



Mecklenburg Messenger

OMGS Archives Hours

10-12 AM Tuesdays, 1-4 PM Thursdays
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Holiday Dinner

Don't forget to send in your reservation form and check for our annual holiday dinner on December 13th. Help us swear in our new board and celebrate another successful year for OMGS. It's sure to be very festive and tasty! We need an accurate count by December 8th, so don't delay! Hope to see you there!

Membership Renewal

In last month's Newsletter, you received your renewal form for 2007 membership. If you haven't already done so, please send in your renewal soon to avoid a lapse in your membership. Consider these points:

- If you lost your renewal form, don't worry. Just send your check to the address on the back of this Messenger. Dues are still just \$20!
- If you are a life member, no need to send us anything.
- You might consider including a donation with your renewal to help us cover our ever-rising costs of operation.

Notes on November Meeting

by Mary Utting

Because the speaker for November was unable to be present, members attending the November 8 meeting had an informal discussion about some Society matters and about their own genealogical investigations.

Ellen Poteet brought the group up to date on the Elmwood Cemetery project, explaining that publication might be delayed somewhat because the computer person who was to convert the records assembled by members had a family illness. Mrs. Poteet said, however, that Phase 1, the historic area's survey, including Pinewood, was complete. Phase 2 is the middle section, which is well along, and Phase 3, the portion close to the Interstate highway is still to be done.. It is hoped that the Society can publish a volume of this during 2007.

Marion Humphries told the members about her successful application for membership in the DAR,

OMGS Meetings

The December 2006 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 13 December 2006 at the **Ray Hall Community Center, Aldersgate**, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. It will be our annual Christmas Party! Mark your calendars for this one—Wednesday, December 13! Then in January 2007, our speaker will be David Erdman, and he will talk about the Geography of Charlotte. Start the new year off right and attend this interesting program!

The Hopewell Branch will meet on Saturday, 9 December, at Hopewell Presbyterian Church. It will be our Christmas luncheon! Come out and join us!

which took her to an old cemetery where her

Revolution War ancestor was buried. They were able to have a marker placed on his previously unmarked grave.

Tom Humphries explained how one could order such a marker through the Department of Veterans Affairs. There are several choices in shape and materials.

Mary Utting described three interesting websites that will be described in the next Quarterly. Two are devoted to maps: Multimap.com and the Perry Castañeda Library at the University of Texas-Austin. The third, The American Colonist's Library, allows access to a 22-page list of primary source documents important to early American history. It begins with classical sources back to 500 B.C. and continues through the 18th century.

Scot Treadwell had visited the second grade class at Idlewild School, whose pupils are working on a genealogical project. Deciding they were a bit young to start with Internet sites, he suggested they go home and get their parents and relatives to tell them about their families. Members who were interested were asked to volunteer to help with this project.

Among others discussing how they found some elusive ancestors, Carole Rivenbark told of her annual family gathering at Valle Crucis and how this ultimately led to locating ancestors in Germany.

Hopewell District News

by Tina Brown

The Hopewell Branch of the Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society met as usual in November and I am pleased to say with a good crowd. Our numbers have been dwindling over the recent months and I was beginning to worry that we would no longer have a group. But the old group appears to be back and we had quite a few new comers this month.

We had a really good speaker, Cullen Ferguson. His presentation was well thought out and very entertaining. He followed his research on the Fergusons, even telling a few stories that his ancestors might not have wanted told. Of course, making our ancestors' lives personal is what makes genealogy so much fun.

Our December meeting will be our annual Christmas Lunch. We will meet on December 9th at (please make note) at 11:00 AM in Room A-12 at Hopewell Church. Freddie and myself will provide a spiral sliced ham and Deeanne Barnette is bringing the paper products. So please, all of the rest of you bring a side dish, salad, dessert or casserole to share. Also, please remember to bring something to drink. I will have a pot of hot coffee going but if you want something special to drink don't forget it.

Hope to see all of you to celebrate the Christmas Season. Please pray for Jeff, Vickie, Autumn & Emma.

Dear Cousin

by Cousin Sally

I haven't written in a good while, but I have thought about you and have wondered what you were doing with your research. I have been busy with one of my husband's lines, and as a result I have come across a website I wanted to share with you. It is very exciting and I hope it will help you with your research!

This website is part of the West Virginia Division of Culture and History website. You can search their death records for West Virginia, and if you get a hit, you can see and print out a copy of the death record itself!

I found the website on Cyndi's List, of which I am sure you are already familiar. A number of my husband's family lived and died in West Virginia, and I was hoping to find death records for them. With the help of this website, I found death records for most of them! The website says to check back often as they are continually adding to it. Here is the website: http://www.wvculture.org/vrr/va_dc_search.aspx

I hope you will benefit from this great website as I have, and write soon to let me know what you are doing. I miss hearing from you although I know you are busy. I hope you have a great holiday season and will try to write again next year.

Gift Idea

With the Holidays approaching, we might be able to help you with a gift suggestion for a difficult person on your list. Consider giving a membership to OMGS. Aunt Sally out in Texas might really appreciate receiving our monthly newsletters and award-winning Quarterly. Even a friend who has been meaning to get started in genealogy would pick up many helpful tips and learn about our local meetings and special events. At \$20, it's an inexpensive, thoughtful gift that lasts for the entire year.

Mark Your Calendars

Due to a scheduling conflict at Aldersgate, our February 2007 Membership meeting will be rescheduled one week earlier than usual. Instead of the 14th, we will meet on February 7th. So save the 14th for your sweetie, and plan to join us on February 7th, 2007, for a program to be announced later!

Upcoming Events

Mark you calendars and plan to attend Hopewell's 7th annual Celtic Christmas Music Celebration on Sunday, December 10th at the 11:00 AM service. This year's script focuses on the real-life travels of William Alexander as he ran a peddler's wagon between Philadelphia and "Charlotte Town" in 1778. We will again welcome a variety of special guest to bring our story to life, so this is an event that you will not want to miss! Hopewell Presbyterian Church is located at 10500 Beatties Ford Road, Huntersville, North Carolina 28078 and our phone number is (704) 875-2291.

Do you know of an upcoming genealogical event? Let me know and I can publish it here. My email is 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 to OMGS, P.O. Box 32453, Charlotte, NC, 28232-2453.

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