

# Mecklenburg Messenger



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## Directions to Aldersgate

Ray Hall Community Center: Aldersgate asks that we use the main entrance and park in front of the Ray Hall Community Center, entering the building by the front door.

Coming from Eastway Dr., turn on Shamrock Dr. Instead of turning on Cole Drive, proceed out Shamrock to Aldersgate Main Entrance. You will pass these buildings on Shamrock Dr.: WNC Methodist Center, Museum of History, Asbury Care Center, and Wesley Nursing Center.

At the traffic light, turn right on Willard Farrow Dr. After the Welcome Center (like a gate house), drive 0.3 mi. on Willard Farrow Dr. After the Hezekiah Alexander House on the right, you will see 3 buildings facing a circle.

Ray Hall Community Center is the 2-story building in the middle, between Epworth Towers and Francis Residential Building.

Park in the visitor parking in front of the Community Center and enter by the front door.

## Help is a Question Away

by Ellen Poteet

Have a question about your research? Stop by the Help Desk at the July meeting. We'll try to help.

OMGS members will staff a Help Desk from 7 to 7:30 p.m. during the social time to answer questions and assist you with your research. If we don't know the answer, we'll try to find someone who can help.

## Notes from July Meeting

by Mary Utting

Some unusual women, called "Daughters of the Regiment" were described to members of the Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society at the

## OMGS Meetings

The August 2004 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 11 August 2004 at the **Ray Hall Community Center, Aldersgate**, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. *See first article for directions.* Social hour is at 7pm with light refreshments and the meeting begins at 7:30pm. Our speakers will be Marie & Janet Morrison from Rocky River Presbyterian Church. They will talk about church records and the cemetery. In September we will have Karen Dutton will speak on a Case Study of the Kimmons Family. Don't miss these great programs!

The Hopewell Branch will not meet in August. Have a great summer and plan to rejoin us next month in September!

July meeting. A former historical reinactor, Patti Proctor, donned her concept of clothing worn by these women during the Civil War and described their lives on the battlefield.

She said this was an old European custom, and she credits Napoleon with first naming these women who risked their lives to support the fighting men during wartime. Proctor said that their role was semi-official, but not well defined. These daughters showed up with the troops from about 1830 until World War I. They were not women who dressed in male uniforms and pretended to be regular soldiers. Proctor's costume, which she designed and made, consisted of dark slacks covered by a short but colorful skirt with a blouse and jacket. A hat was also part of her distinctive outfit.

She said the women were considered somewhat like mascots, and they did washing, cooking, nursing, teaching, and they sometimes sold small items the soldiers needed. During the Civil War, these mascots were generally the wife or daughter of an officer. Some toted a pistol,

and most were expert horsewomen. They had to carry all their belongings. Proctor pointed out that the average person had two outfits a year during the Civil War era.

Most of the women carried a certificate of good character. In return for their work at camp, they received food, shelter, access to the doctor, and, occasionally, pay. Some were wounded, as they were often close to the battle; a monument to one was erected in Virginia by the United Daughters of the Confederacy.

Proctor showed the contents of her haversack, which included an extra pair of socks, sewing implements, a corn cob pipe, a book by Longfellow, a fan, handkerchief, calling card, towel, a toothbrush, comb, soap, mirror, clothespin, a camisole and pantalets. She also carried separately her bedroll, an iron cup, and a second bag with a few medical supplies: liquor, lint to stop bleeding, brown paper to remove the color of bruises, oats for rashes, salt, mint, cloves and similar home remedies.

These dedicated "Daughters of the Regiment" were on duty 24 hours a day, seven days a week. During the Civil War they were part of both armies. Though most of these brave women remain unknown, records of few remain. Proctor has brief profiles of several in a brochure. Some appear in military records, because they received pensions. But, as she pointed out, few liked to talk about the experiences of war afterward, so their histories are generally unknown.

## **Help Needed**

Dr. Vernon Herron is heading an ongoing project to document abandoned black cemeteries in Mecklenburg County. If anyone knows of these cemeteries, he would appreciate being notified of their location and condition. You may reach him at 704 599-4914.

## **Nominating Committee at Work**

by Mary Utting

The Nominating Committee has begun its search to find new officers and directors for the year 2005. Positions to be filled include president, first vice president, second vice president, recording secretary, corresponding secretary, membership secretary, treasurer and two directors. Two directors, who have served the first year of a two-term, Ellen Poteet and Kathy Herran, have another year to serve.

The president and two vice presidents may be reelected for a second year only. Other officers may be reelected indefinitely.

Committee members are L. D. Bass, Pinny Cook, Ted Lucas, John Misenheimer, and Frances Robinson. Anyone who would like to recommend someone for office should call one of these members, who would greatly appreciate your suggestions. The nominees must be presented to the membership by the October meeting.

## **Genealogy Class in September**

OMGS has received a number of queries concerning a beginners genealogy class. We are pleased to announce that we will be offering a beginners class starting in September. The first class is scheduled to meet on Thursday, September 9. So stay tuned for more information!

## **News from the Carolina Room**

by Jane Johnson

6-21-2004 to 7-20-2004

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.

*Governor Alexander Martin*  
*Maryland Freedom Papers, Vol. 1 Anne Arundel County*  
*Builders, Sketches Methodist Preachers South Carolina With Historical Data*  
*District of Columbia Marriage Records 1870-1877*  
*District of Columbia Marriage Records Index, June 28, 1877 to October 19, 1885*  
*District of Columbia Marriage Records Index, October 20, 1885 to January 20, 1892*  
*Marylanders to Carolina, Migration of*  
*Marylanders to North Carolina and South Carolina Prior to 1800*  
*Georgia Bible Records, Supplement, 1772-140*  
*The Kuck Family of Germany and America*  
*Abstracts From The Catawba Journal 1824-1828, Yadkin and Catawba Journal 1828-1834, The Charlotte Journal 1835-1851*  
*Marriage Notices*  
*Death Notices*  
*Davis Stockton, Rutherford County, North Carolina*  
*Tennessee Settlers and Their Descendants, Book 2*  
*Annals of Caldwell County*

*Gone But Not Forgotten, Vo1. 1819-1927, Extracts of Obituaries and Death Notices From White County Illinois Area Newspapers Kentucky 1860 Agricultural Census, Vol. 1 The World War II Path of Carroll F. Martin, Jr. York County, South Carolina Will Abstracts 1787-1862 [1770-1862] Union County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts Vol. IV, Deed Books Q-S, 1820-1828 [1779-1828] North Carolina Presbyterian (newspaper) 1874-1898 (19 reels) Carolina Observer (Fayetteville newspaper) 1816-1833; 1836-1900 (22 reels) The Eagle (Fayetteville newspaper) 1870-1875 (3 reels) Wilmington Journal (newspaper) 1844-1876 (11 reels) Torrance-Banks Family Papers, Part II (11 reels) Spartanburg County, SC, Sloan & Epton's Survey of 1869, published in 1887 by E. H. McCollough (has names and locations marked of land owners in the county; Spartanburg, the city, does not have owners marked or listed)*

## **Cemetery Restoration Updates**

by Ellen Poteet

Updates on the restoration efforts at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church's Second Site Cemetery (formerly known as the Rice Cemetery) can be found on the church's website, [www.philadelphiachurch.org/cemetery\\_at\\_second\\_site.htm](http://www.philadelphiachurch.org/cemetery_at_second_site.htm). New markers as they are found will be posted here. The website also features the list of the burials in the cemetery as well as an article and photos appearing in Our State magazine.

## **Upcoming Events**

The Hugh Torrance House & Store will begin its 2004 summer tours on June 19th. The House & Store is located at 8231 Gilead Rd. in Huntersville, NC. Come and visit this beautiful Federal style home of Hugh & Isabella Torrance and their son, James. James Torrance ran a retail business in the home from 1805 until 1825 making this site the oldest standing store

site in the state of North Carolina.

We will open the third Sunday of the month from June until September. We open at 2:00 PM and close at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and children under 6 and members are free. For information or special tours call 704-875-6479 or e-mail [hughtorance1796@earthlink.net](mailto:hughtorance1796@earthlink.net). You can also visit our web site at <http://home.earthlink.net/~hughtorance1796/>.

Triad Highland Games, 20-21 August 2004, in Greensboro, NC. For more information, email [president@triadhighlandgames.org](mailto:president@triadhighlandgames.org) or call (336) 431-8482, or visit [www.triadhighlandgames.org](http://www.triadhighlandgames.org).

September 24-25, 2004 The STANDRIDGE Family Historical Society will host a reunion of all Standridge families, September 24-25, 2004 in Greenville, South Carolina. A military tombstone dedication for Revolutionary War veteran James Standridge (1755-1837) will be the highlight of the weekend. For more information and a sample copy of the family newsletter contact Russell P. Baker, [gobgob3@mindspring.com](mailto:gobgob3@mindspring.com), 6525 Magnolia Dr., Mabelvale, AR 72102.

If you have a family reunion or other genealogical event that may be of interest to OMGS members, let me know and I'll be happy to post it here. My email address is [raney1@earthlink.net](mailto:raney1@earthlink.net). *-the editor*

## **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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<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 3: East Mecklenburg</i>	\$37.50 PPD
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<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&amp;Q Sessions, Vol. I, 1780-1800</i>	\$30.00 PPD
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