

Mecklenburg Messenger



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Joan Raney, Editor

From the President

by George Sutcliffe

Your Society needs your help in several areas. Please see Tom Humphries to help with greeting members and refreshments at meetings, see me if you can help with fund raising and grant writing. We are forming our Publicity Committee for 2003—please volunteer to help with this important project. We need to get the word out about our valuable organization.

Hopewell District News

by Tina Brown

The Hopewell Branch of the OMGS met on Saturday January 11, 2003. We had a wonderful first of the year meeting. We were not a big crowd (it was COLD) but an enthusiastic crowd. Maggie Vaness spoke on her work, she is a documentary film producer. She is in the process of writing a book on the Revolution in the Back Country and later plans to make a documentary film. She proposed several reasons for the Revolution that many of us had never heard, like religion and the Scots Irish influence. We want to thank Maggie for a great talk and maybe she will come back when we are a larger crowd.

In February we have a returning speaker, Rudolph Young. Rudolph will talk on the black role in the Confederacy. Rudolph is the first black Commandeer of the Sons of the Confederacy. I am sure he will include a lot of local history in his talk.

March is another returning speaker or maybe I should say a regular speaker to our group. Darrell Harkey will speak in March and once again I have no clue on what. I leave that up to Darrell.

OMGS Meetings

The February 2003 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 12 February 2003 at the Asbury Care Center, 3600 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. Social hour begins at 7p.m. with light refreshments and the meeting begins at 7:30p.m. Our speaker will be our own Paul Buckley! Paul's program is untitled as yet but we know what an interesting and informative speaker he is so come on out! Hope to see you there!

The February 2003 Hopewell meeting will be on Saturday, 8 February 2003 at 10am. Our speaker will be Rudolph Young, and he will be speaking on the black role in the Confederacy. In March we will have Darrell Harkey back. Come on out to hear these fine speakers.

Hope to see all of you on February 8th at 10:00 at Hopewell Presbyterian Church and again on March 8th at 10:00 at the church.

From the Editor

A reminder, submissions to be included in the March 2003 *Messenger* are due to Joan Raney by 24 February 2003. Information for the April 2003 edition must be in by 24 March 2003. My home email address is raney1@bellsouth.net, or fax your submission to 704/337-2218.

New From the Carolina Room

by Judy Johnson

From the Carolina Room 12-17-2002 to 1-16-2003

To view the latest web exhibit on [CMStory.org](http://www.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

The People with No Name, Ireland's Ulster Scots, America's Scots Irish, and the Creation of a British Atlantic World, 1689-1764
Bridge Busters, The Story of the 394th Bomb Group (This book contains information about a local WW II veteran who died during the war. It also contains information about other members of this group.)
The North Carolina Century, Tar Heels Who Made a Difference, 1900-2000

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.

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.

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

Remember—It's OMGS Renewal Time!

Have you sent in your dues? Not sure? Check your mailing label for a clue. It lists the expiration date. Don't let it lapse! Remember--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>OMGS Surname Index, 2000 Edition</i>	\$11.95 PPD \$8.00 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Waterways Map</i> (by William T. Skinner, C.S.R.S.)	\$3.50 PPD
<i>Nine Generation Ancestor Chart</i>	\$6.00 PPD (rolled) \$5.00 PPD (folded)
<i>OMGS Quarterlies: 1983-2002</i>	\$21.50 PPD (4/year) \$8.50 PPD (single) \$2.00 PPD (index)

Books by Herman W. Ferguson

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