

Mecklenburg Messenger



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Directions to Aldersgate

Fellowship Hall, Aldersgate -- Ray Hall Community Center. If you are coming from Eastway Dr. turn on Shamrock Dr. Turn right at the sign which says "Epworth Place, 3420 Cole Drive". (Other signs are not relevant.) After turning in, bear left and almost immediately turn right onto Bishop's Way Lane. After passing various buildings you will see a fence on your left. It has white pickets and brick posts with a lamp on top of each post. At the end of the fence, turn left into Visitors Parking. Use the Visitors Entrance next to the greenhouse. Visitors Welcome!

From the President

by George Sutcliffe

Exciting events are coming up for OMGS!! Loch Norman Scottish Games! Come by the OMGS tent and help the Scots trace their ancestry. April 11-13, Rural Hill Plantation not far from Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Lads and lassies, there will be bagpipes, border collies, and bodacious foodstuffs!

April 25-26, the Board of Directors of the North Carolina Genealogical Society will visit Charlotte. A dinner for the Board and our own members will be held in a private dining room in the Holiday Inn Hotel across from the main library, at 7 p.m. on Friday, April 25th. The cost is \$18 per person all inclusive. Some members heard about this opportunity at the March 12th membership meeting and have reserved places. Seating is limited. For those who have not reserved a place, and would like to join us, call me immediately at (704) 366-0301 to check on seating availability. Checks should be made to **George H. Sutcliffe**, and sent to 6501 Folger Drive, Charlotte, NC 28270. The hotel wants a final guaranteed count by April 4th.

OMGS Meetings

The April 2003 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 9 April 2003 at the Fellowship Hall of Aldersgate, 3420 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. See *first article for directions*. Social hour begins at 7p.m. with light refreshments and the meeting begins at 7:30p.m. Our speaker will be Dr. Norris Frederick, dean of the College of Arts & Sciences at Queens University of Charlotte. His topic is "Genealogy and Truth: A Case Study." In May we will have our own John Misenheimer! His topic will be "Men from Mecklenburg in the Revolutionary War." Sounds like a couple of great programs so hope to see you there!

The April 2003 Hopewell meeting will be held at the Loch Norman Highland Games! Come out and join us for a great time! See end of newsletter for more details on the Games.

Our Publishing Committee announces that Mecklenburg Cemeteries, Vol. 2, South Mecklenburg, will be available soon! Look for the prepublication flyer and special price offer of \$27.50 in next month's *Messenger*. Save \$5 by ordering your copy early. This book will be a useful tool for those having South Mecklenburg ancestry.î

Notes from the March Meeting

by Mary Utting

Chuck Ketchie, who heads Carolina Maps by Mail, says he got into the business by default. He started by doing a study on North Carolina's old water mills and, finding so little on this subject, he became the expert. This led him to Garland P. Stout, who had an amazing collection of historical state maps. Stout painstakingly worked on his precious maps for many years, and Ketchie's study of old mills blended in well with this effort. So, by default, Ketchie himself

learned about maps and in 1996 formed his company to market them. Stout had passed away, so the maps had become Ketchie's project.

Ketchie showed OMGS members samples of a number of early maps, which were surprisingly accurate considering that the early mapmakers had no access to such modern technology as aerial surveys. They were works of art in many cases, so people often purchase them to frame and hang them in offices and homes.

A 1770 map showed amazing accuracy, although the western portion of the Carolinas was somewhat sketchy, as that territory was not well known at that time. In 1764, the two states' boundaries were drawn, with an 11-mile error, which was corrected by allotting an equivalent amount to South Carolina as they went west.

A 1775 map is sometimes termed the Revolution Map; it served for a generation. In 1833, maps became a political matter, and those in power used the new map to promote the state. The counties become well delineated by this time.

The next map he displayed served both sides in the Civil War. It shows the plank roads, which had their heyday about 1851. Maps of this period show many towns now lost either because they were renamed or because they were absorbed into larger cities like Charlotte. Such information can be of special value to genealogists who are trying to locate ancestral farms and homes.

Although not of genealogical interest, Ketchie also showed a colorful map he had just received the city of Baghdad but which is certainly in today's headlines.

Hopewell District News

by Tina Brown

In April we will be meeting at the Loch Norman Highland Games. As usual we will have a tent on the field and I hope all of you can come by to sit a spell, in the best Southern and Scots Irish hospitality.

In May Joan Raney will be our speaker, so mark your calendars.

Second Annual Fundraising Campaign

Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society is kicking off its Second Annual Fundraising Campaign this month. Please read over the enclosed announcement which explains some of

the programs OMGS would like to develop. We hope that you will contribute what you can. Size or type of gift is not as important as getting membership support to build a reserve for our future and to help us in our outside fundraising efforts. Thanks for your participation.

From the Carolina Room

by Jane Johnson

From the Carolina Rm. 2-17-2003 to 3-16-2003

To view the latest web exhibit on CMStory.org, please go to <http://www.cmstory.org/ww1>. To learn more about the history of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County, go to <http://www.cmstory.org>. To view the Public Library's catalog for a complete list of holdings, go to <http://www.plcmc.lib.nc.us/online/catalog/>.

These are new titles of interest to genealogists in the Carolina Room, Main Library, 310 N. Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC

1. *They Fought Like Demons, Women Soldiers in the American Civil War*
2. *A History of Mississippi, 2 volumes*
3. *Journeys Through Jackson (Co., NC)*
4. *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors*
5. *A River in Time, The Yadkin-Pee Dee River System* (this book has good information for genealogists even though this is not the purpose of the book)
6. *The Heritage of Jackson County, North Carolina, 13 volumes*
7. *Germans to America, Series II, Lists of Passengers Arriving at U. S. Ports in the 1840s, July 1847-March 1848 (vol. 5) and April 1848 - October 1848 (vol. 6)*
8. *Contributions of Vance County People of Color*
9. *A Heritage Preserved, Nance-Tatum Family, Crockett Co., TN 1800-2000*
10. *Banking in Virginia* (photographs of bank personnel; index)
11. *Southampton County, Virginia*
12. *Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, Vol. 16, Part II (John Alden) and Vol. 21 (John Billington)*
13. *Guide to the Mortgages of the General Loan Office of the Province of Pennsylvania, 1724-1756*
14. *Memoirs of John Peter Parker, Experiences of Growing Up On A Union County Farm In the Early 1900's*
15. *Aunt Phebe, Uncle Tom and Others, Character Studies Among the Old Slaves of the South, Fifty Years After*
16. *Kings Mountain National Military Park*
17. *Waynesboro (VA) Days of Yore, 2 volumes*
18. *Abstracts of Adams Co., PA Wills 1745-1800*
19. *Irish Burks of Colonial Virginia and New River*

20. *The North Carolina Descendants of Johann Christian Bernhardt, I from ~1700 to ~1900*
21. *The Descendants of Robert Parks Sr., David Parks, Sr., and John Parks Sr. of North Carolina From ~1700 to ~1900*
22. *The Sims of Cabarrus County, NC and their probable Ancestry*
23. *Arter, Settling the Carolina Upcountry: The Story of the Arthur Cunningham Family of Kershaw County, SC*
24. *The Greensboro Four, Civil Rights Pioneers*
25. *Historic Buford, A History of the City of Buford, GA through 1990*
26. *History of Wilson County, NC ("Heritage" type book)*
27. *Abstracts of Philadelphia (PA) County Wills 1748-1763*
28. *Abstracts of Philadelphia (PA) County Wills, 1763-1784*
29. *The Real Founders of New England, Stories of Their Life Along the Coast 1602-1628*
30. *Grandfather's Tales of North Carolina History* (this book, published in 1901 offers the reader some first hand accounts of famous North Carolinians)
31. *The Last of the Bighams*
32. *Old Southern Bible Records*
33. *The Brethren in the New Nation*
34. *The Ancestors and Descendants of Abel Alexander and Maude Ferguson Shuford*
35. *Dickson County, Tennessee, County and Circuit Court Minutes, 1816-1828*
36. *Henrico County, Virginia Deeds 1706-1737*
37. *Revolutionary Claims In South Carolina* (Copy of the Original Index Book Showing the Revolutionary Claims Filed in South Carolina Between 8/20/1783 and 8/31/1786)
38. *Colonial Settlers and English Adventurers*
39. *The Brethren in Colonial America*
40. *A History of the Valley of Virginia*
41. *W. P. Fife, The Drummer Evangelist*
42. *Catalogue of Revolutionary Soldiers and Sailors of the Commonwealth of Virginia To Whom Land Bounty Warrants Were Granted by Virginia for Military Services in the War For Independence*
43. *The Story of Georgia and the Georgia People 1732-1860*
44. *Genealogical Abstracts from 18th-Century Virginia Newspapers*
45. *The Ross-Chesnut-Sutton Family of South Carolina*
44. *History and Genealogy of the Harland Family*
45. *First Settlers of South Carolina 1670-1700*
46. *The Marshal and the Myth* (Marshall Ney)
47. *Court and Private Life in the Time of Queen Charlotte, 2 volumes*
48. *Myers Park Clubber 1952-1953* (Charlotte's Myers Park Country Club publication)
49. *Sons of the South, Mississippi Sesquicentennial Edition of the Sons of the South, 1817-1967*
50. *Guide to Genealogical and Historical Research in Pennsylvania*
51. *Brethren Society*
52. *A Guide To Dating Old Family Photographs*
53. *A Story of Rockford* (Surry Co., NC)
54. *Saddletree Community and Church* (includes families from the Robeson & Bladen Co. area)
55. *Handbook of West Virginia, 1915*
56. *Genealogy of the Descendants of John Walker of Wigton, Scotland, with Records of a Few Allied Families Also War Records and Some Fragmentary Notes Pertaining to the History of Virginia 1600-1902*
57. *Postal Markings of The North Carolina Railroads, Including Station Agents, Waterways, Etc.*
58. *Miscellaneous Alabama Newspaper Abstracts, Vol. 2*
59. *Prisoners' Mail From The American Civil War*
60. *Rhett, The Turbulent Life and Times of a Fire-Eater* (biography of Robert Barnwell Rhett)
61. *A Family Affair, The Life, Times and Sale of a Family Owned Newspaper* (Salisbury Post)
62. *Louisa County, Virginia Deed Books A & B 1742-1759*
63. *Louisa County Virginia Deed Books C, C ½, D and D ½ 1759-1774*
64. *Louisa County Virginia Deed Books E & F 1774-1790*
65. *Louisa County Virginia Tithables and Census 1743-1785*
66. *Index to Westmoreland Co., PA Wills 1773-1896*
67. *Index to York County, PA Wills 1749-1900*
68. *Cemeteries of Fayette County, PA, Vol. 1*
69. *Index to Fayette County, PA Wills 1783-1900*
70. *Fayette County Pennsylvania Area Key*
71. *Menallen Minutes, Marriages and Miscellany Quaker Records, 1780-1890*
72. *Marriages and Death Notices From the "South Western Baptist" Newspaper*
73. *Mountain Partisans, Guerrilla Warfare in the Southern Appalachians, 1861-1865*
74. *Signs of Cherokee Culture, Sequoyah's Syllabary in Eastern Cherokee Life*
75. *York and Western York County, The Story of a Southern Eden*
76. *Quaker Marriage Certificates, Delaware County, Pennsylvania 1679-1808*
77. *Quaker Marriage Certificates New Garden Monthly Meeting, Chester County, Pennsylvania, 1704-1799*
78. *Miscellaneous Alabama Newspaper Abstracts, Vol. 1*
79. *The "Good Town" Does Well: Rock Hill, S. C., 1852-2002*
80. *The Monongahela of Old; or Historical Sketches of South-Western Pennsylvania To the Year 1800*
81. *Ancestors of American Presidents*
82. *The Mayflower Planters*
83. *Births, Deaths and Marriages of the Nottingham Quakers 1680-1889*
84. *Mr. Skylark, John Bennett and the Charleston Renaissance*
85. *19 reels of the index of North Carolina death records 1906-1947*

We added many old newspapers to our microfilm collection this month. The names and dates of all publication are too numerous to list, but they include papers from Anson, Buncombe, Cabarrus, Forsyth, Guilford, Haywood, Iredell, Lincoln, Mecklenburg, Rowan, Union and Wake Counties. To find a complete list, search the PLCMC catalog at: <http://www.plcmc.lib.nc.us/online/catalog/>.

Condolences and Get Well Wishes

After a long illness .Doris Dukes, wife of Lee Dukes, died January 31, 2003. Ed Savage, husband of Terry Savage, asks that we please keep him in our prayers. He was diagnosed with acute Leukemia. Recently Terry and Ed moved to Florida.

Upcoming Events

11-13 April 2003, the Loch Norman Highland Games, at Rural Hill, NC. Fun for the entire family! **Even if you are not Scottish, you will have fun!** Tickets are \$15 for one day, \$20 for a 2 day ticket, children 10-17 can get in for \$5 for a one-day ticket, and children 9 and under are free! Parking is \$3. For more information, email WebInfo@lochnorman.org, or call (704) 875-3113. You can visit their website at www.lochnorman.org.

As members of the Olde Meck Genealogy Society with roots in Mecklenburg County or just as someone interested in their family history, the Catawba Valley Scottish Society invites you to join us at a genealogy seminar presented by Beth Gay, DCTJ, FSA Scot. Beth is the Editor-in-Chief of the Ellen Payne Odom Genealogy Library newsletter, The Family Tree. Beth is quite knowledgeable on genealogy in general and Scottish and Scots-Irish genealogy in particular. When I say that Beth is Editor-in-Chief of The Family Tree, I mean she is writer, editor, proof-reader and general get the newsletter out on time person.

This seminar will be held Friday, April 11th, 2003 at 11:00 AM at Rural Hill Farm on Neck Rd. in Huntersville, NC. The cost is \$10 and reservations may be made by calling the CVSS office at 704-875-3113. This seminar is presented in conjuncture with the Loch Norman Highland Games, April 11th through the 13th.

Information about the seminar or the Games is available at the above telephone number.

12 April 2003, Dunedin Highland Games, Dunedin, FL. For more information, email skeith@prodigy.net, or call (727) 733-3197 or (727) 733-6240.

26-27 April 2003, Culloden Highland Games, Culloden, GA. For more information, email Webmaster@cullodengames.com, or call (478) 885-2440.

2-4 May 2003, Aiken Highland Games & Celtic Festival, Aiken, SC. For more information, email dnichols@aikenelectric.net, or call (803) 649-7374.

9-11 May 2003, Kentucky Scottish Weekend, Carrollton, KY. For more information, email KyScotWknd@aol.com, or call (800) 325-0078.

16-18 May 2003, Gatlinburg Scottish Festival & Games, Gatlinburg, TN. For more information, email gatlinburghighlandgames@juno.com, or call (800) 568-4748.

Samford University will hold genealogical classes June 8-13, 2003, in Birmingham, AL. Contact ighr@samford.edu. Also, their British Study Tour in Scotland, Ireland, England, and Edinburgh, Scotland and London, England, will be held June 29-July 21, 2003, contact mbthomas@samford.edu.

If you have an event that is of a genealogical nature, such as a Scottish game or a family reunion or a genealogy workshop, email me at raney1@bellsouth.net and I will be happy to post it here.

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.

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1850 Census Abstract, Mecklenburg County, NC **Sale!** ~~\$27.50 PPD~~ \$17.50 PPD
OMGS Surname Index, 2000 Edition ~~\$11.95 PPD~~ \$8.00 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC Waterways Map (by William T. Skinner, C.S.R.S.) \$3.50 PPD
Nine Generation Ancestor Chart \$6.00 PPD (rolled) \$5.00 PPD (folded)
OMGS Quarterlies: 1983-2002 \$21.50 PPD (4/year) \$8.50 PPD (single) \$2.00 PPD (index)

Books by Herman W. Ferguson

Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&Q Sessions, Vol. I, 1780-1800 \$30.00 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&Q Sessions, Vol. II, 1801-1820 \$32.50 PPD
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