Purpose, and American Higher Education*, Dr. Link's recent biography of Dr. Friday.

Malfunctions of the heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning (HVAC) system in the Archives and History/State Library Building continue to present serious challenges to the North Carolina State Archives' responsibility of preserving the state's archival records. The most recent episode of extended failure in that system, which occurred between April 17 and 22, resulted in a minor outbreak of mold among records stored in the Archives stacks. Sarah Koonts and Betty Driver, conservationists with the Archives and Records Section's Archival Services Branch, aided by two temporary employees hastily obtained through the assistance of Secretary of Cultural Resources Betty Ray McCain and Deputy Secretary Elizabeth F. Buford, spent much of June identifying and then cleaning records affected by mold. The section has initiated measures to mitigate problems caused by the building's aging HVAC system.

The State Archives is very pleased to announce the acquisition of a valuable collection of twenty-three Civil War letters written by Pvt. Felix J. Williams of Company K, Thirty-seventh Regiment N.C. Infantry, to his family in Alleghany County. Private Williams wrote the letters between September 1862 and May 3, 1863; on the latter date he lost his life at the Battle of Chancellorsville in Virginia. The letters, obtained from a commercial manuscript dealer through the assistance and generosity of the Friends of the Archives, provide insight into camp life in the Army of Northern Virginia. The letters will be available for use by the general public in the Archives Search Room later this year.

Archaeology and Historic Preservation

At the annual meeting of the Vernacular Architecture Forum, held May 16-22 in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada, Catherine W. Bishir of the section's Survey and Planning Branch was honored on the completion of a two-year term as president. The Vernacular Architecture Forum is a national multidisciplinary professional organization founded in 1980 to encourage the study of vernacular architecture in America. Ms. Bishir was a founding member of the organization's board of directors. Also attending the meeting were Scott Power and Robin Stancil of the Division of Archives and History's Eastern Office in Greenville.



At the annual meeting of the Vernacular Architecture Forum, Catherine W. Bishir (left) was honored on the completion of a two-year term as president of the organization. She received from Carl R. Lounsbury (right), architectural historian at Colonial Williamsburg and incoming president of the organization, a surprise gift in the form of electric tulips, a less-than-subtle reference to tours of historic hydroelectric plants offered in conjunction with the annual meeting, which took place during Canada's annual Tulip Festival. Ms. Bishir is the author of several award-winning books and articles on historic North Carolina architecture.

Historical Publications

Onslow County: A Brief History, by Alan D. Watson, is the fourteenth and latest volume in the Historical Publications Section's county history series. Onslow County was created in 1731, and its long history has been marked by close ties with the land and the sea. Through most of its history, Onslow has been primarily rural in nature, with an economy based on such agricultural and maritime pursuits as naval stores, lumbering, shipbuilding, and farming. During World War II life in the county changed dramatically with the construction there of military installations, most notably Camp Lejeune Marine Base. Employing meticulous research, the author traces Onslow's history from its earliest habitation by Native Americans to the current ramifications of the substantial military presence.

Alan D. Watson is a professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington. His previous publications include brief histories of Edgecombe, Bertie, and Perquimans Counties in the section's county history series; fuller histories of Wilmington and New Bern; and various articles in the *North Carolina Historical Review*. Dr. Watson is presently serving as vice-chairman of the North Carolina Historical Commission, the eleven-member body that oversees the activities of the Division of Archives and History.

Onslow County: A Brief History (184 pages, bound in paper) includes eighteen illustrations, endnotes, a bibliography, and an index. It sells for eight dollars, plus two dollars for postage and handling.

The section recently issued a fourth printing (two thousand copies) of *North Carolina's Role in World War II*, by Sarah McCulloh Lemmon. The section initially published the title in 1964 and reprinted it in 1969 and 1985. The 69-page paperback volume sells for \$4.00 plus \$1.05 for postage and handling. The section also issued reprints (one thousand copies each) of the following facsimile maps from its fifteen-part map set "North Carolina in Maps": Ogilby, "A New Description of Carolina by the Lords Proprietors," ca. 1672 (plate 5), and Bachman, "Birds Eye View of North and South Carolina and Part of Georgia," 1861 (plate 12).

To order any of the publications mentioned above, write to the Historical Publications Section, Division of Archives and History, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

Historic Sites

Total visitation at all North Carolina historic sites from January through June 1995 amounted to more than 415,000 people, up 15 percent over the first half of 1994 and the highest attendance ever recorded for the corresponding period. The leading sites for the six months were Fort Fisher, the North Carolina Transportation Museum at Spencer Shops, *Elizabeth II*, Bentonville Battleground (primarily because of a massive 130th anniversary reenactment of the Battle of Bentonville), and Reed Gold Mine. Sites with significant semiannual increases included Bentonville (up 213 percent), the Transportation Museum (51 percent), Brown Memorial (24 percent), and Aycock Birthplace (37 percent). The number of school groups (up 15 percent) and students in such groups (12 percent) both rose. Many students went to Spencer Shops and Reed Gold Mine. Some 80,000 additional people attended shows, festivals, and conventions at which sites (in particular, Duke Homestead and Reed Gold Mine) mounted off-site exhibits. During the six months, about 3,400 volunteers donated 61,000 hours of service (two-thirds of both figures at Bentonville), the equivalent of the work of more than fifty-eight full-time staff members. Court-ordered community service, mainly at Town Creek Indian Mound and Spencer Shops, amounted to 5,312 hours of labor by 273 people. Sites received \$103,696 in grants and cash gifts (chiefly for Spencer's federally matched ISTECA campaign) and in-kind gifts worth \$2,800. Among major cash contributions were \$50,000 from Norfolk Southern Corporation, \$17,600 from the Natural Heritage Trust Fund, \$9,000 from the North Carolina Living Historical Farm Committee, and \$5,000 from Security Capital.

Misener Marine Construction has begun work on a 3,040-foot stone revetment to protect Fort Fisher from further erosion by the Atlantic Ocean. On July 15, 1995, officials led by Secretary of Cultural Resources Betty Ray McCain and Paul M. Laird of Wilmington, director of the North Carolina Committee to Save Fort Fisher, participated in ground-breaking ceremonies for the project. Additional speakers included United States representative Charles G. Rose III; former state representative Karen E. Gottovi; Col. Robert J. Sperberg, commander of the Wilmington District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; and Ted Knight, president of Misener Marine. The Hanover Singers of New Hanover High School provided music for the occasion, and the Fort Fisher gun crew fired signal rifles. Fort Fisher was the largest Confederate earthwork in the Civil War and extended a mile along the beach at Federal Point to guard the vital port of



On July 15 Misener Marine Construction Company inaugurated efforts to construct a massive stone revetment to protect historic Fort Fisher from erosion by the Atlantic Ocean. During special ground-breaking ceremonies attended by a number of state officials, Secretary of Cultural Resources Betty Ray McCain dumped the first load of dirt from a front-end loader.

Wilmington, the last major seaport open in the South to supply Robert E. Lee's army in Virginia. Union forces captured the fort in January 1865, and since that time the Atlantic has eroded away most of its defenses. Completion of the construction is expected in June 1996. During the process, Misener, for safety's sake, will control all traffic and access to the beach throughout the historic site.

Construction has begun on a long-awaited visitor center for the Thomas Wolfe Memorial in Asheville. KCB Construction of Asheville is building the nearly six thousand-square-foot center designed by Rogers Associates of the same city. The new facility is located at 52 Market Street on a lot immediately behind the memorial. The design of the visitor center mimics notable features, such as an expansive porch and steep roof lines, of the large frame boardinghouse once run by Julia Wolfe. The back wall of the center features extensive use of glass to afford a fine view of the adjacent memorial. Inside the new single-story structure will be an exhibit gallery, a forty-eight-seat auditorium, a gift shop, rest rooms, and staff offices. The contractors expect to complete the project in the spring of 1996.

The North Carolina Transportation History Corporation (NCTHC) has acquired former Piedmont and Northern electric locomotive No. 5103 from the Atlanta Chapter of the National Railway Historical Society. NCTHC board member Ralph Bostian was instrumental in obtaining a generous contribution from Duke Power Company to purchase the locomotive, called a "box cab" in the industry. The locomotive, built by General Electric in 1912-1913, served the South's only large electric railway for more than forty years. With a weight of 133,800 pounds and four General Electric motors of 250 horsepower each, No. 5103 at 37 feet long had a rated speed of 21 miles per hour and was capable of pulling heavy freight trains. It survived the scrap yard in the mid-1950s when the



The North Carolina Transportation Museum at Spencer Shops has acquired former Piedmont and Northern Railway electric locomotive No. 5103. The P&N utilized the engine for more than forty years before converting from electric to diesel power. The addition of No. 5103 augments the transportation museum's existing representative examples of railroad locomotives employing steam and diesel power. Photograph by B. F. Roberts; supplied courtesy Thomas Fetters.

Piedmont and Northern terminated electric rail operations. In 1963 the P&N reconditioned the locomotive for donation to the Atlanta museum. The Piedmont and Northern electric railway was part of tobacco and electric power magnate James B. Duke's grand scheme to industrialize the Carolina Piedmont in two states near Charlotte. Duke made the P&N capable of heavy freight operations, with a direct current of more than twice the typical power of electric interurban routes. Locomotive 5103 is expected to arrive at the North Carolina Transportation Museum this summer. It will enable the museum at Spencer to display all three major types of railroad locomotives—steam, diesel, and electric.

Work continues on renovation of the thirty-seven-stall Julian Roundhouse at Spencer Shops, believed to be perhaps the largest standing roundhouse in the nation. Projects completed or in progress include new windows, a new roof and superstructure over part of the building, and extensive concrete repairs. Track has been replaced after years of absence in stalls 1 through 16, giving that end of the building an enhanced "roundhouse feel." Workers used an automatic spike hammer as well as old-fashioned muscle power to install the new rails. Steam locomotive 604, heavily rehabilitated over the winter, is at home in the roundhouse when not pulling the summer season's on-site rail ride. During coming months contractors will complete electrical, heating, air conditioning, and plumbing work at the roundhouse.

On the morning of May 19 the *Elizabeth II* and its volunteer crew cast off from Manteo for the Pamlico Sound to visit the fishing village of Engelhard. The weather was overcast, with reports of wind to 25 miles per hour and a 50 percent chance of rain. At 9:00 A.M. the vessel entered Pamlico Sound and set a course for Engelhard. Because of the stiff southwest wind, the crew was unable to set any

sails. Using its onboard engines, the ship pushed along at about seven knots. The *Elizabeth II* was better than halfway to Engelhard when it received a radio transmission indicating possible severe weather. It was too late to turn back. At noon the wind gusted to 35 knots, and the seas ran three to four feet above normal. The sky began to exhibit signs of bad weather. The storm hit at 12:30, with winds gusting from 65 to 70 knots. The ship took the high seas well but became increasingly difficult to steer. At 12:36 the U.S. Coast Guard station in Hatteras communicated with the *Elizabeth II* by cellular telephone to inquire as to its condition and the weather and plotted the ship's position on its Global Positioning System. Coast Guardsmen assured the crew that they would remain in contact. By 12:40 the crew could no longer keep the vessel's bow into the wind and ran downwind for five minutes before being able to come about. During that run the *Elizabeth II* idled its engines and amazingly sailed at 12½ knots without benefit of propeller power or sails. At 1:10 the ship took perhaps the heaviest seas it has ever sustained. Two times the vessel's beakhead dived under the water. Within five minutes the storm began to subside. Hail and heavy rain turned to a drizzle. The Coast Guard called and reported that the vessel had blown about 2½ miles since the first plotting. By 3:00 the ship was safe in Engelhard, where all hands mustered to prepare for the following day's visitation by more than two thousand people. After a day of quiet sailing, the *Elizabeth II* entertained nearly every schoolchild in Hyde County. A safe trip home to Manteo culminated the adventure.

The section cordially invites all readers and friends to the following special events at the state's historic sites during the coming months:

- Early October FORT DOBBS. Colonial Living Day. Demonstrations of backcountry life by costumed staff and volunteers. 1:00-4:00 P.M.
- October 1 DUKE HOMESTEAD. Mock Tobacco Auction. An outdoor mock tobacco sale is conducted by professional auctioneers, buyers, warehousemen, and farmers. Traditional tobacco harvest crafts, entertainment, and refreshments. 2:00-5:00 P.M.
- October 3 THOMAS WOLFE MEMORIAL. Birthday Open House. Free tours of the memorial, commemorating Wolfe's birthday
- October 7 BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND. Artillery Demonstrations. Demonstrations focus on the loading and firing of Civil War field artillery. Firing demonstrations every hour, on the hour. Interpreters discuss artillery tactics, ammunition, and related topics. 1:00-4:00 P.M.
- October 9-13 ALAMANCE BATTLEGROUND. Colonial Living Week. Relive the eighteenth century through daily living history demonstrations. 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M. *Group reservations required*
- October 14 NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM. Steamfest. Celebration of transportation. Special displays, arts, crafts, food, and entertainment. 9:30 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
- NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM. Antique Car Show. Cars from the 1900s to the 1960s will be on display. Two hundred vehicles expected. 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. *One dollar donation.* Sponsored by the Furnitureland Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America

- October 21 HORNE CREEK FARM. Corn-shucking Frolic. A traditional rural frolic, featuring the harvesting, shucking, shelling, and grinding of corn. Cider making, quilting, cooking, and craft demonstrations. 10:00 A.M.-7:00 P.M. Fee for corn-shucking supper, 4:00-7:00 P.M. Historic music and dancing, 5:00-7:00 P.M.
- October 24-26 BRUNSWICK TOWN/FORT ANDERSON. Heritage Days. Volunteers don eighteenth-century clothing to demonstrate colonial crafts and chores to Brunswick County's fourth-graders. 9:30 A.M.-noon
- October 30-31 REED GOLD MINE. The Bloody Reign of the Mad Miner. Haunted mine, hayrides, ghost stories, and magician. 7:00-11:00 P.M. Two-dollar donation for mine, one-dollar donation for hayride
- November 4 CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MEMORIAL. Anniversary of Site Opening. Musical program featuring choirs from the area. 7:00 P.M. Location: Sedalia Elementary School gym.
- POLK MEMORIAL. Eighteenth-Century Polk Festival. Crafts and activities celebrating two hundredth birthday of James K. Polk, eleventh president of the United States. 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
- November 4-5 TOWN CREEK INDIAN MOUND. Native American Heritage Festival. Held in honor of national and state Indian Heritage Month. Activities include performances by Native American dancers, craft demonstrations, and so on. Traders will be selling crafts and foods. 1:00-5:00 P.M. daily. (Rain site: Montgomery County Agriculture Center, Troy)
- November 11-12 CSS NEUSE. Confederate Living History Encampment. Naval and infantry troops will camp on site for the entire weekend, depicting a late-war military camp. Uniform and flag talks, weapons demonstrations, ladies' activities, and leisure-time activities will be presented. 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
- November 13 CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MEMORIAL. It's About Time. Showcasing North Carolina historic sites. 9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Museum of History

Approximately eleven thousand people attended the inaugural Museum Magic festival, hosted by the three state museums in Raleigh on Friday evening, July 21, and Saturday, July 22. This year's festival celebrated southern folk life and natural history and complemented new exhibits at each museum. The festivities took place on Bicentennial Plaza and at the Museum of Art, the Museum of History, and the Museum of Natural Sciences.

Visitors enjoyed performances by dancers and musicians, listened to storytellers, and participated in a duck-calling contest. They attended programs and demonstrations on pottery food preservation, decoy making, basketry, fly fishing, rag weaving, wood carving, whirligigs, and other topics. In addition, visitors learned about carnivorous plants, wetland animals, and other aspects of North Carolina's natural and cultural heritage. They even got to see Betty Ray McCain, secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources; Jonathan Howes, secretary of the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources; Dr. James McNutt, administrator of the Museum of History; and Dr. Betsy Bennett, director of the Museum of Natural Sciences, kick up their heels onstage as they

learned and performed clogging steps. Assistance from private support groups, area businesses, individual donors, and volunteers contributed to the success of the festival. Organizers hope to make Museum Magic an annual event.



Through special programs, exhibits, and demonstrations, Museum Magic celebrated southern folk life and natural history on the evening of July 21 and throughout July 22 at three Raleigh museums. Among a number of presenters at the festival was renowned wood-carver Frank Barrow, shown here carving a flower.

On October 24, 1995, the North Carolina Museum of History will open a new temporary exhibit featuring the work of nationally recognized artist Bob Timberlake. The exhibit, *At Home in North Carolina with Bob Timberlake*, celebrates Timberlake's twenty-five-year career as an artist. Timberlake is a native of Salisbury and is a self-taught artist whose paintings depict his love of rural North Carolina. He is preparing a special painting titled *First Light* for the exhibit. Also included in the exhibit will be artifacts from the artist's personal collection that are portrayed in many of the paintings. The exhibit will remain on display through December 8, 1996.

On Monday, November 13, the Museum of History will host "Marching through Time: North Carolina Women from Suffrage to Civil Rights," a conference that explores the role of women activists in events that have shaped politics and society during the twentieth century. The conference is being held in conjunction with *Women in Action: Rebels and Reformers*, a traveling exhibit that examines the efforts of women who worked at the national level for social and political change after 1920. The daylong conference at the museum will feature regional and national scholars presenting current research on how North Carolina women have shaped today's society. Dr. Marjorie Spruill Wheeler, a well-known historian of woman's suffrage in the South, will deliver the keynote address. A registration fee of twenty dollars will be charged for the conference; the fee must be received by November 6. For additional information or to inquire about a special rate for full-time students, call Martha Tracy at (919) 715-0200 or write her at Marching through Time Symposium, North Carolina Museum of History, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27601-2807.

Get a head start on your holiday shopping by visiting the Museum Shop, located in the Museum of History's lobby and at Raleigh's North Hills Mall. Choose from a variety of items such as handmade North Carolina pottery from Ben Owen III, Jugtown, and many others; Christmas ornaments, including a North Carolina series; books, videos, and music; unique children's toys and accessories; one-of-a-kind jewelry items; North Carolina state government gift items; textiles and decorative accessories; sports-related memorabilia, and much more. Gift wrapping and shipping are available.

In its coverage of the Tar Heel Junior Historian Association's Awards Day 1995 program, the July 1995 issue of *Carolina Comments* reported that Robert Hendry represented the North Carolina Society of the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) in announcing the winner of an essay contest. Mr. Hendry in fact represented the *Raleigh* chapter of the SAR. *Carolina Comments* regrets the error.

The following special events at the North Carolina Museum of History are scheduled for the months of October and November. Telephone (919) 715-0200 for additional information on any program.

- October 1 "The Road to Freedom." During the slavery era in North Carolina, thousands of enslaved African Americans—men and women, young and old—ran away from their owners in search of family and freedom. Freddie L. Parker describes and tells stories about some of the people who escaped the horrors of slavery. 3:00-4:00 P.M.
- October 7 Film: *The Civil War: "The Cause."* This first episode of Ken Burns's *Civil War* series examines the institution of slavery and looks at the causes of the war, from the Cotton Kingdom of the South to the Northern abolitionists who opposed slavery. 1:00-3:00 P.M.
- October 8 "Music of North Carolina: The Regiment Band of the 11th North Carolina Troops." Dressed in replicas of uniforms worn by North Carolina soldiers during the Civil War, this award-winning band of musicians has one of the largest repertoires of period band music in existence. The group is modeled after an original "Confederate band of music" that performed at the Battle of Gettysburg. 3:00-4:00 P.M.
- October 10 "History à la Carte: North Carolina Confederate Flags." Tom Belton, curator of militaria, politics, and society, discusses the different patterns of Confederate and North Carolina flags housed in the museum's collection. Bring your lunch; the museum will provide beverages. Noon-1:00 P.M.
- October 14 "Remember Me." Connie Belton leads a workshop on Victorian funerary and mourning customs. Participants can make a piece of mourning jewelry to take home. For ages nine through fourteen. 10:30 A.M.-noon. \$5.00 per person (\$4.00 for Associates)
- October 15 "Last Stand in the Carolinas." Utilizing contemporary newspapers, battle reports, diaries, letters, and memoirs, author Mark L. Bradley discusses the Battle of Bentonville, the last major battle of the Civil War. The program examines the failure of the Confederacy's last vigorous attempt to halt Sherman's march through the Carolinas and the causes of that failure. 3:00-4:00 P.M.
- October 20 "Family Night: The Blue and the Gray." This program examines life during the Civil War by looking at the clothing, equipment, and

daily routine of a Civil War soldier from the Cedar Fork Rifles. The Another Time Elegance Dance Company will demonstrate nineteenth-century dances, and the Cape Fear Fifes and Drum will perform music from that period. Participants can create a battle flag design, play a variety of parlor games, and view fashions of the day. 6:30-8:30 P.M. \$2.00 per person, \$5.00 per family

- October 21 "The North Carolina Quilting Bee." Place your own stitch in the museum quilt by participating in this ongoing bee. A quilt is framed in the exhibit *North Carolina Women Making History*, and local quilting guild members are on hand to explain the quilting process. 1:00-3:00 P.M.
- October 22 Film: *The Civil War: The North Carolina Story*. This University of North Carolina Center for Public Television film captures North Carolina's involvement in the Civil War. Primary material was gathered from diaries, correspondence, and state records to detail the personal effects of war. 2:00-3:30 P.M.
- October 28 "Spatterwork Memories." Find out what kids did for fun one hundred years ago as you make a spatterwork scrapbook and write your name in calligraphy. Come dressed to get messy! Museum of History staff members lead this workshop. For ages eleven and up. 1:00-3:00 P.M. \$5.00 per person (\$4.00 for Associates)
- October 29 "Homefront Heroines of the Civil War." Using anecdotes, Sylvia Kidd Ray brings to light the struggles of North Carolina women during the Civil War. Her sometimes humorous and enlightening reminiscences relate how women learned to survive in that difficult time. 3:00-4:00 P.M.
- November 4 "Quills and Candles." Discover what life was like in North Carolina's earliest towns. Try activities such as assembling a bucket; working with cotton, linen, and wool; and writing with a quill pen. Dip your own candle to take home. Members of the staff of the Colonial Moving Van lead this workshop. For ages eight through twelve. 10:30 A.M.-noon. \$5.00 per person (\$4.00 for Associates)
- November 5 "Music of North Carolina: Whitey, Hogan, and David Deese." Come listen to good, old-time country music favorites when these members of the Briar Hoppers come to Raleigh. These experienced musicians have made several records and have played along with the Carter Family. 3:00-4:00 P.M.
- November 11 "Native American Feast." Join the Museum of History, the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences, and the Triangle Native American Society in celebrating the contributions of Native Americans. Enjoy games, crafts, storytelling, and demonstrations, then sit down to a feast featuring more than one hundred different preparations of game and agricultural products native to the Americas. Music and entertainment will follow dinner. 3:30-7:00 P.M. \$12.00 for adults, \$8.00 for children ages six to twelve, free for children ages five and under. For reservations, telephone (919) 733-7450.
- November 12 "Workshop: Victorian Seed Jewelry." Make beautiful seed and bead earrings or a pendant while learning about the "fancywork" that decorated many Victorian homes. Nancy Pennington, educational programs assistant, leads this program. For ages sixteen to adult. 2:00-4:00 P.M. \$10.00 per person (\$9.00 for Associates)

- November 14 "History à la Carte: Nineteenth-Century Whitework Bed Coverings." Discover the origins of the nineteenth-century fashion for whitework. Learn about the various needlework techniques that were used on different bed coverings, from quilts to counterpanes. Katherine Beery, registrar, presents this program. Bring your lunch; the museum will provide beverages. Noon-1:00 P.M.
- November 17 "Family Night: Art for the Home." Join Bob Timberlake as he takes you on a mini tour of the exhibit of his artwork and tells you the stories behind his art. Experiment with crafts and skills that can add beauty to one's home. See chair caning, try your hand at traditional rug hooking with wool strips, and learn to make patterns with vegetable and fruit stamps. Try a new way to quilt and discover what a Fraktur is. 6:30-8:30 P.M. \$2.00 per person, \$5.00 per family
- November 18 "Chair Caning Demonstration." John Roebuck creates beautiful patterns in the seats of cane-bottom chairs. 1:00-3:00 P.M.
- November 19 "Bob Timberlake: A Personal View." Meet Bob Timberlake and hear the stories behind this master artist's career. Childhood drawings, pictures of his two studios, and other personally chosen slides create a picture of the man that is not often seen. 3:00-4:00 P.M.

On October 7 the Museum of the Cape Fear in Fayetteville will open *Child's Play: A Serious Business*, a new exhibit that chronicles society's view of children as embodied in the toys and games available to them. The exhibit will remain on display through June 2, 1996. Complementing the exhibit will be special programs for children, including the museum's annual History Harvest (November 4), in which participants will engage in amusements and diversions common in the nineteenth century, and a December 21 toy workshop for children ages nine through twelve. The museum's Arsenal Tours, conducted by interpreters in period clothing, will be offered on October 1 and November 5. Telephone the museum at (910) 486-1330 for additional information.

State Capitol/Visitor Services

More than ten thousand people attended the annual "Spirit of the Capitol" Independence Day celebration at the State Capitol on July 4. Staff members from several North Carolina state historic sites participated in the celebration by demonstrating historic skills and crafts on the Capitol grounds. Entertainers, among them Scottish dancers, bagpipers, cloggers, and various musicians, performed in the Capitol and on the grounds. The lieutenant governor's office and the secretary of state's ceremonial office, both located in the Capitol, were open for public view.

Staff Notes

Richard Clark has been promoted to manager at Historic Halifax State Historic Site.

Colleges and Universities

Duke University

In the Department of History, John French and Monica Green have been promoted to associate professor. Alex Keyssar and John TePaske have been awarded Guggenheim Fellowships; John French and William Reddy have been named fellows at the National Humanities Center; and Daniel James has received a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). Karen Wigen, who rejoined the faculty as an associate professor on September 1, recently received a 1995 NEH summer stipend and a 1996 Japan Foundation Fellowship. Julius Scott has resigned to accept an appointment at the University of Michigan. Calvin Davis and Robert F. Durden will retire at the end of the fall 1995 semester.

East Carolina Manuscript Collection

Gene J. Williams, East Carolina University archivist, was recently elected president of the Eastern Carolina Chapter of the American Records Management Association (ARMA).

North Carolina Collection

In honor of his distinguished career in promoting understanding and appreciation of North Carolina's history, the North Caroliniana Society has presented a portrait of H. G. Jones to the North Carolina Collection. The portrait, unveiled at the society's annual banquet in Chapel Hill on May 19, has been hung in the Collection's reading room. Dr. Jones served as curator of the North Carolina Collection from 1974 to 1993. Previously he was state archivist from 1956 to 1968 and director of the Division of Archives and History from 1968 to 1974. Dr. Jones has served as president or chairman of a wide variety of professional, historical, and cultural organizations. Gov. James B. Hunt Jr. recently reappointed him to a six-year term as a member of the North Carolina Historical



Presently hanging in the reading room of the North Carolina Collection is this recent portrait of H. G. Jones rendered by Greenville artist Sarah Blakeslee. The North Caroliniana Society commissioned the portrait to honor Dr. Jones for his distinguished career in promoting the understanding and appreciation of North Carolina history. The society unveiled the work on May 19.

Commission, the eleven-member body that oversees the operations of the Division of Archives and History; Dr. Jones has been a member of the commission since 1977. The North Caroliniana Society commissioned Sarah Blakeslee of Greenville, one of North Carolina's leading portraitists, to execute the portrait. Ms. Blakeslee, also known for her landscapes and still lifes, received the North Carolina Award in fine art in 1994.

Southern Historical Collection

The Southern Historical Collection, Manuscripts Department, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, recently made available to researchers the following manuscript groups: papers, 1852-1914, of Mathew Smart Davis (1830-1906), principal of Louisburg Male Academy, Franklin County superintendent of schools, and president of Louisburg Female Academy (later Louisburg College); papers, 1805-1964, of the Fairley, McIver, and Robertson families of Bladen, Cumberland, and Duplin Counties; papers, 1853-1875, of Lemuel J. Hoyle (1839-1884), merchant and farmer of Belwood (Cleveland County) and captain with the Eleventh Regiment N.C. Troops during the Civil War; and records, 1976-, of the North Carolina Occupational Health and Safety Project, a private nonprofit membership organization of workers, union locals, and health and legal professionals.

University of North Carolina at Charlotte

In early June the J. Murrey Atkins Library at UNC-C jointly hosted a seminar on digital imaging for universities and museums. In observance of the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of James Knox Polk, eleventh president of the United States and a native of Mecklenburg County, the Atkins Library has on display through September 30 an exhibit titled *Mecklenburg County in the Age of James K. Polk*. Incorporating rare books and manuscripts from the library's collections, the exhibit highlights various influences on Polk's early development and provides a glimpse of what life was like in the county in the first half of the nineteenth century.

University of North Carolina at Wilmington

Dr. Larry W. Usilton is the new chairman of the Department of History at UNC-W; he succeeded Dr. Bruce Kinzer in that position effective July 1, 1995.

State, County, and Local Groups

Bellamy Mansion Museum of History and Design Arts

Currently on display at Wilmington's Bellamy Mansion Museum is *Journey through Chaos: WWII Invades Wilmington*, an exhibition that examines how the population explosion resulting from the war effort affected land use, growth patterns, economic development, and social diversification in Wilmington and the lower Cape Fear region. The exhibit, based on research conducted by Dr. Kristin Szylyvian, professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington,

employs photographs, artifacts, and personal recollections to suggest that World War II was a turning point in Wilmington's evolution. Admission to the exhibit, which will remain on display through March 1996, is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children. The Bellamy Mansion Museum, located at 503 Market Street in Wilmington, is open Wednesdays through Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. through 5:00 P.M. and Sundays from 1:00 to 5:00 P.M. For additional information, telephone (910) 251-3700.

Cape Fear Museum

Wilmington's Cape Fear Museum has recently issued *Time, Talent, and Tradition: Five Essays on the Cultural History of the Lower Cape Fear Region, North Carolina* as the culmination of a collaborative effort begun in 1990 by the Cape Fear Museum and Wilmington's St. John's Museum of Art to examine the cultural history of the region. The amply illustrated work includes a historical overview of the region's cultural arts by Alan D. Watson, professor of history at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington; individual essays by local experts on the topics of architecture, literature, music and dance, theater, and visual arts; endnotes; a bibliography; and an index. The 109-page paperbound volume sells for ten dollars at the museum or fourteen dollars if ordered by mail. The book can be ordered from the Cape Fear Museum, 814 Market Street, Wilmington, NC 28401-4731.

Charlotte Museum of History

Appalachian Memories, an exhibition of photographs taken in the mountains of North Carolina between 1900 and 1920, is on display at the Charlotte Museum of History through October 7. The photos reveal how relatively little some aspects of mountain life changed between the eighteenth and early twentieth centuries. Artifacts from the museum's permanent collection complement the exhibition. The museum is located at 3500 Shamrock Drive in Charlotte; it is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and on Saturdays and Sundays from 2:00 to 5:00 P.M. Admission to the exhibit is free.

Lower Cape Fear Historical Society

The society recently presented its 1994 Clarendon Award to Royce Shingleton for his *High Seas Confederate: The Life and Times of John Newland Maffitt* (Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 1994). Dr. Shingleton briefly discussed the volume and attended a book signing at the conclusion of a reception held in his honor at the society's Wilmington headquarters.

Wake County Historical Society

The society held its annual Labor Day tour of Raleigh's City Cemetery on September 4. Betsy Shaw served as tour guide. City Cemetery, established in 1798 by the North Carolina General Assembly, is the oldest public burying ground in Raleigh. The first burial there took place in 1802.

New Leaves

Editor's Note: Dr. Smith is Graduate Alumni Distinguished Professor of History at North Carolina State University, Raleigh. He presented a shortened version of this essay at a conference titled "North Carolina: The Civil War Connection" in Durham on April 22, 1995. The North Carolina Civil War Tourism Council sponsored the conference.

Emancipation in North Carolina: Research Pitfalls and Opportunities

John David Smith

Though scholars have written more about the Civil War and Reconstruction than on any other era of American History, historians essentially have revealed only one side of the story. We know an overwhelming amount about the "great white men" who led the armies and those who fought the fight. While we have studied Lincoln and Lee in excruciating, some would say stultifying, detail, we have far less information concerning the wartime history of blacks—slave and free, rural and urban, home-front and battlefield, at work on farms and plantations, in factories and laboratories, in mines, aboard ships, and as cooks, servants, laborers, pioneers, teamsters, sailors and soldiers in the Union and Confederate forces. In short, we know remarkably little about those African American men and women enmeshed in the emancipation process.

That is not to say that scholars have ignored the role of race in their analysis of the Civil War and Reconstruction. Professional historians no longer debate seriously the central role of slavery as the cause of the Civil War. For 130 years southern partisans have denied this, of course, arguing myopically that the idea of states' rights was unconnected to slavery. John C. Calhoun, a careful student of southern history, understood the fallacy of that argument during both the Nullification Crisis of 1832-1833 and again during the debates that spawned the Compromise of 1850. To be sure, a decade later Jefferson Davis, Alexander Stephens, and Zebulon B. Vance also grasped the vital nexus between slavery and secession. Despite more than a generation of books and articles underscoring slavery as the central issue in the sectional debate, hard-liners regularly and increasingly sound a dissenting voice.

In March 1995, for example, postings appeared daily on the Internet's "H-South" listserv denying slavery's central role in causing the war, in spicing its prosecution, and in determining its conclusion. A new hyphenate group—"Confederate-Americans"—argued, without citing sources, that large numbers of blacks actually fought for the Confederacy. A spirited electronic skirmish ensued. In more ways than one, Calhoun, Davis, Stephens, and Vance never would have gone "on line." They also never would have understood those postings on the Internet.

According to a recent collection of essays, *Black Southerners in Gray* (1994), historians have seriously underestimated the extent to which slaves and free blacks championed the Confederacy. Editor Richard Rollins argues that "They served and bore arms as servants; as private individuals; and as units either predominantly-black or made up of all black Southerners." Arthur W. Bergeron Jr. concludes that Louisiana's free blacks supported the Confederacy out of "state

or local patriotism" and to maintain their superiority over slaves. Ervin L. Jordan Jr. writes "that approximately 15 percent of Virginia's slaves and 25 percent of her free blacks supported the Confederacy." Rudolph Young concludes that Lincoln County, North Carolina's, black Confederates "served because of loyalty to their country or to an individual; in doing so they have demonstrated that it is possible to hate the system of slavery and love one's country." With all due respect, I remain deeply skeptical of findings based on shreds of scattered, anecdotal, incomplete evidence.¹

Pension applications by elderly former slaves in the 1920s and 1930s prove that these alleged black Confederates were servants or laborers, not combat soldiers. The North Carolina State Archives holds 193 such pension requests submitted by "colored servants who went with their masters to war and can prove their service." Representing sixty-two counties, the requests almost uniformly fall into one of two categories: men who served as body servants or as laborers. A small minority of the applications, however, are ambiguous. Hawkins W. Carter of Warren County, for example, "constructed breast works, cooked and fought along side white soldiers." The problem with interpreting this response, of course, is how one defines "fought." My preliminary analysis of these data convinces me that the argument for "black Confederates" is grossly overdrawn and perhaps ideologically motivated. Nonetheless, the topic should be pursued vigorously.²

North Carolinians have every reason to know more than historians do about the role of African Americans in the Civil War period. We have one of the leading state archives in the nation and the best university research collections on the South and the Civil War. Still, we know embarrassingly little about the emancipation experience—how blacks defined and enacted their freedom—in the state.

John G. Barrett's *The Civil War in North Carolina*, a staple of the literature since 1963, virtually ignores slavery and emancipation. It contains fewer than sixty references to "Negroes." One has to go back almost five decades—to pioneering essays by Tinsley L. Spraggins and Bernard H. Nelson in the *North Carolina Historical Review*—to learn much of anything about Confederate slave impressments in the state. During the war, in fact, black North Carolinians did much more than labor for their oppressors.

They ran away, married, gave birth, grew to adulthood, labored for their masters and for themselves, participated in an emerging free-market economy, collaborated with Confederates, and aided and abetted the Yankees. Indeed, during the war black North Carolinians suffered their enslavement, guarded their privileges, expanded the limits of their "freedom," and, ultimately, celebrated their liberation. For all this rich social and economic history, however, North Carolina has no monograph on its emancipation experience.³ Tracy W. Schneider's 1979 Duke dissertation on slavery in North Carolina, 1860-1865, sits on the Perkins Library shelf unread and unrevised. Modern scholarship on emancipation—emphasizing black resistance and employing black sources—has ignored it. Other states, however, have fared surprisingly better than North Carolina.

In 1969, for example, James H. Brewer published *The Confederate Negro*, a pioneering work on Virginia's slave craftsmen and military laborers, 1861-1865. In 1986 Clarence L. Mohr published his pathbreaking *On the Threshold of Freedom*, a terrific

work on the interrelationship of masters and slaves in Civil War Georgia. Recently Ervin L. Jordan Jr. published *Black Confederates and Afro-Yankees in Civil War Virginia*. Though this work raises more questions than it answers, it nevertheless is a notable achievement.

Jordan surveys the lives of slaves in Civil War Virginia—as runaways, contrabands, laborers, body servants, soldiers, and spies. His book investigates slave health, law, religion, education, sex, marriage, miscegenation, and race relations during the war. Jordan concludes that almost 180,000 Afro-Virginians supplied "logistical support" for their state during the war and that "Black Confederate loyalty was more widespread than American history has acknowledged." "Afro-Confederates were riddles," he adds.

Whites never formally recognized them as spokesmen for blacks. To Southern racial conservatives they were two-faced; Northerners categorized them as oddities and dupes; most blacks disavowed and feared them as foolhardy traitors and scorned these "skillet-heads." Pro-Confederate blacks could not by themselves cure the ills of the African-American community because they were never formally empowered to articulate or negotiate the aspirations of their race . . . and lacked political experience. Some were sincerely patriotic; others were alarmed individuals acting on behalf of their own self-preservation and economic interests. Their labors contributed to the rebel war effort, but in the end Confederates failed to appreciate properly and make full use of numerous reliable black allies within their midst.

Too impressionistic and imprecise, especially in defining Afro-Virginians as "soldiers," Jordan's book nonetheless provides an important model for the understanding of black life in the Confederate South. Perhaps Jordan's most significant accomplishment is in underscoring the diverse experiences of black Virginians during the emancipation process. We desperately need a similar study for North Carolina.⁴

In 1860 the Tar Heel State had 331,059 slaves, including 55,020 male slaves and 5,150 male free blacks of military age—that is, between eighteen and forty-five. According to U.S. military records, 5,035—or about 8 percent of those men—joined the Union army. We lack any precise figures on the number of black North Carolina males who were impressed by or who served in some capacity with North Carolina state or Confederate forces. We do know, however, that Federal invasion in eastern North Carolina and wartime stresses and strains wreaked havoc on the institution of slavery. Thousands of slaves emancipated themselves. They fled.⁵

Writing in October 1862, a Beaufort County slaveholder lamented that "It is nothing uncommon for dozens of slaves to escape from one man in a day, or for a plantation to be effectually ruined in a few hours." A month later a planter complained that the Yankees had liberated no fewer than three thousand slaves in Martin and neighboring counties. One plantation lost sixty slaves.⁶ The case of planter James C. Johnston, who owned slaves in four counties, illustrates the point.

In 1860 Johnston held 103 slaves in Chowan County. By spring 1863 he owned seventy-seven, and by July 1864 forty were left. According to Max R. Williams, "It seems reasonable to assume that the 1863 and 1864 figures resulted largely from slave defections brought about by the prospect of freedom—freedom made possible by the occasional appearance of Federal troops in Edenton and the proximity of Chowan to permanent United States garrisons."⁷

That assumption supports Jeffrey J. Crow's argument that the war seriously undermined slavery in North Carolina. Once Union troops occupied coastal North Carolina in 1861, freedmen labored for their liberators. Some worked as cooks, teamsters, spies, and guides for the Federal forces, while others joined North Carolina's four regiments of U.S. Colored Troops—the Fourteenth U.S. Colored Heavy Artillery and the Thirty-fifth, Thirty-sixth, and Thirty-seventh U.S. Colored Infantry. Thanks to the painstaking research of Weymouth T. Jordan Jr. and Gerald W. Thomas, we now know of the "massacre" of approximately forty-five blacks—civilians, army recruits, "volunteers," laborers, and cooks, and navy seamen at Plymouth, North Carolina—in April 1864. Large numbers of other freed men and women, including women and children, congregated on Roanoke Island and at James City, across the Trent River from New Bern in Craven County.⁸

In areas of the state still under Confederate control, masters lent and hired out bondsmen to the Confederate army. It commonly impressed slaves for various military-related tasks. Slaves repaired railroads, dug wells, and constructed trenches, breastworks, irrigation canals, and fortifications such as Fort Fisher. The army rarely returned slaves to their masters on time. The blacks usually returned worse for the wear, suffering physically from their government service. Masters recorded all of this dutifully in their plantation account books and diaries.

The paucity of scholarship on North Carolina's emancipation experience results not from a dearth of sources. The cavernous National Archives in Washington, D.C., holds millions of documents relating to emancipation, thousands of which pertain to North Carolina. Since 1982 Ira Berlin, founding editor of the Freedmen and Southern Society Project, has published four volumes of documents that chronicle the emancipation process throughout the South. Berlin's *Freedom* project reproduces in letterpress format 1,172 carefully selected documents drawn from military and civilian records. They present, according to Berlin, "the fullest documentation of the destruction of any dependent social relationship, and the release of any people—serfs or slaves—from their dependent status and the simultaneous transformation of an entire society."⁹ For our purposes, the *Freedom* project provides the best window from which to view North Carolina's emancipation process.

The following testimony reflects literal transcription and incorporates black dialect and phonetic spelling. Many of the authors were semiliterate. These passages suggest the special meaning of reading the words of blacks and their white comrades as emancipation unfolded. They also underscore the ambiguity of emancipation, as well as the tensions between the freed people and their liberators. Both approached the emancipation experience with agendas and assumptions that frequently clashed. The slaves' day of "Jubilo" thus frequently came with mixed results.

In September 1863, for example, Col. James C. Beecher of the Thirty-fifth U.S. Colored Infantry, a regiment of black North Carolinians assigned to Gen. Edward A. Wild's African Brigade, protested because his men were assigned fatigue duty—digging ditches and preparing camp—for white troops. Beecher complained because those in his command "have been slaves and are just learning to be men It IS a draw-back that they are regarded as, and called 'd---d Niggers'

by so-called 'gentlemen' in uniform of U.S. Officers, but when they are set to menial work doing for white regiments what those Regiments are entitled to do for themselves, it simply throws them back where they were before and reduces them to the position of slaves again."¹⁰

Shortly after the end of the war, Richard Etheredge and William Benson of the Thirty-sixth U.S. Colored Infantry, another regiment of black North Carolinians, informed Gen. Oliver O. Howard, head of the Freedmen's Bureau, that while they served in Virginia their families suffered terribly on Roanoke Island. Though the government had promised to supply rations for their wives and children, none were provided. The two soldiers protested that "our familys have no protection the white soldiers break into our houses act as they please steal our chickens rob our gardens and if any one defends their-Selves against them they are taken to the gard house for it. so our familys have no protection. . . ." The black North Carolinians signed their letter "in behalf of humanity."¹¹

Shortly before the end of the war, blacks living in a U.S. government contraband camp on Roanoke Island met to air a variety of grievances. They complained loudly against the camp's white administrators, Horace James and Holland Streeter. The blacks, who served as government teamsters and fortification laborers, sent to President Lincoln and Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton several petitions seeking improved treatment. The recently emancipated men wanted to know what their rights were. "We dont expect to have the same wrights as white men doe," they said. "We know that [we] are in a millitary country and we exspect to obey the rules and orders of our authori[ti]es and doe as they say doe, any thing in reason." But the freedmen felt oppressed by James and Streeter, the very people they looked to for help. In one petition the blacks wrote that they felt "entily friendless." They charged that the U.S. Army "treated us [as] mean [as] . . . our owners ever [did] . . . just like we had been dum beast. . . ." White troops, for example, reportedly scared them with firecrackers and abused them verbally.

The freedmen complained that James, who promised them easy access to building materials but then dishonestly made it more difficult for them to obtain wooden planks with which to build houses, had broken his word. In addition, the men asserted that James rarely paid the monthly ten dollars promised them for their labor. Some blacks who worked on fortifications allegedly had not been paid in three years. The former slaves also charged that it was impossible to satisfy the superintendent. James frequently encouraged them to work independently but then penalized them for doing so. The petitioners explained:

Soon as he Sees we are trying to Support our Selves without the aid of the Government he comes and make a Call for the men, that is not working for the Government to Goe away and if we are not willing to Goe he orders the Guards to take us by the point of the bayonet, and we have no power to help it we know it is wright and are willing to doe any thing that the President or our head Commanders want us to doe but we are not willing to be pull and haul a bout so much by those head men as we have been for the last two years and we may say Get nothing for it. . . .

Despite their complaints, the petitioners informed President Lincoln of their continued loyalty and determination to serve the government. But, they added, U.S. authorities treated them inhumanely and allowed their families to starve. As one petition proclaimed,

we are not willing to work as we have done for Chaplain James and be Troden under foot and Get nothing for it we have work faithful Since we have been on the Island we have built our log houses we have Cultivate our acre of Ground and have Tried to be less expence to the Government as we Possible Could be and we are yet Trying to help the Government all we Can for our lives those head men have done every thing to us that our masters have done except by and Sell us and now they are Trying to Starve the woman & children to death cutting off they ration they have Got so now that they wont Give them no meat to eat, every ration day beef & a little fish and befor the Ten days is out they are going from one to another Trying to borrow a little meal to last until ration day.

The freedmen also alleged that James and Streeter forced their young sons, against their parents' wishes, to labor for the army in New Bern. According to the blacks, the white superintendents

send them to newbern to work to pay for they ration without they parent Consint if he has we thinks it very hard indeed he essued a Proclamation that no boys Should have any rations at 14 years old well we thought was very hard that we had to find our boy Children to Goe to School hard as times are, but rather then they Should Goe without learning we thought we would try and doe it and say no more a bout it and the first thing we knowed Mr Stereeter the Gentleman that ration the Contrabands had Gone a round to all the White School-Teachers and told them to Give the boys orders to goe and get they ration on a Certain day so the negros as we are Call are use to the Cesesh plots Suspicion the Game they was Going to play and a Greate many never Sent they Children. So Some twenty or twenty-five went and Mr Streeter Give them they rations and the Guard march them down to the head quarters and put them on board the boat and carried them to newbern here is woman here on the Island which their husbands are in the army just had one little boy to help them to cut & lug wood & to Goe arrand for them Chaplain James has taken them and sent them away Some of these little ones he sent off wasen oer 12 years olds. the mothers of Some went to Chaplain and Grieved and beg for the little boys but he would not let them have them we want to know if the Prisident done essued any ration for School boys if he dont then we are satisfide we have men on the Island that Can Support the boys to Goe to School but here are Poor woman are not able to do it So the orphans must Goe without they learning that all we can say a bout the matter

In their petitions, the former slaves on Roanoke Island argued that U.S. government treated them so poorly "because they think that we are igorant." Disappointed with their circumstances, the blacks found dealing with the government to be far more difficult than they had expected. The freed men and women had to negotiate with bureaucrats for the basics of life, including food and housing. In one of their petitions the blacks concluded that "all we wants is a Chance and we can Get a living like White man." Unfortunately, despite their impassioned pleas, the government never addressed the petitioners' complaints.¹²

The testimony of former slaves also provides insightful glimpses into North Carolina's emancipation process. Several published autobiographical accounts and numerous oral history interviews document the transition from slavery to freedom in the Tar Heel State. For example, the Slave Collection at the North Carolina State Archives (Private Collection No. 1629) contains three informative narratives by former slaves: Allen Parker, *Recollections of Slavery Times* (1895); William H. Robinson, *From Log Cabin to the Pulpit; or, Fifteen Years in Slavery* (1903); and William Henry Singleton, *Recollections of My Slavery Days* (1922). According to historian Thomas Fiehrer, the published slave narratives "stress the themes of freedom, identity, and assimilation. Though righteous and moralistic . . . they mirror the Western preoccupation with mobility, civic success, and the autono-

mous self." Scholars have not yet made adequate use of North Carolina's slave narratives to document wartime emancipation.¹³

Parker's autobiography chronicles his life as a slave in Chowan County and his escape to U.S. Army lines in 1862. During the war, he explained, "The roads were patrolled and every effort was made to keep the slaves on the plantations at night, and it was very hard to get a pass to leave at all; but nevertheless we did manage to get away quite often and many conferences were held, in which the doings of the 'Yankees' were talked over, and ideas in relation to freedom. [sic] exchanged by the slaves." Scholars have long supposed that the slaves monitored the course of the war, privately cheered the Yankees on, and charted the progress of their emancipation. Parker's narrative supports those assertions. Indeed, the slaves learned much from what they heard on the grapevine.¹⁴

Robinson, a slave in New Hanover County, left for the war with his master, Joseph Cowens, on April 15, 1861. He was armed, Robinson said, with "a club . . . to knock off Yankee's horns with, my master told me that they had horns." Following Cowens's death, Robinson served as a cook for Confederate forces and, after being captured, joined two Union regiments. His status in both units remains unclear. Singleton, a Craven County slave, went to war as a servant for one of the officers of the First North Carolina (Confederate) Cavalry. "The reason why I was anxious to go," Singleton said, "was because I wanted to learn how to drill I did learn to drill. In fact I learned how to drill so well that after a while when he [Samuel Haynes] was busy with other matters he would tell me to drill the company for him." In 1862 Singleton escaped to New Bern, where he served first as a servant to a Union officer and later as a scout. In 1863 he organized and later served as a noncommissioned officer in North Carolina's first black regiment—the Thirty-fifth U.S. Colored Infantry.¹⁵

Oral history interviews provide additional voices that speak to North Carolina's emancipation experience. For over a half-century, historians have been able to draw upon transcriptions of interviews with more than three thousand elderly former slaves throughout the South. Most were collected during the 1930s, when the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration (WPA) recorded more than two thousand testimonies from former slaves. According to Fiehrer, "at the very minimum they serve to communicate a sense of the verve and immediacy of a defunct idiom. They allow us to listen in, at least, on the 'left' side of a historical dialogue—the bottom half of the master-slave conversation." Interviewers recorded testimony from 191 former North Carolina slaves.¹⁶

George Rogers, for example, illiterate and ninety-four years old, provided white interviewer T. Pat Matthews with many details on slave life in eastern Wake County. When the war began, Rogers accompanied his "Young Marster," William Rogers, as a body servant. "I was in camp with him up here by de old fair grounds," Rogers said. After his master died, George constructed breastworks for the Confederates until Federal troops captured him. Rogers explained:

I went to de Yankees den. Dey give me clothes, shoes, sumtin to eat, and some money too. I worked for 'em while dey were camped in Raleigh. I come wid 'em back to Raleigh. Dey were camped on Newbern Avenue and Tarboro Street and all out in Gatlin' Field in de place now called Lincoln Park. De Yankees, when dey tuc' us, tole us ter come on wid 'em. Dey tole us to git all de folks's chickens and hogs. We wuz behind 'em, an' we had plenty. Dey made us steal an' take things for 'em. Wheeler's Cavalry went before us, dat's why dey wuz so rich. Dey got all de silver, an' we got de chickens and hogs.

The modern historian of Civil War North Carolina, John G. Barrett, has described Raleigh's capitulation in somewhat similar terms. According to Barrett, in early April 1865 Confederate general Joseph Wheeler's troops ransacked local shops and broke into the state's commissary stores. "The weathercock atop Christ Church was probably the first and only chicken Wheeler's troops saw which they could not reach." The question remains, though: Who stole the silver and who stole the chickens?¹⁷

Despite their value as "local color," Rogers's recollections point to a major weakness of the interviews with former slaves: their questionable accuracy. Several of his statements, in fact, suggest that he was less than a credible witness. "We all lef' Raleigh on wagons," Rogers explained, "an' I don't know whur we went atter we lef' Raleigh; I wuz las'. We got on de train at Fayetteville, whur dey kep de rations. We went to a place whur dere wuz a lot o' water. I don't know its name." The elderly former slave obviously had a hard time remembering where he had been during the war and what exactly he had done. His anti-Northern remarks possibly were calculated to please Matthews. And for all the attention that recent historians of slavery have devoted to the narratives, the WPA interview process involved serious methodological weaknesses that undermine its reliability as evidence. Still, if evaluated carefully and critically, the interviews with former slaves—like evidence drawn from manuscripts and narratives—provide potentially valuable primary sources for the study of North Carolina's wartime emancipation.¹⁸

In general, those sources illustrate the determination of North Carolina's slaves to be free, to reunite their families, to own land, to receive education, and to become independent economic producers. Armed with such firsthand materials, a rich scholarly agenda thus awaits us. We need a monograph on slavery in North Carolina and wartime emancipation, a social history of North Carolina blacks caught in the crucible of war, a history of black troops enlisted in North Carolina and their service, a study of non-combat roles of blacks during the war, and an analysis of how blacks adjusted to the market economy as freed people.

Fourteen years ago Joe A. Mobley remarked that though North Carolina "slaves may not always have been certain of what freedom entailed, they were certain that it had to be a change for the better." The voices of blacks caught in the midst of dramatic social change help us grasp emancipation's meaning. We must not allow such a powerful story to pass North Carolina by.¹⁹

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SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

The next regular meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, September 11, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College. Mr. Kyle Stimpson of Lewisville, NC, Vice-chairman of the Great Wagon Road Preservation Association, will be the guest speaker.

Mr. Stimpson has had extensive experience in studying, locating and preserving the remaining evidences of the Great Wagon Road through Forsyth County, across the Yadkin River at the Shallowford and on into Yadkin County.

Mr. Stimpson took the time to give your President a personal tour of the remaining evidences of the Great Wagon Road, the home-stead of Henry Banner, and into Yadkin County and the beginning of the road to Mulberry Fields. A series of tours of these sites will be conducted this Fall, with Mr. Stimpson serving as guide. He will talk about this in his presentation.

If you have any interest in the routes of early roads into this area, you will not want to miss this lecture by Mr. Stimpson.

MEMBERSHIP

Teresa Smith, Treasurer, has informed me that paid memberships for 1995 has reached 312. This is a record membership! It can be attributed to the services offered by SOGA, including publications and research. Extensive publicity has made the Association's name known across the United States. I get telephone calls from people who have seen the Association's name in a library in some state far from Surry County. Keep up the good work! Thanks for the efforts of everyone who has had a part in our success.

FAMILY HISTORY

A special thanks to James V. Cockerham, SOGA member who lives in Charlotte, for a gift of Fifty Fruitful Years, Historical Sketch of the Lives of Luther and Laura Cockerham who were Lifelong Residents of Surry County, North

Carolina from 1890 to 1982. This family history is documented with interesting narrative interspersed with numerous photographs of family and events. It is a valuable addition to SOGA's family history collection.

If you have not donated a copy of your family history to the Association, you should do so immediately. Each of these is a treasure of information for researchers.

ARTICLES NEEDED

We should be alert to appropriate materials which may be printed in the quarterly Journal. If you have information which you believe would be suitable, please send it to Wade Marion or one of the Journal's staff.

GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION JOURNALS

SOGA exchanges journals with 20 genealogical associations and societies around the country. If you wish to take a look at what is received, ask Barbara Welborn, Librarian for that opportunity. She will be happy to make those arrangements for you.

GENEALOGY FAIR

The Association's "Genealogy Fair" is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 1995, and will be held at Surry Community College Cafeteria. Registrations for table space are coming in at a steady pace. If you have an interest in reserving a table, we urge you to do so now. Only a limited number will be available. A copier will be available for participants use this year.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular meeting, on September 11. All officers and committee chairpersons should be present to discuss the business of the Association.

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FORSYTH COUNTY WORKSHOP

The Forsyth County Genealogical Society will hold its biennial workshop on September 8 - 9, 1995. The topic will be on how we can research those of our families who went "west" to such places as Indiana, Tennessee, Texas, and points in between. Helen F.M. Leary will be the lecturer. Contact Geraldine Brinegar at (910) 788-1253 for further information.

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

A reminder to all that Betty Camin and others are available to assist researchers with problems - Thursday afternoons, 1:00 - 4:00 P.M. in the Surry Community College Library. Come by if you need assistance. This service is available to both members and non members.

WELCOME MESSAGE

We should be glad to appreciate materials which may be printed in the quarterly JOURNAL. If you have information which you believe would be valuable, please send it to Bobb Fernon or one of the Society's staff.

GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION JOURNAL

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GENERAL INFO

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THE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Committee will meet at 8:00 a.m. on the regular meeting, on All officers and committee members should be present to discuss the business of the Association.

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

OCTOBER 1995

OCTOBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, October 9, 1995, at 7:00 P.M. in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

Members of the Carroll County (Virginia) Historical Society will be our guests for the evening. Led by Shelby Inscore Puckett, they will present our program. They have been given the freedom to choose the topics for their presentation.

Following the program presentation, the two groups will socialize over light refreshments.

We encourage you to attend this meeting, learn about the work and organization of the Carroll County Society and, more importantly, learn more about the people who are members. It is always enjoyable to spend time with friends, especially those who have similar interests. We will look for you on October 9.

NOTE: The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular meeting on October 9.

GENEALOGY FAIR

Before our next meeting, the Association will sponsor a "Genealogy Fair." This is scheduled for Saturday, October 7, 1995, from 9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. at the Surry Community College Cafeteria.

The purpose of the Genealogy Fair is to give members and others the opportunity to display and share the results of their family research. Also, if there are those who have books or other materials to sell, they may do so.

Most people who are involved in family research diligently seek additional material to add to their information.

While several SOGA members have reserved table space, many others who have not should do so. You may not have anything to sell, but you do have information to share. We have space for fifty (50) tables. Each one of these should be used for display of materials. If you have not reserved table space, please do

so today or come to the Fair without reservations.

We encourage you both to display and attend the Fair on October 7. SOGA needs your support of this project!

NOGS ANNUAL MEETING

The North Carolina Genealogical Society will observe its annual meeting on October 27 - 28, 1995 in Raleigh. The featured presenter will be Elizabeth Shown Mills. If you wish to have additional information, please request it at the October 9 meeting.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- NOVEMBER - Angela Leonard, Editor of Simple Pleasures, will be the speaker
- DECEMBER - Christmas Party, and installation of officers for 1996, at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson
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QUARTERLY JOURNAL

The Fall edition of the Journal is now at the printers. It should be distributed in the very near future. Even while the staff is distributing the Fall edition, it is working on the Winter edition. If you have information of a research nature appropriate for the Journal, please pass it along to a member of the staff.

Sincere thanks are extended to all who work diligently to make this one of the finest journals in print. You consistently produce a research document in which we take great pride.

Wade Marion, Editor, has told the Association that he will not continue in that office next year. If you have an interest, let's talk about it.

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MEMBERSHIP

It was reported at the September meeting that SOGA now has 313 members - a record! Thanks for your hard work and devotion to the goals of the Association. Those who join now will receive all of the journals for 1995.

It's time to begin thinking about membership for 1996. October is not too early to pay your dues.

SOC BOOKSTORE ITEM

The Surry Community College Bookstore may have copies of Fisher's River Scenes and Characters on sale. This is the complete book as written by Taliaferro.

Genealogy Fair

The Surry County Genealogical Association will present its second annual Genealogy Fair on Saturday, October 7 at the Surry Community College cafeteria. Association members and other individuals and groups will display items relating to genealogical research and regional history. Hours will be from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Admission will be charged.

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- Barbara Welborn and Shelby Puckett



Annie Lee Gentry, Love Cox and
- Ann Stewart



—Wade Roberts and Emily Southard —





Barbara Welborn, Patti Wilmoth,
- Shelby Puckett, Steve Hall, and -
Barbara Hall Wood

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

NOVEMBER 1995

NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, November 13, 1995 at 7:00 P.M. and will meet in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

Angela Leonard, editor of Simple Pleasures, (a publication of the Mount Airy News) will be the guest speaker. Angela replaced Barbara Summerlin, the former editor who conceived the idea of a newspaper which tells of the historic treasures and simple way of life which our ancestors enjoyed. Angela brings to this position a background knowledge of rural life. She lives just across the state line in Virginia and is able to enjoy the pleasures of life in one of the most beautiful areas of the world.

Each time Simple Pleasures is printed, it contains a column written by Hester Jackson. This column is primarily Hester's responses to genealogical inquiries which she has received. Many of the inquiries are appeals to the general public for information about an ancestor, the location of a cemetery or a request for similar information. Simple Pleasures is a valuable tool for family research.

We encourage you to be present in order to meet Angela and hear how Simple Pleasures is put together for each publication.

HERITAGE BOOKS

We continue to be amazed at the sales of Heritage books, both volumes. Virtually every week we get calls or visits from people who want to purchase a copy. Of course we are delighted at how desirable it is to own copies of these very valuable research sources. Keep up the good work! Let's sell every copy we have.

GENEALOGY FAIR

Attendance at the Association's 1995 Genealogy Fair held on October 7 was less than last year's. Part of the reason may have been

the numerous activities taking place throughout the county on the same date. It was a beautiful day so weather was not a reason.

Our thanks to all who came, especially to those who brought and displayed research material. A special thanks to Carlos Surratt who made arrangements for the Association to have the Fair at SCC.

It has been suggested that SCGA not sponsor a Fair in 1996 but look forward to another one at some point in the future.

OCTOBER MEETING

Those who were present at the October meeting enjoyed immensely the presentation by Shelby Puckett, Woodrow and Savada Bedsaul and Love Cox, representatives of the Carroll County Historical Society. Their presentation included information about the early settlers of the area and a valuable selection of printed resource material. Thanks to them for their visit with us.

DUES FOR 1996

Please remember that, due to changes in the Association's By-laws, there is no "grace" period during which members who have not paid dues will receive the Newsletter and Journal. In order to continue to receive these publications in January, members must have paid dues by January 1. Of course, dues may be paid at any point during the year. Members who pay dues will receive all four Journals printed during the year but not back issues of the monthly Newsletters.

Simplify the entire process by paying your 1996 dues by December 31, 1995. If you do so, it will not be necessary for you to read and understand paragraph one.

COST OF PAPER

We are acutely aware of the inflationary increase in the cost of paper. Presently, we do not know what impact this may have on the

cost of printing the Newsletter and the Journal. Hopefully, it will be possible to absorb the increasing cost of printing these items. However, if the cost of paper continues to escalate, adjustments may be required. Either the Association will be forced to revise publication schedules or increase annual dues. (There will not be an increase in dues for 1996.) We want to make you aware of the fact that conditions over which we have no control are changing very rapidly. It may be necessary for the Association to respond to increasing costs in the future.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Nominating Committee, comprised of Jimmy Smith, chairman, Wilma Hiatt, and Judy Cardwell will report their nominations for President, Recording Secretary and Librarian at the November meeting. These will be installed at the December meeting and take office on January 1. These officers will serve two-year terms.

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of SOGA will be held at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson on

December 11. This is the Association's Christmas party and installation of officers. This year the program will include a special recognition of the late Wallace Kallam for his contributions to SOGA. Sharon Kellam of Boone will present the musical entertainment. Starting time for the December meeting-6:00 P.M.-since it is a dinner meeting. Those attending will order from the restaurant's regular menu.

EMILY SOUTHARD

Emily has just had printed a family history, Remembering Granny Tucker - Sophia Emily Cockerham Tucker. This is a wonderful family history which contains numerous photographs and copies of original documents. You will enjoy reading every word and seeing every picture. Congratulations, Emily, on a job well done! Contact Emily if you wish to purchase a copy.

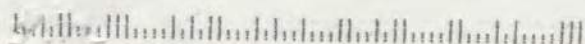
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SOGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting. All officers and committee chairmen are urged to attend.

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Angela Leonard, editor of Simple Pleasures, and guest speaker for the Nov. SCGA meeting at SCC. (1995)



Betty and Donna Edwards



Wade Marion, editor of SCGA Journal, and Ann Stewart, his able assistant and secretary of SCGA.



Jo Adams (sitting)

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ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

DECEMBER 1995

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association will be held on Monday, December 11, 1995, at 6:00 P.M. at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson. The meeting is scheduled for an earlier starting time because it is a dinner meeting. If there is a question about postponement of the meeting due to inclement weather, call me at the telephone number listed above.

Newly elected officers for 1996-97 will be installed and there will be a special memorial tribute to Wallace Kallam. SCGA and the J.E.B. Stuart Camp #1598 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans jointly will present a memorial gift in recognition of the contributions which Wallace made to both organizations.

Members of the Kallam family and the Sons of Confederate Veterans will be our guests for the evening. Additionally, many of the spouses of SCGA members will be with us for this special occasion.

Sharon Kellam, noted musical performer who sings old-time music and plays the dulcimers, banjo and harp, will provide our entertainment. Sharon performed for us on previous occasions, and all who have heard her are inspired by her mastery of old-time music.

Those in attendance will order their meal from the menu. The gratuity for the waitresses will be added to the price of the meal.

We ask that each person bring a door prize; if possible, something related to genealogy or local history.

SCGA has guaranteed 50 in attendance for this event. We urge you to join with us for this special occasion which brings to a close a very successful year.

NOTE: The Executive Committee will not meet prior to the December meeting.

JANUARY PROGRAM

SCGA's meeting on January 8, 1996, will be one of special importance. The time has come for the Association to begin planning for computerizing family research information. The research information on hand or available through commercial firms should be made more

readily available. However, it seems to me that the item of greatest urgency is to provide an efficient means of accessing the names and information that currently exists on discs of SCGA members. I estimate that the membership has in excess of 100,000 names on individual discs (this estimate is probably on the low side).

The January meeting will be devoted totally to a discussion of how much information is already stored on computer discs, the willingness of members to share this information, how the information which is shared can be consolidated by SCGA, what kind of system should be purchased as a vehicle for storing the information, what kind of hardware should be purchased, and how this information can be made available to researchers.

The January meeting will set the agenda for SCGA during 1996. Every member who can, especially those with knowledge of computer systems, should plan to attend and participate in this important meeting.

1995 MEMBERSHIP

It was reported at the November, 1995 meeting that SCGA has 326 dues paying members. This is 20 members above the final 1994 total.

We offer a sincere "thank you" and "congratulations" to all who have shared in recruiting new members during this year. Your efforts have been rewarded by another record year. Keep up the good work.

DUES FOR 1996

December is the month to pay your SCGA dues for 1996. There is a renewed interest in family research across the country. Anyone who is a serious researcher will join a genealogical association. Since so many thousands of migrants passed through Surry County on their way westward, there is

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unlimited potential for SOGA to continue to increase its membership. Renew now and encourage new members to join with us. By paying your dues by December 31, 1995, you will not miss receiving any SOGA publications.

You may pay your dues at the Christmas party on December 11 or mail your check to the Association's post office box.

THE WINTER QUARTERLY JOURNAL

The last issue of the quarterly Journal will be received by SOGA members in a few days. It lists the names of SOGA members who had paid membership dues up to the time that the Journal was compiled. If your name is not listed as a member, it may be because your dues were received late in the year.

If you believe there is an error, please bring it to the attention of Teresa Smith, Treasurer.

BOOK DONATIONS

During the past year, SOGA has received several family histories donated by researchers. We express our thanks to each of you who has made a donation of a book. As others finish their research, we urge you to donate a copy to the genealogy section of the Surry Community College Library. Family histories provide an invaluable source of information for other researchers.

Ruth Minick at the Museum with visitor in Nov. 1995.



AGENDA

WELCOME.....Robert B. Holder

ORDER MEAL (FROM MENU)

(Waitress gratuity will be added to your bill)

INVOCATION

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.....Nominating Committee

President.....Robert B. Holder

Recording Secretary.....Ann B. Stewart

Librarian.....Barbara B. Welborn

IN MEMORIAM - WALLACE KALLAM

Gary Snow, Commander, J.E.B. Stuart Camp #1598,
Sons of Confederate Veterans

Robert Holder, President SCGA

DINNER.....Lantern Restaurant Staff

ENTERTAINMENT.....Sharon Kellam

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES.....SCGA Officers

ADJOURNMENT

WE WELCOME OUR GUESTS!
The Sons of Confederate Veterans
The Family of Wallace Kallam
Other visitors

IN MEMORIAM

LEMUEL WALLACE KALLAM

August 30, 1934 - June 19, 1995

Every day brings us into contact with myriads of people from all walks of life. Some of these contacts lead to sundry relationships as people move in and out of our circles of activities. As relationships go, we soon discover who are the "givers" and who are the "takers." The "givers" act as a magnet drawing people and significant events to them while the "takers" soon wear thin in our presence.

Wallace Kallam definitely fell within the category of the "givers." His life's priority was that of giving his best to his country, his church, his family, and his God. In recent years he gave his best to the causes of preserving and cataloging the cemeteries of Surry and surrounding counties, to obtaining markers for the graves of deceased military veterans, and to establishing and strengthening the Surry County Genealogical Association.

Wallace was a charter member of SOGA. He worked to bring it into existence and to support its activities. Until his health became a major problem, he was faithful in attendance and active in all of the Association's functions. He believed in its purposes and worked diligently to accomplish them.

Wallace was just a telephone call away from those who needed assistance in order to find where an ancestor was buried or where some ancient ancestor lived or some family who needed help in obtaining a marker to place on great-grandfather's grave or some legal advice regarding the preservation of an obscure cemetery.

Wallace was acquainted with and had access to governors, judges, lawyers, politicians and military bureaus. He could succeed in getting answers and actions when other failed. He knew how to apply pressure in the right places.

Wallace had a keen sense of justice and fairness, a philosophy which guided his life and which he expected of all those whom he encountered.

He is one of those people whose absence creates a void which cannot be filled. No one can take his place.

Tonight we honor the memory of Wallace Kallam and recognize his value to this Association. Jointly, with the J.E.B. Stuart Camp #1598, Sons of Confederate Veterans, we present to the genealogy section of Surry Community College Library the first two volumes of a set, Roster of Confederate Veterans. The other volumes will be added as they are printed. This set will continue to be a reminder of the value of Wallace Kallam to the Surry County Genealogical Association.

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION

CHRISTMAS PARTY

**DECEMBER 11, 1995
AT
SIX O'CLOCK**

**LANTERN RESTAURANT
DOBSON, NORTH CAROLINA**





Installation of Officers for 1996-
Robert Holder, Pres.; Ann Stewart,
Rec. Sec.; Barbara Welborn, Lib.



Mike Hayes, Gary Snow, and family of
the late Wallace Kallam - Virginia (wife),
Kenneth Kallam (brother) and Allen
Kallam (father)



Sharon Kellam entertained at
members and guests at the
Christmas party.



Kyle Stimson, Sharon Kellam (musician)
and Mike Hayes (on right)

College Receives Gift Of Confederate War Books

12-14-95
From Staff Reports

DOBSON — Surry Community College recently received a gift from two local organizations: a 14-volume listing of every known Confederate soldier.

"Roster of Confederate Soldiers 1861-1865" is a cumulative index of the more than 1.4 million men discovered among 535 rolls of microfilm entitled *Consolidated Index to All Confederate Soldiers*, as well as other sources.

The donation to SCC was by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Surry County Genealogical Association. The total cost of the 14 books is \$742, of which the genealogy group pitched in \$350 and the SCV the rest.

The 14 volumes in the series are scheduled for release at the rate of one volume per month. Gary Snow, the commander of local Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp 1598, said the first two volumes already have been received and were presented to the Genealogical Section of the college library last week.

Included in the books are soldiers of all branches: infantry, cavalry, artillery, etc., and from each of the participating states of the South: North

The donation to SCC was by the Sons of Confederate Veterans and the Surry County Genealogical Association.

Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Georgia, Florida, Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Texas, Arkansas, Tennessee, Missouri and Kentucky.

Soldiers are listed alphabetically in the volumes along with their home state, regiment and highest rank achieved. One entry reads: "Aaron, Thomas M., GA 4th Infantry Company G Pvt."

The Sons of Confederate Veterans is committed to preserving the memories and legacies of the members' ancestors, Snow said. The SCV has served as a historical, patriotic and non-political organization since its origin in 1896.

Snow quotes Gen. Stephen D. Lee from July 1, 1896, in reflecting the group's purpose: "To you, Sons of Confederate veterans, we submit the vindication of the cause for which we

fought...Remember, it is your duty to see that the true history of the South is presented to future generations."

The local SCV donated the books in honor of a deceased member, Wallace Kallam, Snow reported.

"The work that Wallace Kallam did on behalf of military veterans," said the SCV official, "canvassing and cataloging area cemeteries, publishing more than 30 cemetery books and ordering and setting veterans' grave markers, is just part of the projects he worked on for more than 40 years."

The Surry County Genealogical Association was formed in March 1981 as a non-profit organization to create and foster an interest in genealogy, preserve data and assist people in compiling family histories.

The group's research has uncovered many facts concerning local families as well as the history of the county. Surry was formed from Rowan County April 1, 1771. It underwent many changes before assuming its present size in 1870.

Master Gardener Gets Bumper Crop

By R.J. BERRIER

Staff Writer 12-19-95

Robert B. Holder, former assistant superintendent of Mount Airy schools, has become a master gardener since retiring from the school system a few years ago.

In other words, Holder now tills the soil as successfully as he once plowed knowledge into the minds of his young charges.

Holder displayed some of the "fruits" of his labors Thursday afternoon — 10 purple-top turnips. They were vegetables worthy of being grown by a master gardener.

The largest of the turnips weighed in at 4 pounds, 12.9 ounces; the smallest, at 3 pounds, 2.7 ounces. In between were eight other large turnips. The 10 vegetables together weighed 39 pounds and two-tenths of an ounce.

"I have always grown turnips," Holder reported. "The only thing I did differently this year was to buy them from another place." His purple-top turnip seeds this season came from Kasco's on Market Street in Mount Airy.

"I have always had two or three turnips that would be larger than the rest," he continued. "But never have I had anything like this, where 90 percent of the crop weighed two pounds or more."

The turnips were weighed by Tom Watts at Surry Community College in Dobson, where Holder is a part-time director of the Tech Prep program.

He has been enrolled in the Master Gardener program at Surry Cooperative

Extension Service at Dobson taught by Agricultural Extension Agent Terry Garwood. Holder is a one-year veteran of the program.

The retired educator figured that 10 turnips weighing nearly 40 pounds entitled him to bragging rights with one of his fellow students in the Master Gardener program and an equally enthusiastic gardener, George Summerlin. Summerlin, the publisher of *The Mount Airy News*, annually grows a garden that is the envy of area tillers of the soil.

"Gardening has always been my hobby," Holder said. "I have been gardening all my life." His garden is on one-fourth of an acre or less at his home on Welch Road. "I garden in beds, primarily using organic-type materials. I have used a huge amount of leaf compost."

Holder says he "grows everything ... all types of garden produce."

Before a recent cold spell finished off outside plants, he still had — in addition to turnips and other greens — broccoli, cabbage, carrots, beets and onions.



Carolyn York/The Mount Airy News

Robert Holder, a master gardener, displays the fruits — or rather turnips — of his labor.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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JANUARY 1996

JANUARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Monday, January 8, 1996. The meeting will be held in room R-212, which is upstairs in the Library Building - a change from the regular meeting place.

As stated in previous Newsletters, the major topic at the January meeting will be a discussion of the best procedures to use in computerizing genealogical research materials, especially the family information that is currently available on individual discs of members who are willing to share that information.

Some of the discussion items will include:

1. The willingness of members to share information?
2. What/how much information is presently stored on discs?
3. How the information that is shared can best be stored by SOGA?
4. What kind of record system should be purchased? Cost?
5. What kind of hardware should be purchased? Cost?
6. How can other information (non-disc) be added to the system?
7. How can the stored information be made available to researchers?
8. Other issues which the "computer-ignorant" writer is unaware.

The point has been made that the course set by the Association at this time will determine the future of the organization. If we have a vision, a goal toward which we are striving, we will continue to be a pacesetter among genealogical organizations. If we fail to develop a vision, without a clearly set goal, we will waste our limited resources by being pushed by the wind from whatever direction it happens to blow.

Regardless of your computer competency, it is important for you to be a part of this meeting. Your President's computer skills are, indeed, barely existent. Yet, I feel a compelling need for the Association to computerize research information and for me to

learn how to use the system.

Another major emphasis of the Association must be to teach people how to maximize the use of the system, once in place, so that there can be economical use of equipment and time.

I want to make a special request that those of you who have computer systems be present to add "meat" to our discussion. Those who have few computer skills need to be present to protect your interests, to learn about the systems available and their capabilities and, also, to be a part of the decision making process.

I hope to see a large group present for our meeting on January 8, 1996.

GREETINGS

Wade Roberts, SOGA member from Florida, called the Lantern Restaurant on the night of our Christmas party to wish all members a Merry Christmas. Thanks, Wade.

Also, Wade and Jimmy Cockerham have been invited to be members of the Board of Directors of the Woodson Family Association.

Many thanks to all, especially to Teresa Smith, Sharon Kellam, and Ann Stewart for making our Christmas party such a success. Because of your efforts, everyone had a very enjoyable evening.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS

If you wish to volunteer to serve as a committee member or chairman, please pass that information along to your President at the January 8 meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will meet in room R-212 at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular meeting on January 8.

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FEBRUARY 1996

FEBRUARY MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Monday, February 12, 1996. The meeting will be held in the Teaching Auditorium, the regular meeting room.

Since the "Blizzard of '96" forced the cancellation of the January meeting and our planned discussion of computerizing genealogical research material, we will have that discussion at the February meeting.

Those who think positively believe that some good can come out of any circumstance. I must say that this statement is true in this case. Since our discussion was delayed for one month, David Marshall, SOGA member from West Columbia, SC, took the time to put together an outline which will be the guide for our discussion. Thanks, David!

Again, I wish to stress the importance of this meeting for the future of SOGA. It is imperative that we find a logical method to pull together all of the research information of SOGA members and make it available to researchers. The importance of this fact was emphasized in a piece of mail which I received recently.

Broderbund Company is developing a "World Family Tree" computer program in which individuals around the world are given the opportunity to contribute their information so that it can be included with the millions of other families. This information will be available for purchase by individuals and organizations. Ready access to information about millions of other families, some of whom may be related to your family, will be instantly available. A booklet of information about the "World Family Tree" will be available for those who attend the February meeting.

We will look for you at the meeting on February 12.

CARY GENEALOGICAL BOOKSTORE

The Association recently received news that a bookstore specializing in genealogical research books, charts, forms, and research

aids has opened in Cary. The name is "Cary Genealogical Bookstore" and it is located at 315 S. Academy Street, Cary, NC 27511 (919-467-1544). If you travel to the Raleigh/Cary area, drop by this bookstore and browse for awhile. You may find something of interest.

MEMBERSHIP

As of the date that this newsletter is being compiled, SOGA has 170 paying members for 1996. Several of these are new members. We urge all members to renew for 1996 and to recruit new members. SOGA is growing and seeking to provide services to its membership. Any serious researcher with roots in Surry County should be a member of this organization. Not only will members receive benefits but can contribute valuable information for use by others.

1768 TAX LIST

Mary Columbine, SOGA member from Westfield, recently sent to the Association a tax list for the portion of Rowan County located in what is now Surry County for the year 1768.

To quote Mary, "The spelling of names is wild, but flexible people can figure it out."

A copy of this tax list will be placed in the Genealogical section of the SOC Library.

Thanks, Mary, for your valuable contribution to SOGA's research collection.

NOTES AND CARDS

Many thanks to all who sent notes and cards during the Christmas season. It is refreshing and encouraging to be reminded that there are those who care and who support the spirit of the Association, even though you may be unable to attend the monthly meetings.

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COMMITTEE MEMBERS

The success of any volunteer group depends upon the effort invested by the membership. Members of SCGA have given willingly of their time and energy to move this Association to increasingly higher levels of success. Those who have been involved are to be commended for their efforts. The Association is indebted to you.

Now we face the challenges of another year. There are many tasks which require the efforts of a greater number of people. Membership promotion, publicity efforts, replies to research inquiries, acquisition of new research materials, compiling and printing the quarterly Journal, and selling Heritage books require time and effort. Yet, if we are to continue to be successful, we must be active in each of these areas.

Please volunteer your time and energy to serve on one of the Association's committees during 1996.

The Association's by-laws were revised a few years back so that the monthly meetings would not continue to be taken up with business items. There was interest in using meeting times for items other than business. Therefore, we went to the committee-type organization so that they could study items of business in detail and report their findings to the Association at its business session.

If we are to continue this procedure, we must have sufficient volunteers to serve on the committees so that the business of the Association may receive due attention.

We ask that you volunteer to serve on one of the committees for 1996 so that we can build on past successes.

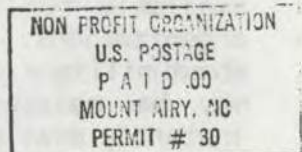
Executive Committee Meeting

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular meeting, in the Teaching Auditorium.

PROGRAMS FOR 1996

- March - Meeting at the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History in Mount Airy
 - April - "Share and Help," research, and discussion
 - May - Pat Coe Todd, Surry County Clerk of Superior Court, speaker
 - June - Picnic and tour
 - July - To be announced
 - August - Annual visit to the Register of Deeds Office
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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

MARCH 1996

MARCH MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 1996, at 7:00 P.M. The March meeting will be held at the Mount Airy Museum of Regional History, 301 North Main Street in Mount Airy. I suggest that you park on Main Street if space is available or in the city parking lot across Main Street just north of the museum.

We will have a tour of the building beginning at 7:00 P.M. followed by a presentation by museum personnel. Currently an exhibit of historic hats is being presented by the museum. Other interesting exhibits are available for viewing.

We encourage you to be present for this special meeting at the museum. In future years the museum will become a major attraction of this area. If you have not contributed to the museum's cause, this meeting will be a wonderful opportunity for you to do so.

A short business meeting will be held at the conclusion of the program.

RESEARCH COMPUTERIZATION

While attendance at the February meeting was disappointing, the results were not. Many of those whom we had anticipated being present and to help guide the discussion had schedule conflicts and could not attend. However, those who were present joined in a very interesting and profitable discussion. We are indebted especially to David Marshall who travelled from West Columbia, South Carolina to be with us and give of his expertise in this area.

After a lengthy period of discussion, the Association voted to survey members to see if it is feasible to establish a database, to survey the holding of members, their willingness to share their data and the level of interest to serve on a committee.

A copy of the survey is enclosed with this Newsletter. We request that each SOGA member complete the form and return it. Please fold so that the return address on the reverse side may be used. If possible, complete and return this form by the date of the next meeting,

March 11.

We are most appreciative for your assistance in completing and returning this questionnaire.

MEMBERSHIP

As of the latest count, there are 197 members for 1996. However, continuing and new memberships are being received daily. Requests for information about membership in SOGA are received on a regular basis. We ask that you continue to publicize the work of SOGA. With your help, we will set a membership record again this year.

SALISBURY ANCESTOR FAIR

Carolina Trader Promotions of Monroe, NC will sponsor a "Salisbury Ancestor Fair" at the Holiday Inn in Salisbury, NC on Saturday, September 21, 1996, 10:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Additional information will be available at the March 11, 1996 meeting.

STUDY UNDERWAY

The membership committee has been requested to do a study of the increases in cost of postage and printing which have occurred, especially during this past year. There have been several increases in postage in recent years. In some cases, the cost of paper has more than doubled during the past year. Our hope is that this increase is only temporary and not permanent. We will report the results of the committee's study when it is completed.

WORLD FAMILY TREE

Copies of the descriptive booklet, "An Introduction to the World Family Tree," have been received and will be distributed at the March 11 meeting.

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IN REMEMBRANCE

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

We extend our sympathy to the family of Roy O. Evans, Jr., SOGA member from Kansas, who passed away on November 15, 1995; to Emily Southard whose sister, Phosie Holder Cockerham, passed away on December 4, 1995; and to Betty and Ed Camin in the loss of Ed's parents and Betty's father in November, 1995.

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., at the Museum, prior to the regular meeting. We ask that all officers and committee chairmen be present to discuss the business of the Association.

SCHEDULE OF FUTURE PROGRAMS

- APRIL - "Share and Help" and research
- MAY - Pat Coe Todd, Surry County Clerk of Superior Court
- JUNE - Picnic at Horne Creek Farm and tour of nearby canal walls
- JULY - To be announced
- AUG. - Register of Deeds Office

Cameron Named To Five Committees

2-26-96

From Staff Reports

RALEIGH — The state president of registers of deeds has appointed a local man to several register committees.

Dennis W. "Bud" Cameron, register of deeds for Surry County, has been named by Ila N. Penny, president of the North Carolina Association of Registers of Deeds, to the following committees:

Strategic Long Range Planning, Land Records Management, Education, Special Recognition Awards, Notary Public and Real Property Internal Procedures (ex-officio).

Penny stated that Cameron has been active in the state association for many years during his terms in office, serving as chairman of various committees and as district chairman, treasurer, vice president and president (1986) of the state association.

During his service in the state association, Cameron has earned several distinctions including:

The prestigious Eunice Ayers Distinguished Service Award, the Outstanding Service Award presented by the association's certification board for his initiation of the certification program and his six years as president of the certification board and the "Register of Deeds of the Year" award, presented by the North Carolina Association of County Commissioners.

Cameron is married to the former Vickie Dobbins and has two daughters, Mary and McKay.

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Robert B. Holder, President (Tel. # 910-786-7449)

APRIL 1996

APRIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 1996, at 7:00 P.M. in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

April's meeting will be a "Share and Help" program. For the first time since March, 1995, we will have the opportunity to share our research, visit with new and old friends, and help those who may be at a crucial point in their research. There are several new members of the Association with whom we have not had the opportunity to visit and share; also, they may have questions about their research which some of you can answer. Even though some of you may not need assistance, others may need the information which you have and can share with them.

A "Share and Help" program is not a night off for SCGA. It is a valuable time for each of us to share our research results with others and to provide assistance whenever it may be needed. Please be present and help to make this a highly successful program.

RESEARCH COMPUTERIZATION

At the time of the March 11 meeting, twenty four questionnaires on the use of computers in research had been returned. Since then forty additional forms have been received. Thanks for your cooperation in this project. Because of your response, the Association is in a position to move ahead with its study which will result in recommendations for final action.

Of the first twenty four respondents, five indicated that they will serve on a study committee. Therefore, they were appointed to complete the task of compiling information and developing recommendations. These are: Wade Marion, Chairman, David Marshall, Judy Cardwell, Jimmy Cockerham, and Lessie Brindle. Others have indicated a willingness to serve and some will be added when the work begins.

If you have not completed and returned your questionnaire, please do so immediately so that the Committee may compile a valid and useable report.

SIMPLE PLEASURES ARTICLES

Angela Leonard, Editor of Simple Pleasures, the monthly magazine feature of the Mount Airy News, has responded to one of SCGA's suggestions for improvement. Those who wish to write research articles about their families which may be printed in Simple Pleasures should contact Ms. Leonard

at the News, (910-786-4141). Articles should not be those printed in The Heritage of Surry County, NC, Volume I and Volume II or in SCGA's quarterly Journal, unless, of course, there has been major revisions with the inclusion of new information. The articles should reflect accurate research and be well written. Don't assume just because something has been written that it will be printed. Instead, contact Ms. Leonard and talk about your proposed article before you spend the time writing it.

This is a wonderful opportunity for SCGA members to publicize both their research and the work of the Association. I urge you to investigate the potential for an article, if you have an interest.

BERRY FESTIVAL

SCGA will participate in the Piedmont Berry Festival to be held in Dobson on July 19 & 20, 1996. Our previous participation has been a rewarding and interesting event.

If you live in a distant city and cannot attend the Association's monthly meetings, this will be a great opportunity for you to attend the festival and contribute your time to the Association by working in the booth for a couple of hours. We need more people who will meet those who stop by the Association's booth to talk about genealogy. Let us know if you will volunteer a couple of hours of your time on Friday or Saturday. If you enjoy talking about genealogy, you will enjoy this!

MEMBERSHIP

At the last count, there were 219 paying members for 1996. We had a rapid beginning, but the mail has slowed somewhat. Please pass the word that members need to send in their 1996 membership fee - \$15.00 for an individual or \$17.00 for a family.

FINANCIAL STATUS

At the March meeting it was reported by the Treasurer, Teresa Smith, that there was \$5,914.58 in the regular checking account. The financial status continues to improve as additional members join.

Also, sales of the Heritage Books continue at a regular pace. There is \$9,380.47 in this account. It is intended that these funds shall be used to computerize the research facilities at SCGA's genealogical library.

The Heritage Books are just as valuable as ever. Let's keep up our sales record!

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CEMETERY BOOKS

The Association has acquired a full set of the late Wallace Kallam's cemetery survey books and placed them in the research library. Primarily what has been in the library up to this time has been some of the index volumes but few of the actual cemetery books. Thanks to the efforts of Lessie Brindle and Barbara Welborn, we now have an entire set of these valuable books. Use them in your research.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- MAY - Patricia Coe Todd, Clerk of Superior Court, at her office in the Courthouse
- JUNE - Picnic at Horne Creek Farm and tour Yadkin River sites
- JULY - To be announced
- AUG. - Surry County Register of Deeds Office

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular meeting.

*****SPECIAL NOTE*****

April's regular meeting has been re-scheduled for Monday, April 15, 1996

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MAY 1996

MAY MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 1996, 7:00 P.M. and will meet in the Surry County Clerk of Court's Office located in the Courthouse in Dobson.

Mrs. Patricia Coe Todd, Clerk of Superior Court, will present a program on the genealogical research information available in that office and will demonstrate how to access information.

Many of us who are "process" learners are badly in need of the kind of assistance which will be made available at the May meeting. Wills, estate settlements, civil suits, court orders, etc. comprise an invaluable source of information for the serious researcher. It is virtually impossible to accumulate the family background information needed for a family history without this kind of information.

Mrs. Todd has assured us that her facilities will accommodate all who attend. Our thanks to her for this generous effort on her part.

We hope to see you on May 13!

RESEARCH COMPUTERIZATION

The committee appointed at the March meeting to analyze survey results and to make recommendations for computerizing SOGA's research information has begun its work. The committee has met and will meet again soon.

As a result of returned survey information, the President appointed Carlos Surratt, Rebecca Puckett and Gerry Cook to serve on the study committee along with Lessie Brindle, Jimmy Cockerham, Judy Cardwell, David Marshall and Wade Marion, Chairman.

THANKS FOR LIBRARY DONATIONS

We wish to express our thanks to Emily Southard who donated a copy of her book, Remembering Granny Tucker, Sophia Emily Cockerham Tucker, to the genealogical research library; to Jerry Gentry who contributed additional information on the Bryan,

Mendenhall, Baird and Baugess families; and also to Rilla Gregg who donated a copy of her book, Hatcher Family.

MARRIAGE LICENSE PROJECT

The "marriage license project" in the Register of Deeds Office has been completed. Under the direction of Register Bud Cameron, a host of volunteers, working with the paid staff, has done a marvelous job. SOGA has supported and been a part of this project from its beginning.

Thanks are due to many people for their time and effort. Attached to this Newsletter is a copy of the comments written by Bud Cameron and an explanation of how to access marriage documents using the new system. Those pages are found at the front of the document books. Bud lists the names of those involved in the project and expresses his thanks to them. Please retain these pages for future reference to the marriage records.

SOGA will meet at the Register of Deeds Office on August 12. You should become familiar with the rearrangement of research material before that meeting. There may be a short workshop, conducted by Bud, on using the new system prior to August 12. If so, SOGA members will be notified.

Thanks to Bud and his staff for their leadership and foresight in this project.

SIMPLE PLEASURES ARTICLES

Let me remind you of the offer by Angela Leonard, editor of Simple Pleasures, to print family histories in that monthly publication. If you have information which would be of interest to readers, contact her at 910-786-4141.

SOGA QUARTERLY JOURNAL

The quarterly Journal's delivery was delayed due to a fire in an apartment
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adjoining editor Jimmy Cockerham's apartment. Jimmy suffered smoke and water damage and was forced to move (no damage to Journal material).

We hope we can be back on schedule for the next issue of the Journal.

MEMBERSHIP

As of the last report, SCGA has 239 dues paying members for 1996. Somehow we failed to communicate to all members that the membership year ends on December 31 of each year and that those who have not renewed by that time do not receive further services and benefits until renewal is received.

Several years back the Association continued to send the Newsletter and Journal to those who had not renewed through March each year. However, there was a great deal of confusion in that process and, as a result, the Association's By-laws were revised to end the membership year on December 31 and not to send the Newsletter and Journal until renewal had been received. This revised process has worked well until this year. For some reason, there apparently was not a clear message about membership renewal despite the fact that membership renewal for 1996 was encouraged as early as October. Both the November and

December Newsletters emphasized that the membership year does end on December 31. Your President apologizes for any inconvenience to the membership who failed to renew and who has not received all copies of the Newsletter. If you wish to have any back copies of the Newsletter, write or call and we will send them to you at no cost. We pledge to make our message about membership renewal clearer as we approach 1997.

PIEDMONT BERRY FESTIVAL

The Piedmont Berry Festival is scheduled for July 19 - 20, 1996 in Dobson. We need volunteers to help. Please consider working in SCGA's booth for a couple of hours on either Friday or Saturday. This is a wonderful opportunity to talk with others about genealogy!

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The SCGA Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular meeting, in the Clerk of Court's Office. Officers and Committee Chairmen are encouraged to be present.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- JUNE - Horne Creek Farm/Yadkin River Canal Walls/Picnic
JULY - Dr. Christopher N. Sheap, speaker; research results especially on Snow Family
AUGUST - Surry County Register of Deeds Office
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50th Anniversary

5-12-96
Kenneth and Pauline Badgett, 405 Brook Drive, Mount Airy, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary May 11. They were entertained by their children with a dinner at the Pine Ridge Inn and are planning a trip across the United States to celebrate their anniversary. The couple has four daughters and sons-in-law, David and Susan Sykes, Gary and Rebecca Blake, David and Paula Milton and Ramey and Cindy McBride. They also have seven grandchildren. Mr. Badgett is a retired plumbing contractor and Mrs. Badgett, a teacher, is retired from the Surry County School System.



Pat Coe todd, Clerk of Superior
Court, and Ann Stewart, SCGA
Recording Secretary



Donna Edwards and Teresa Smith,
members of SCGA



Members and visitors of SCGA mtg.
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Office.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel.# 910-786-7449)

JUNE 1996

JUNE MEETING

The June meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association will be a special occasion for all who attend. Three special events are on the agenda.

First, we will visit the site of the old Bean Shoals canal walls, a venture designed to circumvent the four-mile stretch of unnavigable Yadkin River. Attached to this Newsletter is an article written by Ruth Minick (reprinted by permission) about attempts to build a canal around the shoals. While the project failed, sections of the old canal walls are still standing today. Access to the canal walls is gained by following the Pilot Mountain State Park "Yadkin River Access" signs off Hauser Road (SR 2072 - see attached map). Drive to the end of the park's graveled road (we will put up SOGA signs if the park rangers will permit). There are a couple of small streams to ford, but I had no difficulty in my car. Participants will be required to walk a short distance, some of it uphill/downhill. The trail is labelled "moderate" difficulty by park officials. You should be at the end of the park road ready to walk to the canal walls by 4:00 P.M. Bring your camera; you will want to take pictures both of the canal walls and of the beautiful Yadkin River and its wildlife.

The second item on the agenda will be a visit to Horne Creek Living Historical Farm, located in the same area (accessible also off Hauser Road, SR 2072; watch for the sign). Lisa Turney, farm manager, has arranged a tour and a short program for SOGA. Normally, she has interesting handouts about the Farm and its historical significance. We will drive the short distance to the farm after our visit to the canal walls.

The third item on the agenda will be the Association's annual picnic. We will enjoy our meal together at Horne Creek Farm at the conclusion of the program. Please bring the usual dishes of food which you normally carry to a covered dish meal. Also, please bring a two-liter drink of your choice (put tape with your name on it on the bottle). Jimmy Eckerham will provide the ice; SOGA will provide cups, plates, eating utensils,

napkins, etc. While there are picnic tables at Horne Creek Farm, I suggest that you bring a card table and lawn chairs in case they may be needed.

SOGA members are encouraged to bring wives, husbands, friends, children or other guests. This is one of SOGA's best programs each year. Usually attendance is excellent. We encourage you to come, enjoy the fun on June 10.

In case of rain, we will have alternate arrangements; we do not anticipate having to cancel. Call if you have questions.

Note: The Executive Committee will not meet in June.

FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer, Teresa Smith reported at the May meeting that there is \$4,918.60 in the regular account. We are happy to have spent several hundred dollars for a complete set of the Wallace Kallam cemetery books and jointly with the Sons of Confederate Veterans for a set of the Civil War Veterans rosters. In addition, several other genealogical research books have been purchased in recent months. Increased membership makes these purchases possible.

Donna Edwards reports that the SOGA's Heritage Book account exceeds \$10,000. This is the fund which we plan to use to computerize research information.

As more Heritage Books are sold, more money will be available for this project. Encourage purchases of both volumes. Give them as gifts for special occasions. These books are valuable possessions for people of all ages.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership Committee Chairman, Esther Johnson reported at the May meeting that SOGA has 266 members. Our goal is to surpass last year's 326! Encourage others to come, join with us. Give gift memberships to friends. Promote the work of the Association.

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BERRY FESTIVAL

The Piedmont Berry Festival is scheduled for July 19 - 20, 1996, in Dobson. We need volunteers. Please give a couple of hours of your time to help with this annual project.

BOOK DONATED

Our thanks to Wade Roberts for a copy of his research on Woodson, Descendants and Allied Kin. Some of Woodson related kin include Cockerhams, Phillips, Roberts, Sprinkle and Welbourne (sic). Wade states that he has access to over 4,000 Woodson and descendants names. This research has been placed in the Genealogical Research Library.

FUTURE PROGRAMS

- JULY - Dr. Kirk Sheap, SOGA member from Bridgewater, VA will tell of his interesting research projects.
- AUG. - Visit to the Surry County Register of Deeds Office (courtesy of Bud Cameron, Register), 6:30 - 9 P.M.

ASSISTANCE NEEDED

Betty and Carty Hudnall from Sun City, AZ will be in Surry County to do family research on August 12 & 13, 1996. They are seeking information on John Carty and his son, Morris. They have requested some assistance from SOGA in their research. If you have information on this line of if you will be willing to spend some time with them, please let me know immediately. I will give you their address so that you can contact them. SOGA will meet at the Register of Deeds Office the evening of August 12.

GERALD W. (JERRY) COOK

We are saddened by the unexpected death of SOGA member, Jerry Cook on May 10, 1996. Jerry had done extensive research on several families and donated copies to the Research Library. Just prior to his death, he was appointed to serve on the "Research Computerization Committee." SOGA will miss the expert skills and contributions of Jerry Cook. Our sympathy is extended to his family. SOGA will make a gift in his memory at a later date.

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Attendees of SCGA visit to Horne
Creek Farm and picnic in June
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This 'n That About Surry County History**Canal Walls Serve As Reminder Of Plan To
Outwit Bean Shoals**

Down in the lower part of the Pilot Mountain State Park lie two notable spots, the newly created Horne Creek Farm Museum and the Bean Shoals.

The Bean Shoals — nobody knows how they got their name — from the very earliest times have impeded man from successfully going up the Yadkin in boats. Those masses of rocks, four miles long, have made the waters shallow and swift in places.

You will remember from the articles on Rockford that one reason given for placing the town at its present location was the expectation of making the river navigable as far as the Wilkesboros.

But the Shoals foiled this idea and broke an investment company in the process.

Also, it foiled the Indians.

Dr. Ted Woodall, archeologist from Wake Forest, has completed his second summer of Indian diggings down in the Siloam bottoms. Incidentally, if you didn't hear Dr. Woodall at the meeting of the Surry County Historical Society, which had partly financed the diggings, the other night you really missed a fascinating talk.

Dr. Woodall had already done some excavations on Indians down near Donnaha and had come to some conclusions. He was very anxious to do some more diggings at the Siloam bottoms, rich in Indian artifacts, to see what connection, if any, these Indians had with those at Donnaha.

**Ruth
Minick**



The first summer Dr. Woodall found out something about how these Siloam Indians of the 1400s lived, what they ate, with what implements they hunted and fished, but he could come to no conclusions as to their connection with those Indians down the river.

This summer he found out None. Why? Bean Shoals. The four miles of portage (carrying canoes and supplies on their backs) wasn't worth the trouble.

Bean Shoals also buffaloed a group of men who had high hopes of outwitting the Shoals.

About 1817, after the invention of the steamboat and the building of the canals — the Chesapeake & Ohio, the Erie, and so forth — a group of Surry men hopped on the band wagon.

They convinced the legislature that they could make the Yadkin navigable from the Wilkesboros to the South Carolina line. To pursue this possibility they employed a John Nixon and a Hiram Jennings to survey the river. Nixon and Jennings came up with the conclusion that they could make a usable course "at a price of only \$57,230 were it not for the formidable four-mile stretch of river commonly known as the Bean Shoals."

This Bean Shoals they could get around by building a dam, three locks, and a canal three miles long. This they could do for \$30,000. So the Yadkin Navigation Company was formed, farmers and businessmen bought stock and work was begun.

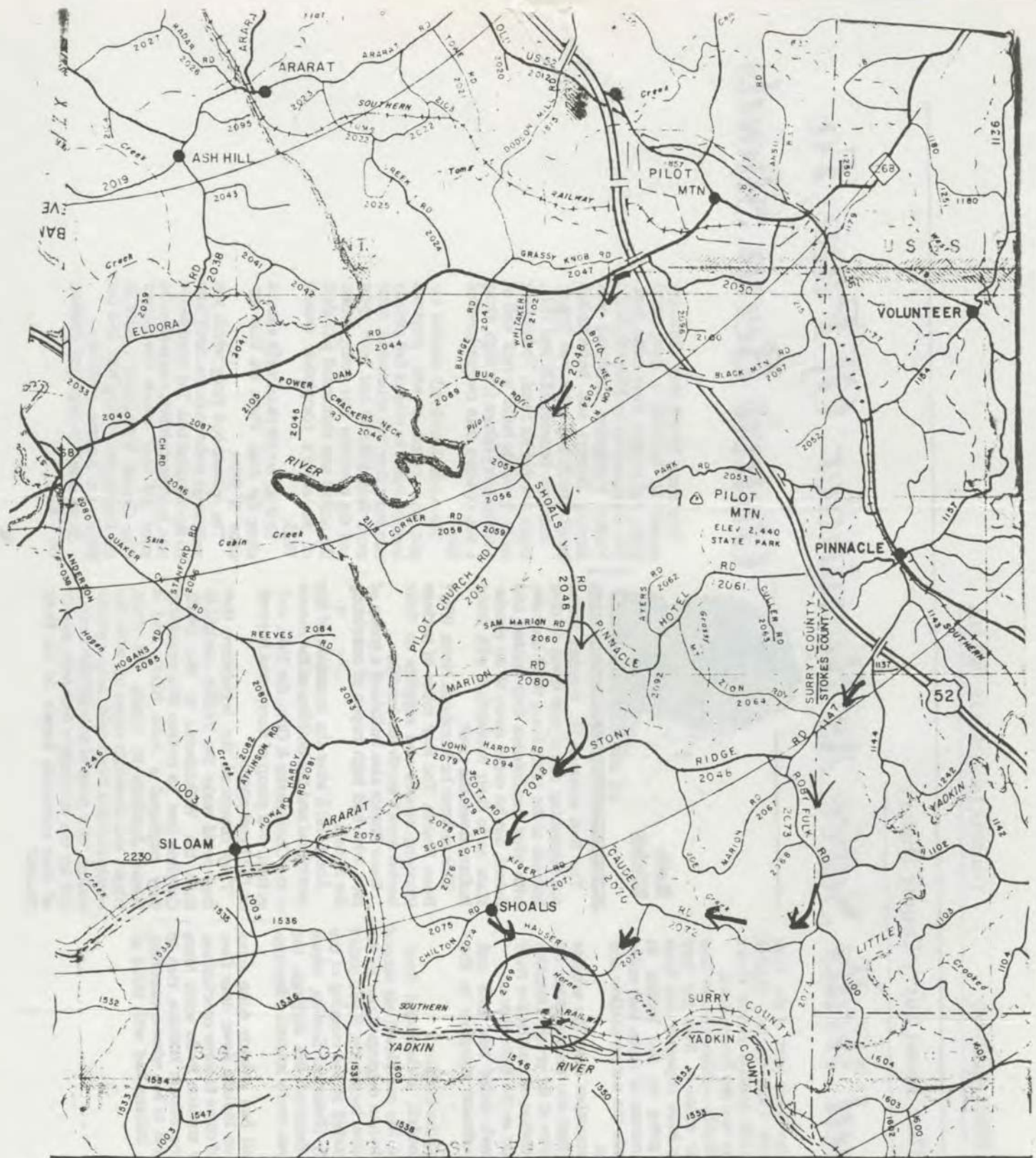
Jennings, between 1820 and 1825, began to build his canal. To hold the walls, he had to build "a rock wall of solid masonry fifteen feet high, along a line of more than twelve hundred feet."

The work floundered; another expert was called in who proposed another plan. The project had already cost more than was anticipated. After more than \$38,000 had been spent and the company was going broke, the project was abandoned just short of the canal's completion around 1825.

So these are the canal walls you see along the river. There are four sections of them.

The railroad bed along which you walk to get to the walls was itself built on the old canal bed. The canal bed in turn, in all probability, was laid on the same old road which Christopher Gist, George Washington's guide in the French and Indian War, laid out before we became a nation.

Surry is full of surprising goodies, isn't it?



G I H I

1. Horne Creek Living Historical Farm
2. Bean Shoals Canal Walls

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JULY MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for 7:00 P.M. on Monday, July 8, 1996 and we will meet in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College. The speaker for the July meeting will be Dr. Kirk Sheap from Bridgewater, Virginia.

Dr. Sheap is a descendant of the "Snows." He has done extensive research on the Snow and related families—Ballard, Foster, and others. His presentation will include information about these families and, also, he will relate some of the interesting experiences which he has encountered during his research efforts.

Dr. Sheap is an experienced speaker. His presentation will be interesting to all who are present whether or not they are related to any of the families on which he has done research. Join with us as we hear Dr. Sheap's presentation.

MONTHLY PROGRAMS

It has been our goal to plan and conduct a variety of programs and activities for SCGA members. This includes speakers on research topics and family research, research assistance, visits to local historical sites, social events, and "Share and Help" sessions. It is our intent to address the interests of all members.

There are those who prefer that we have speakers at each monthly meeting and those who prefer no speakers, but all "Share and Help" sessions. It is a difficult assignment to address the individual interests of each member at

each monthly meeting regardless of how innovative we may be. Therefore, while we strive to do that, we must understand that it is impossible to present the same type program each month and address the interests of the entire group.

At some point during the year we should present programs in which all members have an interest. Even if you are not enthusiastic about the other programs, we encourage you to attend and support each of them as a part of the total SCGA program.

We cannot be single-focused and meet the purposes of our organization as stated in the By-laws. People are at different stages of their genealogical career; therefore, we must address their interests and needs at their stage of development. We ask for your support and assistance as we attempt to do that job.

HORNE CREEK FARM VISIT

While the scheduled trip to Bean Shoals Canal and Horne Creek Farm in June did not go exactly as planned, it was a tremendous success.

We were unable to visit the Bean Shoals Canal walls because all of the June rain had caused the Yadkin River to rise and, also, it had washed out the access road. Despite our inability to visit the canal walls, Ranger Andy Whitaker gave an interesting talk on their history at the entrance to the park.

Lisa Turney was a perfect hostess during our visit to Horne Creek Farm. The former Hauser farm house, old-time farming instruments, and description of old-time farming methods brought back

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memories to many of us.

There was an abundance of food at the picnic. Approximately 40 members and guests were in attendance.

We will plan a visit to another historic site for our picnic next June.

BOOK DONATED

A special thanks is due to Anne Whitaker McCracken for donation of a copy of Pine Hill Church Book, Surry County, NC, which she recently transcribed and had printed. This book covers the period June 1899 to August 4, 1953. It will serve as valuable resource material for anyone doing research on families in the Pine Hill Church community. Thanks, Anne, for your gift; genealogical researchers will benefit from your generosity.

REVISED INDEX

Recently a SCGA member brought to our attention that the index to the Fall 1995 Quarterly Journal had errors in it. Thanks to the efforts of Wilma Hiatt, we have corrected the index. Copies will be

made and mailed to those who were members and received a copy of the Fall Journal. If you do not receive a copy and you have a Journal, write and request a revised copy.

BERRY FESTIVAL

Before you receive another Newsletter, the Piedmont Berry Festival will be over. We are in need of additional help to operate the Association's booth. Please volunteer if you can spend a couple of hours talking with visitors about genealogy. It is an enjoyable experience.

AUGUST MEETING

The August 1996 meeting of SCGA will be in the Surry County Register of Deeds Office in the courthouse, 6:30 - 9:00 P.M. Thanks to Register Bud Cameron, we are enabled to make this annual visit in order to do research.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. on July 8 prior to the regular meeting.

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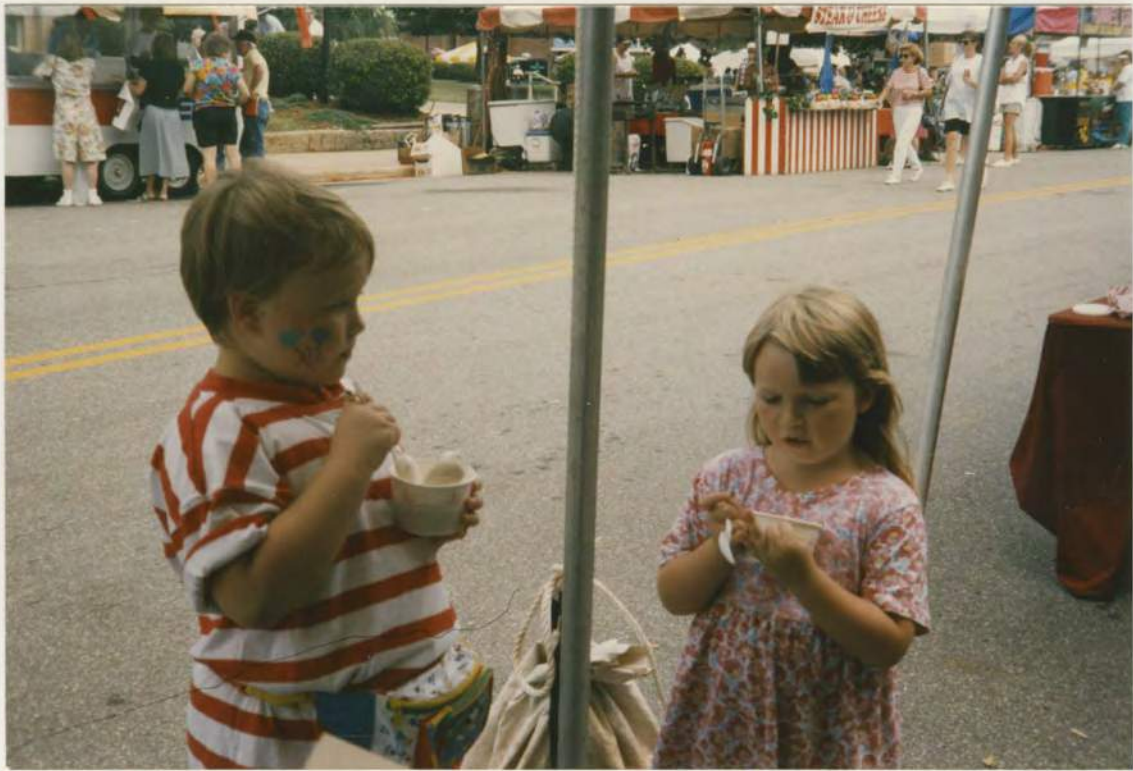
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Berry Festival in Dobson (July 1996) - Emily Southard, Jonathan and mother Glenda Graham (sister to Sam Couch who is principal at Surry Central) from PA, and Jo Adams. Jonathan and his mother were leaving the next day for the Olympics in Atlanta where his father was working with the Security group.



James A. Hodges and Clio Creamer Hodges from Jonesville, NC attending the Berry Festival.



Berry Festival in Hobson (July 1966) - Emily Southard,
Amanda Smith (right), dau. of Jimmy and Teresa Smith, and
her friend at the Berry Festival.

James H. Hodges & Clio Green
Hodges from Jonesville

James H. Hodges and Clio Green Hodges from Jonesville, NC
attending the Berry Festival.

Marion Venable

NAME: Marion Feezer Venable
OCCUPATION: Director of Continuing Education, SCC
BIRTHPLACE: Winston-Salem
AGE: 42
FAMILY: Husband: Jerry;
 One Son: Benjamin Feezer, 15;
 One Daughter: Maggie Anna, 11
EDUCATION: Graduated From Meredith College, 1975
HOBBIES: Local History, Pond Fishing and Wildflowers

7-7-96
 By JULIE SMITH
 Staff Writer

A closed door opened a wealth of opportunities for Siloam native Marion Venable, turning her into the historian she is today.

After graduating from Meredith College in Raleigh with a bachelor's degree in biology, Venable had planned to work in environmental protection or wildlife conservation. But Venable, like many college graduates, could not find a job in the field of her major study.

Her first job was as the regional historical planner for a four-county area including Surry, Stokes, Yadkin and Davie. "I worked with all the eight historical organizations in the area," Venable said.

As the regional historical planner, Venable initiated educational programs that included publications, tours, slide presentations and lectures. She prepared grant applications for federal and state historic preservation funds and managed grants that were awarded.

After working at that position for four years, Venable began dealing with a larger region when she was employed by Northwest Piedmont Council of Governments in Winston-Salem. As the coordinator of cultural and natural resources and Appalachian Regional Commission program coordinator, Venable provided staff support for 11 regional and local environmental, historical and professional organizations.

A highlight of Venable's career was working with an effort that was launched during the spring of 1982 to protect the Yadkin River as a natural resource.

"The most exciting work I did was with Bob Pate and Floyd Rogers, a *Winston-Salem Journal* reporter," Venable said. "I was their staff person on a 400-mile canoe trip from Furguson to Georgetown, S.C."

The trip resulted in a book, "Yadkin Passage," by Floyd Rogers. "For the first time since college I was able to work in the natural environment," Venable said. "That was something I had planned on doing, so it was a thrill."

Other projects that Venable has been involved with have also resulted in publications. Her research of historical sites in the Northwest Piedmont was included in a book entitled, "Historic Sites Inventory - Davie, Forsyth, Surry, Stokes and Yadkin Counties," which was published in 1977.

During the 1970s, Venable conducted surveys of abandoned family cemeteries in Surry County. "I went through and recorded the names and dates of people buried there," Venable said. "Before 1913 that's the only records we have because we didn't record births and deaths until after that year." Her findings were printed in "Surry County Cemetery Survey, Volume I."

Other research of Surry County conducted by



Julie Smith/The Mount Airy News

Venable, was included in "Simple Treasures: The Architectural Legacy of Surry County," by Laura A.W. Phillips, which was released in 1987.

While she has been involved with historical projects, Venable has been introduced to people and ideas she would treasure. "Working with these historical organizations I found people who loved where they were, loved their city, loved their town and loved their community," she said.

"They all had made contributions of some kind and through these organizations they want to preserve that and keep that history for the next generation."

Ruth Minick, Surry County historian, worked with Venable on different historical endeavors. "She has been my mentor and dear friend," recalls Venable. "She has taught me a lot about collecting history and appreciating it."

Since 1984 Venable has been the director of continuing education at Surry Community Col-

lege. "My work with historical subjects didn't end. I had developed a love for it," Venable has been a consultant to historical organizations since 1983.

"A month ago I was up on Fisher River recording the grave of John Hughes, who died in 1824, even though that doesn't have anything to do with what I do now," Venable said. "I want to record that for somebody who might come from Texas who might be interested in where John Hughes was buried."

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Favorite Book: "Christ in the Fine Arts"
Favorite Movie: "Out of Africa"
Favorite Music: Motown
Favorite Food: Any-Style Sweet Potatoes

Profile

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Venable is also in the process of transcribing a Civil War diary for someone. "I'm not doing it because I have to," she said. "I feel it is important to transcribe it into a form where more people could benefit from it."

Rewriting the diary has given Venable a first-hand account of the 1865 assassination of President Abraham Lincoln as it was seen through the eyes of a soldier. "There's no feeling in the world better than having a primary source like that in his own handwriting," Venable said. "He wrote about the chill and the feeling of treason that went across the camp as the soldiers got word of the President's death." Through the Speaker's Bu-

reau at Surry Community College, Venable is able to travel to different locations to lecture about various topics, including architecture, archeological digs, Civil War soldiers and many other things.

"I don't have a photographic memory. Historical data is something I just have a knack in," Venable said. "I have been dealing with it for so many years that it comes easy for me."

Venable finds her job as the director of continuing education at the community college as rewarding as her long-time hobby. Her primary responsibility is to plan classes for the older student population. She is involved with selecting instructors, materials and all the elements from a

class's inception to its completion.

"It's not just a matter of planning classes and collecting tuition and going through the process," she said. "But seeing what continuing education can do for people's lives."

One of the interesting things she does in her department is follow trends. "It's very important for continuing education people to stay up with social trends, economic trends and job opportunities," Venable explained. "We ask the question, 'What do the people need?'"

Venable watches how educational programs improve the quality of life for people. "A program I have particularly enjoyed working with is called

independent living skills for the visually impaired," she said. The class teaches the blind or people with vision problems skills from maneuvering in the kitchen to reading Braille.

"It has been amazing what that program has meant to that segment of people," Venable said. "I think that is the strongest point of continuing education and the thing that makes me enjoy it."

When Venable is not collecting history or planning classes she can be found working in Siloam Baptist Church and as a Girl Scout leader. She is also a member of the board of advisors for Preservation North Carolina and a member of the board of directors for the Surry County Historical Society.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel. # 910-786-7449)

AUGUST 1996

AUGUST MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 1996. The meeting will be held in the Register of Deeds Office in the County Courthouse from 6:30 - 9:00 P.M.

This will be a great opportunity for you to do family research, learn the new marriage indexing system, share research information and to make new friends. We encourage you to take advantage of this once-a-year opportunity to do research in the Register of Deeds Office during the evening hours.

We wish to express our thanks to Bud Cameron, Register and SCGA member, for making this special time available for our members. Bud is a longtime active supporter of SCGA activities. He is a charter member of this organization and consistently renders services above and beyond the call of duty. Thanks, Bud, for all you do for SCGA.

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The September 9, 1996 meeting will be a semi-"Book Fair" for members of the Association. We ask that all members who have compiled research books and materials which they offer for sale to bring and display these materials for review by other members and guests. Even if the material is no longer for sale, please bring and display it so that others may know what is available.

In order to prepare for the September meeting, we have included with this Newsletter a revised listing of the research materials which have been compiled by members. Please keep this listing of materials and bring it with you to the September meeting.

Some members are in the process of assembling other materials for sale. Notice should be made of these materials so that researchers will be aware of resources that will be obtainable in the near future.

Please plan to attend and participate in this informational meeting.

BOOKS DONATED

A special thanks to Lisa Turney for donating a copy of Yadkin Passage, A Voyage Down the Yadkin-Peedee River to the Association's library; also to Judy Cardwell for donating a copy of The Stanleys of Stony Knol, Surry County, NC; and to Dr. Kirk Sheap for the abundance of research material on

the Snow family which will be placed in the vertical file.

SPECIAL THANKS

Frances and I wish to express our thanks to each of you for your help, thoughtfulness, visits and many kindnesses during the illness and death of her Mother. It was an especially sad time for us, but you helped to brighten those dark days with your visits, telephone calls, and many other kind deeds.

I want to express a special thanks to Wilma Hiatt and Jo Adams who assumed responsibility for organizing and scheduling the maintenance of SCGA's booth at the Piedmont Berry Festival. It was a relief not to have that responsibility when so many other things were taking place. Several of you came and worked in SCGA's booth. Thanks to each one who had a part in this activity.

REPORTS

It was reported that there are 295 SCGA members as of July 8, 1996. (There were 296 in July 1995.) The treasurer reported that as of the same date, there is a total of \$5,227.83 in the regular account.

PIEDMONT BERRY FESTIVAL

While I do not have a final report on the success of the Berry Festival, I am aware that several Heritage books were sold and that there were many inquiries about membership. This is great opportunity each year for SCGA to "showcase" the advantages of membership and the services which we have to offer.

RESEARCH PROJECT

The Computer Research Committee continues to gather information which will be used to develop a plan to computerize the Association's research material. If you have suggestions for consideration by the committee, please send them along to Wade Marion, committee chairman, at the Association's address.

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INQUIRIES

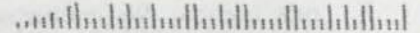
There continues to be numerous requests by letter, telephone, and in person for research assistance. We are pleased that there is a growing interest in family research. One of the major purposes for the existence of SCGA is to give assistance when and where possible. However, I believe that we need to find a better way of rendering service than presently exists. I ask for suggestions from SCGA members as to how we may be more efficient and effective in responding to requests for assistance than presently is in place. Please send your suggestions to your President by mail, call, or make them in person at the September meeting.

DEATH OF SCGA MEMBER

It is with great sadness that we note the death of Mrs. Eleanor Blackburn Watson, SCGA lifetime member who lived in Georgia. She was a native of Surry County. Our sympathy is extended to her family during their time of sadness and loss.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Please note that the Executive Committee will not meet in August.



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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

ROBERT B. HOLDER, President (Tel. # 910-786-7449)

September 1996

SEPTEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, September 9, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

The program will be a semi "Book Fair" in which everyone is encouraged to bring books which they have written, edited, facilitated, researched or had anything else to do with a book's publication. You may sell, share, give away, allow others to copy, etc. your books on this special evening.

Last month a list of books for sale accompanied the Newsletter. Hopefully, each of these books will be on display for sale. Additionally, those of you who have written family histories are encouraged to bring and display these.

Let's make this a time for sharing the results of our genealogical work, either by sale or otherwise. Bring your material and display it.

We hope a large number of SCGA members will be present. Invite non-members to attend as our guests for the evening! Refreshments will be served.

NOTE: The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M. prior to the regular meeting. Officers and committee chairmen are requested to be present to discuss the business of the Association.

MEMBERSHIP

Teresa Smith reported that as of August 23, 1996, there are 316 paying SCGA members. Our goal this year is to exceed the 1995 total of 326. Invite and encourage others to join with us as we attempt to reach our membership goal.

QUARTERLY JOURNAL INDEX

Wilma Hiatt has compiled an index of quarterly Journal articles which includes the years from 1981 (beginning of SCGA) through 1995. Jimmy Cockerham had copies of this index printed and the Association now offers them for sale at \$5.00 per copy plus \$1.50 for shipping. If you wish to purchase a copy, please send your order and check to the Association's address listed on the Newsletter.

NOTICES TO ALL MEMBERS

(1) If you have not updated or recently sent in your surname cards indicating the families you are

researching, please do so. This information will be printed in our Winter 1996 issue of the Journal.

(2) Jeff H. Stepp, 2139 Buffalo Shoals Road, Catawba, NC 28609 is Project Editor of the NC Confederate Burial Locator Project. He only has information for about 37 Surry County Civil War Soldiers. If you have ancestors in Surry County or other counties in North Carolina that were in the Civil War and know where they are buried, you might want to send the information to him. It would be very beneficial to SCGA to have all of this information compiled for Surry County.

THANKS TO PROGRAM PRESENTERS

Last month we failed to express our thanks to Dr. Kirk Sheap for his excellent presentation at the July meeting. Kirk illustrated his presentation by the use of maps and slides. Everyone enjoyed the program. Thanks, Kirk! Attend our meetings at every opportunity.

Also, thanks to Bud Cameron, Register of Deeds, for allowing SCGA to hold its August meeting in his office. It was a fruitful meeting for all the large group in attendance. We are appreciative for all that Bud contributes to SCGA!

HERITAGE BOOK SALES

As of August 12, 1996, the Heritage Book account total was \$12,159.74. These funds will be used to computerize the family research records of SCGA. The committee is working and is to have a report for consideration by the membership in the near future.

We have copies of both Volume I and Volume II for sale. They make excellent gifts for birthdays, wedding anniversaries and Christmas. Buy now for presentation later.

FAMILY HISTORY DONATED

A special thanks to Rilla Matthews Gregg for donating a copy of her family history, Cook: Book of Genealogy, The Cook and Cooke Families of Surry County and Beyond. This family history will be placed in the genealogy section of the Surry Community College Library.

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NORTH CAROLINA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING

The North Carolina Genealogical Society Annual Meeting and Workshop titled "Indian Heritage in North Carolina" will be held October 25 - 26, 1996, at Peace College in Raleigh, NC. Speakers include Wesley Taukchiray, Dr. George Schweitzer, Virginia DeMarce, and Jerry Stover. Cost per registrant is \$44.00 for NCGS members and \$49.00 for NCGS non-members. Registration includes a Friday night reception and lunch on Saturday. Genealogy vendors will be present. Further information may be obtained by writing NCGS Annual Meeting, P. O. Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Last month we had to revise our letter to the editor for the October 1995 issue of the magazine. We thought the letter was too long and we had to shorten it. We are sorry that we had to do this. We hope you will understand our situation.

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We have copies of both Volume 1 and Volume 2 of the magazine. They are available for purchase.

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SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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October 1996

OCTOBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday, October 14, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

We will have as our guests members of the Stokes - Rockingham Genealogical Society. Darrell Lester is president of this group. Mr. Lester will tell us about the Stokes - Rockingham Society, the projects in which it is involved and the research in which the membership is involved.

Each year we have as our guests the members of a neighboring genealogical group. Our purpose is to get to know them better and to determine if there are projects in which we could affiliate.

We believe that this will be an interesting and informative meeting. Come, meet our guests on Monday evening, October 14.

TIME TO RENEW

Each year at this time we begin to encourage members to renew their membership for the next year. SCGA's By-laws state that you must renew by January 1 in order to remain on the mailing list and receive SCGA publications uninterrupted. About March of each year we have complaints from members who do not receive their Newsletters and Journal. Upon investigating the reason, we usually find that the membership renewal fee has not been mailed.

To avoid any problems later on, why not renew for 1997 now. This will insure that your name will remain on the mailing list. Mail your check to the Association's address or bring it with you to the October 14 meeting.

FAMILY HISTORIES DONATED

SCGA members and friends continue to donate their family research to the Genealogical library. These volumes have been received: The Heritage of Harrison Breckenridge Cockerham by Norman Cockerham; The Jessup/Jessop Families by Rilla Matthews Gregg; Rolling Stones by Beverly Stone Reynolds; and John Roberts Phillips, An Autobiography, Genealogy, History ... by A. G. Campbell, donated

by Wade Roberts. A sincere thanks to each one. These are valuable additions to SCGA's research library.

We encourage each of you to donate a copy of your research material to our research library. Our goal is to make this a first-class family research facility.

QUARTERLY JOURNAL INDEX

We wish to remind each member of the availability of a Quarterly Journal Index covering the years 1981 - 1995. The cost is \$5.00 plus \$1.50 for shipping. Send your orders to the Association's address.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

This year we will have our annual Christmas party on December 9, 1996 at 6:00 P.M. at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson. Attendees will order from the menu. This is an enjoyable occasion with which to end the year. Please plan to be present.

MEMBERSHIP

It was reported at the September meeting that SCGA has 319 dues paying members. I am aware of at least two others which have been received since that time. We are on schedule to surpass the 326 of last year! Give SCGA memberships as Christmas gifts this year.

BOOKSTORE ITEMS

The Surry Community College Bookstore may have or be able to obtain copies of Fisher's River Scenes and Characters. This is a copy of the complete book as written by Taliaferro.

Also, the bookstore has for sale copies of the Hughes Historical Map of Surry County. It is moderately priced.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular meeting on October 14. Members of the Executive Committee are requested to be present in order to discuss the business of the Association.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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November 1996

NOVEMBER MEETING

The next meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association is scheduled for Monday evening, November 11, 1996 at 7:00 P.M. The meeting will be held in the Teaching Auditorium at Surry Community College.

The program for November has not been confirmed at this date. A well-known supporter of SCGA has been invited to be our guest speaker. So far, he has not been able to confirm the engagement. However, hopefully, it will be possible for him to be present. If necessary, we will provide an alternate program and give him an opportunity to be with us at a later date.

We encourage you to be present and support the activities and programs of SCGA. Your support will enable us to become the kind of Association which you wish this to be.

BOOK DONATION

SCGA continues to have the good fortune of being a recipient of book donations to the research library. This time it is Descendants of Zion Hill, 1681 - 1707 by Rilla Matthews Gregg. Thanks, Rilla, for a copy of this valuable research.

MEMBERSHIP

Officially, at the time of the writing of this Newsletter, SCGA's membership is 326 - the same as in 1996. However, we are aware of at least one additional member whose dues have been mailed. This means that our membership for 1996 will set a record! Thanks to each one who is a member and who has encouraged others to join. Your efforts have been rewarded.

TIME TO RENEW

It is time for each of us to renew our membership for 1997. Each year there are those who are late in renewing their membership. Therefore, they are tardy in receiving their quarterly Journal and, also, do not receive the first few Newsletters at the

beginning of the new year. Let us encourage you to renew now so that there will not be a break in receiving materials. Dues for the year are \$15.00 for individuals and \$17.00 for families.

OCTOBER PROGRAM

Our thanks to Darrell Lester, President of the Stokes - Rockingham Genealogical Society for an excellent presentation at the October meeting. Although delayed in arriving by an accident on Hwy 52, his time was efficiently used to tell about the work of that group. We believe that further joint efforts by SCGA and the Stokes - Rockingham group will benefit both groups.

DECEMBER PROGRAM

Our annual Christmas party will be held at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson on December 9, 1996 at 6:00 P.M. We encourage you to put this date on your calendar, bring your spouse or a friend, and enjoy the evening with us.

ANCESTOR CHARTS

The Association requests that each member submit an updated copy of his/her ancestral chart so that it may be placed in the research library. Some members submitted ancestral charts several years ago. If these need to be updated, please do so. If you have never submitted an ancestral chart, we ask that you either mail one to the Association or bring one with you to the November meeting. Ancestral charts provide invaluable information to researchers. Also, a chart may help a researcher avoid having to search out the same information again. Help us with this project at your earliest convenience.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:00 P.M., prior to the regular meeting on November 11.

SURRY COUNTY GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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December 1996

DECEMBER MEETING

The December meeting of the Surry County Genealogical Association be held at the Lantern Restaurant in Dobson on Monday, December 9, 1996. We will convene at 6:00 P.M. If you cannot be present by 6:00, come as soon as possible. Members will order from the menu; gratuity will be added to the bill.

This year Cookie Johnson will provide the entertainment. She is an excellent pianist, but may, in absence of a piano, play the keyboard. She has performed for our annual Christmas party previously and everyone enjoyed the entertainment.

You should bring a door prize, preferably something relating to genealogy or local history. However, make it an item of your choice.

Newly elected officers will be installed by the Nominating Committee - Vice - President, Judy Cardwell; Corresponding Secretary, Lessie Brindle; and Treasurer, Teresa Smith.

A presentation will be made in memory of Gerald Cook, SCGA member who passed away recently.

SCGA has made a commitment (a deposit) to have a minimum of 50 in attendance. Make every effort to be present and bring your spouse or a friend. Let's make this a joyous occasion as we bring to close a very successful year.

NOTE: The Executive Committee will not meet in December.

A WORD OF THANKS

I wish to express my personal thanks to all for your kind thoughts, cards, visits and prayers during this period of sadness due to the death of my Mother. The flowers from SCGA were beautiful and so very appropriate since my Mother loved flowers. They were appropriate especially for my Mother because she lived a beautiful example for her children. She was a good Mother to us. Thanks for your kindness and friendship.

MEMBERSHIP

Teresa Smith announced at the November meeting that SCGA had 328 paying members, the largest in the Association's history. Constant reminders and hard work made this possible. Thanks to each one who had a part!

FINANCE REPORT

Treasurer Teresa Smith reported the following at the November meeting: Regular account balance, \$3,705.67; and Heritage Book account balance, \$13,566.24.

TIME TO RENEW

Now is the time to renew your membership in SCGA. Annual membership fee is \$15.00 for an individual and \$17.00 for a family. You may mail your check to the Association's address listed on this Newsletter or hand it to Teresa at the next meeting.

INTERNET ADDRESS

There is a need to compile a list of those who have an Internet address. If you have one, please send a copy to your President at the Association's address. This information will be shared with the Computer Study Committee. Unless there are objections, we will share the list with other researchers as well. Please make it a matter of urgency to get your Internet address to us immediately.

NEW BOOKS

The Executive Committee voted recently to purchase a copy of Yadkin County Marriages and Volumes 2 and 3 of Strangeman Hutchens' Descendants. These may be found in the Genealogical Association's library whenever they arrive.

Let us encourage each of you to share your family research books with us. Also, you may wish to purchase a book to place in the library in memory of a friend.

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To indicate that a child is an ancestor of the family representative, place an "X" behind the number pertaining to that child.

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 HUSBAND'S FATHER _____ HUSBAND'S MOTHER _____
 HUSBAND'S OTHER WIVES _____

WIFE

Born _____ Place _____
 Chr. _____ Place _____
 Died _____ Place _____
 Bur. _____ Place _____
 WIFE'S FATHER _____ WIFE'S MOTHER _____
 WIFE'S OTHER HUSBANDS _____

| SEX M F | CHILDREN List each child (whether living or dead) in order of birth | | WHEN BORN | | | WHERE BORN | | | DATE OF FIRST MARRIAGE | WHEN DIED | | |
|---------------|--|---------|-----------|-------|------|------------|--------|------------------|------------------------|-----------|-------|------|
| | Given Names | Surname | DAY | MONTH | YEAR | TOWN | COUNTY | STATE OR COUNTRY | TO WHOM | DAY | MONTH | YEAR |
| 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

OTHER MARRIAGES

Date

Name of Person Preparing Chart

Street Address

City State Zip

ABBREVIATIONS:

- b - birthdate
- w - where
- m - married
- d - died

b -
w -
m -
d -
w -

b -
w -
m -
d -
w -

b -
w -
m -
d -
w -

name of husband or wife

b -
w -
m -
d -
w -

b -
w -
d -
w -

b -
w -
m -
d -
w -

b -
w -
d -
w -

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------|-----------|
| b - w - m - d - w - | name | born/died |
| | name | born/died |
| | name | born/died |

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|---------------------------------|------|-----------|
| b - w - m - d - w - | name | born/died |
| | name | born/died |
| | name | born/died |

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| b - w - m - d - w - | name | born/died |
| | name | born/died |
| | name | born/died |

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| b - w - m - d - w - | name | born/died |
| | name | born/died |
| | name | born/died |

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