

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. 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.

Ferguson Receives Order Of 1775 Award

by Ellen Poteet

2005 Officers Installed

Three awards were presented at the Christmas dinner meeting of Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society on December 8. The Society's highest award, The Order of 1775, was given to Herman W. Ferguson for his diligent and professional work of transcribing and publishing 11 books of Mecklenburg County's early wills, deeds, tax lists, and court minutes.

Seeking something to do in his retirement several years ago, Ferguson attended a genealogical workshop, became interested in his family history, and published his research. From there he began transcribing Mecklenburg County's early records to make them available

OMGS Meetings

The January 2005 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 12 January 2005 at the **Ray Hall Community Center, Aldersgate**, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. *See first article for directions.* Our speaker will be Tim Rackley, and his presentation is titled "Hitting a Brick Wall." Sounds like something I definitely need! Our February meeting will be on February 9, 2005. Don't miss these great programs!

The Hopewell Branch will meet on Saturday, 8 January 2005, at Hopewell. We will have our own Rev. Jeff Lowrance come and talk to us about his trip to the British Isles. February will be a field trip to the Hugh Torance House & Store. Come out and join us!

to researchers. His seventh book of Mecklenburg County court minutes, bringing them up to the Reconstruction period, will be available in the spring of 2005.

The Greenlee Lilly award is presented to Society members whose time and talents have benefited the Society in tangible ways. Dr. George H. Sutcliffe was recognized for three successive terms as president of the Society, despite personal and business affairs that prevented him from serving the full third term. Alita Sutcliffe was honored for compiling and maintaining an extensive mailing list to announce publication of each of the Society's books of early cemetery records. Diane Richter was presented a Lilly award for her quiet, cheerful, and efficient dedication to fulfilling every job asked of her.

Following the awards ceremony, Rachel Abernathy conducted the installation of the OMGS board for 2005: Ted Lucas, president; Ron Touchstone, first vice president; Diane Richter, second vice president; Mary Utting, recording secretary; Scot Treadwell, treasurer;

Sandra Howie, corresponding secretary; Lynn Bancroft, membership secretary; Jane Rezac and Tom Innes, board members for 2005-2006; Ellen Poteet and Kathy Herran, board members for 2005, completing their second year, and George Sutcliffe, past president.

At the conclusion of the installation, Bob Alexander presented a large bouquet of red roses from the board to Pinny Cook. They were given in appreciation of her challenging dual assignments for 2004: not only providing monthly programs as second vice president but also for stepping in as acting president when Dr. Sutcliffe had to resign.

Ted Lucas, incoming president, challenged all members present to help increase the Society's Building Fund and also to recruit new members, his two main goals for the coming year.

New Members

Please help us welcome the following new members to OMGS:

Debbie Arnold -- Charlotte, NC
Mary Lou Furr -- Morganton, NC
Page Murray -- West Grove, PA
Cheryl Terry -- Jena, LA
Clara Thompson -- St. Charles, MO

We are happy to have them join our group and wish them fruitful researching!

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.

New from the Carolina Room

by Jane Johnson

From the Carolina Room 11-21 to 12-20-2004

HERITAGEQUEST !!!!!!!!

Computer users who have PLCMC library cards now have remote access (this means your home and anywhere there is Internet access) to HeritageQuest. Search many census records, PERSI, over 25,000 books and Revolutionary War era pension records and land bounty records. Just go to www.plcmc.org and choose "Online Resources." Once there, scroll down the alphabetical list until you see "HeritageQuest." The number you need to key in to use these records is on the back of your library card.

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.

Wills of Philadelphia County 1777-1790 vol. 5
Wills of Philadelphia County 1810-1815, vol. 8
Wills of Philadelphia County 1815-1819, vol. 9
Wills of Philadelphia County 1820-1825, vol. 10
Guilford Co. Cemeteries, Vol. II
Beaufort County Deed Book I
Ohio Cemeteries: 1803-2003

Upcoming Events

20 January 2005 7pm – 8:30pm, Genealogy on the Internet. Sponsored by the Steele Creek Branch Library. To register, call 704-588-4345.

If you have an event such as a family reunion or a Scottish game or other genealogy related event, let me know and I will publish it here! --
the editor

It's Dues Renewal Time!

Have you sent in your dues? Start the new year off right and send them in! \$20 for an individual membership, \$25 for family, \$40 for sustaining, or you can pay \$225 for a lifetime membership. Mail 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
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 4: West Mecklenburg</i>	\$37.50 PPD
<i>1850 Census Abstract, Mecklenburg County, NC</i>	\$17.50 PPD
<i>OMGS Surname Index, 2000 Edition</i>	\$8.00 PPD
<i>Nine Generation Ancestor Chart</i>	\$6.00 PPD (rolled) \$5.00 PPD (folded)
<i>OMGS Quarterlies: 1983-2003</i>	\$21.50 PPD (4/year) \$8.50 PPD (single) \$2.00 PPD (index)
<i>The Spirit of a Proud People, by Lois Moore Yandle</i>	\$40.00 PPD

Books by Herman W. Ferguson

<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&Q Sessions, Vol. I, 1780-1800</i>	\$30.00 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&Q Sessions, Vol. II, 1801-1820</i>	\$32.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&Q Sessions, Vol. III, 1821-1830</i>	\$27.50 PPD
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<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 & Cabarrus Counties, NC: Decedents for Whom Loose Estate Papers are Extant</i>	\$16.50 PPD

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