

# Mecklenburg Messenger

## Historian Mike Scoggins Speaks at January Meeting

by Ellen Poteet

Michael "Mike" C. Scoggins, research historian and curatorial assistant for the Culture & Heritage Museums of York County, SC, will be the featured speaker at OMGS's January meeting. His recently published book, *The Day It Rained Militia, Huck's Defeat and the Revolution in the South Carolina Backcountry, May-July 1780*, is an enthralling, factual account of the eddying currents of events in the Carolina backcountry before and during the American Revolution. Of particular interest to Mecklenburg researchers is his clear description of the large area of upper South Carolina that was part of Mecklenburg County before 1772, encompassing the present-day South Carolina counties of York and Cherokee, most of Spartanburg County, and the northernmost section of Union County. Using first-person accounts and military correspondence of both patriot and British officers, Scoggins dramatically portrays events leading up to and after the patriot victory at Williamson's Plantation, otherwise known as Huck's Defeat. There is much in this book for genealogists to savor: abstracts of 40 federal pension applications of participants in Huck's Defeat; a list of Whig militia at the engagement, giving their rank, unit, home congregation (most were staunch Scots-Irish Presbyterians), and sources where all this was found; maps of the battlefield; and more. Not only is the book well researched and well documented, but Scoggins himself is a well-versed and entertaining speaker.

## A Special Event

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 25. There will be a special morning program on DNA and its role in genealogical research.

## Ellen Poteet Receives Order of 1775 Award

by Mary Utting

At the annual Christmas dinner meeting, Ellen Poteet, coeditor of the OMGS Quarterly, received the Order of 1775 Award, which recognizes long-

## OMGS Meetings

The January 2006 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 11 January 2006 at the **Ray Hall Community Center, Aldersgate**, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. Remember the "social hour" begins at 7pm with the meeting following at 7:30pm. We will have research historian Michael Scoggins speaking about "Huck's Defeat." In February our speaker will be Cullen Ferguson, recently retired news anchor from WSOC-TV Channel 9! He will talk about his Ferguson family. Don't miss these great programs!

The Hopewell Branch will meet Saturday, 14 January 2006 at 10am. Come out and join us.

term commitment of outstanding service to the Society.

In addition to serving in the editorial capacity since 2001, Mrs. Poteet has done major editing of the four cemetery books compiled by OMGS members, has completed a new transcription of the 1800 census of Mecklenburg County, now being sold by OMGS, and has served as coordinator and editor of the Elmwood-Pinewood Cemetery transcriptions, which will eventually be part of the cemetery books issued by OMGS. This project is the largest of the cemetery recordings undertaken by OMGS. Mrs. Poteet also has served on the board of directors for two terms and was elected for a third term, starting January 2006.

Each year the president may select members to receive Greenlee Lilly Awards, named in honor of the organization's first president. These are to honor special contributions during the past year. President Ted Lucas made four such awards. One went to Joan Raney, who has served as editor of the Messenger since 1997, and a second went to OMGS webmaster, Donna Johnson. The third, the first posthumous award, went to the late Glenn Cook, who compiled real estate notices from 19th century Charlotte newspapers. A number of these appeared in the Quarterly and now have been assembled into a book, which is being sold by the Society. The fourth went to Scot Treadwell, OMGS treasurer, who contributed greatly to the transcriptions of tombstones for the Elmwood-Pinewood Cemetery project. President Ted remarked that Scot had

worked tirelessly gathering information from hundreds and hundreds of tombstones in the Pinewood section of Elmwood Cemetery, and not one of them were related to him!

Installation of officers for 2006, conducted by Alden Davis, preceded the awards presentation. The new officers are: Ronald Touchstone, president; Ray Case, first vice president; Pinny Cook-Yancy, second vice president; Mary Utting, recording secretary; Sandra Howie, corresponding secretary; Lynn Bancroft, membership secretary; Scot Treadwell, treasurer; Ellen Poteet and Diane Richter, board members, 2006-2007; Tom Innes and Jane Rezac, board members, 2006, completing their second year; and Ted Lucas, past president.

David Anderson, a student at Charlotte Catholic High School, presented a program of Christmas music played on the piano and the organ.

## New Members

by Lynn Bancroft

Please welcome the following new members to Olde Meck:

- Robert & Denice Bowman, Charlotte, NC
- Ann Huddart, Spring Hill, FL
- David Lord, Charlotte, NC
- Kenneth Schulte, Barstow, CA
- Karen Thompson, Austin, TX
- June White, Charlotte, NC
- Doris Wolfe, Double Springs, AL

We wish you all Happy and Prosperous Researching!

For existing members of Olde Meck, **don't forget** to check your mailing label to see if you have renewed for 2006. We will send only one more Messenger to those who haven't yet paid dues. **Don't let your membership expire!** Dues remain at \$20 for an individual membership, \$25 for families. Send your check to our PO Box to continue to receive your publications and hear about the latest on our Archives, new publications, and upcoming events! Membership questions? Contact Lynn Bancroft at 704-364-26930 or [LCBancroft@mindspring.com](mailto:LCBancroft@mindspring.com).

## Uptown Parking Deck Has New Policy

Patrons using the Charlotte Public Library's Carolina Room are advised that the 7th Street Parking Deck has a new parking policy due to the increased number of events now taking place in the uptown area. The 90-minute free parking during the week is good only until 5 p. m. Monday through Friday. Parking is free on Saturday until 5 p. m., unless there is an event going on. Parking on Sunday in the deck is free all day, unless an event

is going on. If uptown events are scheduled, parking in the deck will either be charged at the hourly rate or at a special event rate.

(Editor's note: Ya'all, I got bit by this myself last month going to the Carolina Room. I had to pay \$5 and had no cash! I ended up writing them a check. I think next time I'm riding the bus!)

## New from the Carolina Room

by Jane Johnson

11/17/2005 to 12/23/2005

To view the Public Library's catalog for a complete list of holdings, go to <http://www.plcmc.lib.nc.us/catalog/default.asp>.

Below are new titles of interest to genealogists in the Robinson-Spangler Carolina Room, Main Library, 310 N. Tryon St., Charlotte, NC.

*Abstracts of Wills, Buncombe County, NC 1792-1904*  
*Abstracts of Deeds, Anson County, NC Book Y & Z*  
*Beaufort South Carolina-A History*  
*Buncombe County, N. C. Voter Registration 1902-1904*  
*Carter County Tennessee And Its People 1796-1993*  
*Genealogy Writing in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*  
*Germans to Marion County, Ohio And Their Ancestors*  
*Miscellaneous Cherokee and Choctaw Records 1800-1900*  
*Nicholas County, WV Heritage 2000*  
*North Carolina Slaves and Free Persons of Color: Chowan County Volume Two*  
*North Carolina Slaves and Free Persons of Color: Iredell County*  
*Out Of The Past - Buntin and McCollum Ancestors*  
*Pocahontas' Descendants*  
*Post Offices and Postmasters of North Carolina, V. 2*  
*Remembering Concord*  
*Richard Dobbs Spaight*  
*The Day It Rained Militia*  
*The Linder Sourcebook: Origins, Distribution and Immigrants*  
*A Few More Left: The Story of Isaac Hillman*  
*Addendum to Epling/Eplin, Vol. III*  
*Epling/Eplin- VII Generation Seven and Later*  
*Families of Paul (2) Epling 1787-2002*  
*Epling/Eplin 1787-2001*  
*Epling/Eplin - John (2) + Daniel (2) Descendants- 1787-2003*  
*Epling/Epling Families of Generations Seven and Later of Philip (2) 1787-2004*  
*Forensic Genealogy*  
*Georgia Salzburgers and Allied Families, Vol. 1-4*  
*John Peet 1597-1684 of Stratford, Connecticut & His Descendants*  
*Roberts, Borders, Mauney, Howell, Briggs and Related Families-100<sup>th</sup> Family Reunion*

*Session Minutes and Registers Brewington  
Presbyterian Church, Clarendon County, SC 1811-  
1927*  
*Stateburg and It's People*  
*The Bivins Family 1738-2004*  
*The Cemeteries of Old Sumter District, Vols. VI-VIII,  
Clarendon County, SC*  
*The Heritage of Polk County, Tennessee 1839-1997*  
*The Register and Session Minutes of Midway  
Presbyterian Church, Clarendon County, S.C. 1801-  
1902*  
*Cleveland County Heritage North Carolina, Vol. II*  
*The Textile Heritage of Gaston County, North  
Carolina, 1848-2000*  
*Southern Campaigns of the American Revolution*  
(periodical)

## **Mecklenburg Heritage Book**

We have received several inquiries as to the status of the Mecklenburg Heritage Book Project. For those of you who may have ordered *The Old Mecklenburg County Heritage Book*, we have an update on its progress. The volume is currently at the printer and should be completed by late February. There has been some confusion about this project because its name is very similar to that of OMGS. Actually, an independent group is producing this publication. For questions or further updates, please contact: The Heritage of Old Mecklenburg County Society, PO Box 1348, Huntersville, NC 27070-1348, or E-mail Sheila Weaver at [sheilaw@webkorner.com](mailto:sheilaw@webkorner.com). The project has a website at [www.rootsweb.com/~ncmchs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncmchs)

## **Dear Cousin**

by Cousin Sally

Happy new year, dear cousin! I hope you and yours have great researching successes in this new year. I just wanted to touch on one thing I was reading about in my latest *Family Tree Magazine*.

One thing they talk about is researching on Ancestry.com. Now we have all done that, and I know you have also gotten a lot of good information out of Ancestry. But they tell me that you can get even more from your research if you try doing a first name only search! They say that surnames are spelled many different ways. For instance, the surname Smith can be spelled Smith, Smithe, Smyth, Smythe, etc. I think you can see what I mean. And even turning off the exact spelling sometimes won't get you the results you need.

So I urge you to try this one little tip next time you sit down to do some internet surfing with Ancestry. Who knows? You might find that elusive Seth Smith you've been researching for years without success!

I'll write more later when I have some more time. Until then, happy researching!

## **Upcoming Events**

Saturday, January 21 at 10:00 am, Scrapbooking Your Family Tree: A Basic Beginner's Class - Monroe Library. Having a family reunion soon? Want to make a family tree page to use with your family history? Or begin that heritage album you've always wanted to do? Join us for *Scrapbooking Your Family Tree: A Beginner's Class*, led by Jennifer Bordeaux, Creative Memories Consultant. There is a \$2 craft fee. Bring names and dates back to your great-grandparents. Photos are optional (may want to use duplicates). Register your attendance by calling 704-283-8184, ext. 224.

Thursday, February 9 from 10:00 - 11:00 am, Ancestry On-Line: Beginner's Class - Monroe Library. Want to get started searching for your ancestors on-line? This class is limited to six participants who must be comfortable using a mouse and navigating around a computer screen. Please call 704-283-8184, ext. 224 to register.

February 18 -February 19, 2006, Civil War Living History Weekend, Manteo, North Carolina. The event will commemorate the 144th Anniversary of the Battle of Roanoke Island. For more information call 252-475-1500.

Do you know of an upcoming genealogical event? Let me know and I can publish it here. My email is [raney1@earthlink.net](mailto:raney1@earthlink.net)

## **Want to Join OMGS?**

It's easy to join. Annual dues are \$20 for an individual membership, \$25 for a family membership, \$40 for a sustaining membership, or you can pay \$225 for a lifetime membership. Make a check or money order payable to Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society and send it along with your name, address, phone number, email address, and names you are researching to OMGS, P.O. Box 32453, Charlotte, NC, 28232-2453. Our email address is [omgs1775@yahoo.com](mailto:omgs1775@yahoo.com) and our website is <http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncomgs/>

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**OMGS Publications for Sale**

<i>Real Estate and Legal Notices from Charlotte, NC Newspapers, 1835-1847</i>	<b>NEW!</b>	\$27.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1: North Mecklenburg</i>		\$32.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2: South Mecklenburg</i>		\$32.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 3: East Mecklenburg</i>		\$37.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 4: West Mecklenburg</i>		\$37.50 PPD
<i>1800 Census, Mecklenburg County, NC</i>		\$15.00 PPD
<i>1850 Census Abstract, Mecklenburg County, NC (Includes separate index)</i>		\$17.50 PPD
<i>Index to 1850 Census</i>		\$ 5.00 PPD
<i>OMGS Surname Index, 2000 Edition</i>		\$8.00 PPD
OMGS <i>Quarterlies: 1983-2003</i>	\$21.50 PPD (4/year) \$8.50 PPD (single) \$2.00 PPD (index)	
<i>Cabarrus Revolutionary Patriot Roll, by Cabarrus Gen. Soc.</i>		\$19.00 PPD
<i>My Hometown Pineville, by Joe Howard Griffin, Sr.</i>		\$30.00 PPD
<i>The Presbyterian Gathering at Clear Creek, by Russell Martin Kerr</i>		\$27.50 PPD
<i>The Spirit of a Proud People, by Lois Moore Yandle</i>		\$40.00 PPD
<i>They Married Confederate Officers: The Intimate Story of Anna Morrison, Wife of Stonewall Jackson, and Her Five Sisters, by Kathy N. Herran</i>		\$24.95 PPD

**Books by Herman W. Ferguson**

<i>Mecklenburg County, NC—Minutes of the Court of common Pleas &amp; Quarter Sessions</i>			
<i>Vol. I, 1780-1800</i>	\$30.00 PPD	<i>Vol. V, 1841 - 1850</i>	\$27.50 PPD
<i>Vol. II, 1801-1820</i>	\$32.50 PPD	<i>Vol. VI, 1851-1860</i>	\$28.50 PPD
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<i>Vol. IV, 1831 - 1840</i>	\$25.00 PPD		
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Genealogical Deed Abstracts Books 10-14</i>			\$27.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC- Abstracts of Deed Books 15-23 1794-1830</i>			\$35.00 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Will abstracts, 1791-1868, Books A-J/Tax Lists 1797-1799, 1806-1807</i>			
		(transcribed by Ralph B. & Herman W. Ferguson)	\$32.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: A Petition, 1792; Tax Lists 1797-1799, 1806-1808, 1810-1811, 1815, 1823-1824</i>			
		(transcribed by Ralph B. & Herman W. Ferguson)	\$27.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg &amp; Cabarrus Counties, NC: Decedents for Whom Loose Estate Papers are Extant</i>			\$16.50 PPD

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