

Guilford County Genealogical Society

April 2009

March Meeting – April 18

Grave Dowsing: Timothy W. Rackley will be speaking on "Grave Dowsing" at our next meeting on April 18. Meetings are held at First Friends Meeting House, 2100 West Friendly Ave., Greensboro, NC. The lending library and publications for sale will be available for browsing beginning at 9 AM and continue after the meeting until noon. Regular meetings usually conclude about 11:30 AM. Occasionally, our Computer Users' Group will meet at the conclusion of our regular meetings. Meetings are free, and guests are always welcome. We will offer refreshments at the meeting.

Welcome New Members!

Cynthia Carpenter Stafford, VA
Lori Heintzelman Lebanon, VA

Special Sale - CIVIL WAR JOURNAL ISSUES

For a limited time we are offering *The Guilford Genealogist* Issue Nos. 116, 117, and 118, the Civil War special issues, at a reduced price. These three issues are full of information, much of it new, about the effects of the war on the Greensboro area. Order all three for the reduced total price of \$25.00 including sales tax and shipping. Order from GCGS, P.O. Box 49104, Greensboro, NC 27419-1104. Save over \$7.00 by ordering now.

Future Meetings

Show and Tell: The May 16 meeting will be a member "Show and Tell" event. Remember grade school? Please bring items from the past such as books, documents, photographs, wills, clothing, needlework, or anything that is dear to you. You will have a few minutes to display and tell about your artifact. Help us with our mini Antiques Roadshow by sharing your priceless items.

National Genealogical Society Conference in Raleigh

The National Genealogical Society, in conjunction with the North Carolina Genealogical Society, will hold its annual Family History Conference from May 13-16 at the Raleigh Convention Center. The theme of the Conference is "The Building of a Nation: From Roanoke to the West." Visit www.ngsgenealogy.org for more information.

Remembering Old Jamestown

Mary Browning's new book, *Remembering Old Jamestown, A Look Back at the Other South*, is available at Barnes & Noble, Jamestown Public Library, Mendenhall Plantation, High Point Library's North Carolina Collection, and a few other places around the Triad. The cost of the book is \$19.95 and was published by the History Press. Anyone interested can contact Mary at maryab30@triad.rr.com, or order her books on her web site: www.mabrowning.com

Upcoming Events of Genealogical Interest

The History of Bethabara: On April 8 at 6:30 pm, the Forsyth County Genealogical Society will hold a program on the history of the first Moravian settlement in North Carolina at the Visitors Center in Historic Bethabara Park.

Swap Meet: The Genealogical Society of Rockingham & Stokes Counties will hold its Spring Swap Meet from 9am to 4pm on April 25 at the Francisco Community Building, 7104 NC Hwy 89 W, Westfield, NC. The film is sponsored by the Historic Jamestown Society, and is directed by Mary Dalton. The 26-minute documentary should be out late this spring or early summer.

Membership Matters!

Bonnie Meeks, Second Vice President - Membership, requests that you look at the mailing label on this newsletter. If it says "2008 MEMBERSHIP" in very small letters under your name, either you have not paid your dues or your check and our newsletter have crossed in the mail. If it reads "1902 MEMBERSHIP" then you have signed in as a visitor at one of our recent meetings and we'd love to have you join us! If the label reads "2009 MEMBERSHIP" we have received your 2009 dues. Annual membership for an individual is \$25.00 and for a family \$30.00. Make your check payable to Guilford County Genealogical Society and mail to P. O. Box 9693, Greensboro, NC 27429-0693 ATTN: GCGS Membership. Thanks!

The Civil War Ends: Greensboro, April 1865

Copies of the award winning *The Civil War Ends: Greensboro, April 1865* by Brad Foley and Adrian Whicker are still available. The Guilford County Genealogical Society published the book which chronicles the Civil War and the important contribution of Greensboro and other Guilford County communities to the war effort. The book also chronicles the flight of Jefferson Davis through North Carolina as the war came to an end. The cost is \$19.00 postage paid. For ordering information, please write to GCGS, P.O. Box 49104, Greensboro, NC.