



"... and departing leave behind us, footprints in the sands of time."

The Psalm of Life by: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

You and your family are important to the Original Mecklenburg County Heritage Book Committee. We cordially invite you to participate in the publication of our county heritage book.

I. Who is eligible to participate?

- A. Present residents of what is or used to be Mecklenburg County.
B. Former residents of Mecklenburg County.
C. Those with roots in Mecklenburg County.

II. How much may I submit, and what is the cost?

- A. Each household is encouraged to send in 500 words of their family history and one picture.
B. These amounts will be published at no charge.
C. In addition, if your ancestors were in Mecklenburg County before 1800, you may submit one additional "Pioneer" article and another picture, limit 500 words & 1 photo per household.
D. Additional words are 10¢ per word. Extra photos are \$12.50. Double wide or double deep photos are also \$12.50 additional.
E. Abbreviations/numbers above five letters equal two words, and punctuation does not affect this.

III. What will I write?

- A. About your ancestors.
1. Why and when they came to Mecklenburg County.
2. Birth, marriages, and death dates.
B. Yourself and your family.
1. Childhood, school days, and other events.
2. Jobs, residences, hobbies and pastimes.

C. Anything you can tell future generations of their ancestry.

IV. Article directions.

- A. Double-space type or word processing on bond paper. We cannot accept articles which are typed in ALL CAPS. Upper and lower case must be used!
B. Include at end of article:
1. Word count.
2. Sources, if available.
3. Name and address of story submitter.
4. Photo caption (see V.C)

V. Photograph directions.

Note: Do not submit original irreplaceable photos! We make every effort to return them, but cannot be responsible for loss or damage!

- A. Types and size.
1. Glossy photos are best! Black and white are preferred, though we will accept 35mm color and studio quality prints, Laser copies do not reproduce nearly as well, so please don't submit them!
2. The following are not acceptable: Computer scans, etc., Xerox® copies, negatives or faded Polaroid® prints.
3. Any size up to 8" x 10".
4. All photos will be reduced to one column - 2½" wide x 1¾" high, with standard cropping as a bust shot. You must pay extra, as detailed in II.D., for larger sizes.

B. Identification.

- 1. Place a return address label with telephone number on the back or (not as desirable) print this information lightly with soft lead pencil on back of photo.
2. Include stamped, self-addressed envelope.
C. Captions.
1. Limited to 10 words or less.
2. Type at end of article.

VI. Additional articles.

- A. Histories of churches, clubs, and organizations.
1. Each allowed 250 words and one photograph free.
2. Additional words and photographs as in II.D.
B. Communities and major topics allowed 600-750 words and one photo at committee discretion.
C. Veteran, tribute, memorial, and business history section.
1. The only pages which cost the submitter.
2. Contact committee for details.

VII. Writing assistance.

- A. Contact committee members.
B. Attend our writing workshop.

VIII. Restrictions

- A. Articles cannot harm, offend, or embarrass another individual or group
B. No genealogical charts or tabular material can be used.

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