



Mecklenburg Messenger

OMGS Archives Hours

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From the President

by John Misenheimer

Dear OMGS Members, Greetings!!! Happy New Year 2007!!! I am looking forward to the coming year, and all the opportunities before us as a society. Since the last time that I served as OMGS President was back in 1997 – that has been ten years, and from my outside perspective there have been many wonderful changes. The biggest change primarily the physical location of our archives being the biggest one, and that is a good thing for OMGS. I do think there has been excellent leadership and the membership has been very supportive equally over these last ten years, and I believe that the momentum that has been established is on a solid foundation. I really do appreciate the vote of confidence by the membership asking me to serve again as your OMGS President, and I look to the future since it is brightly filled with hope. This is my New Years wish for each one of you as members of OMGS, and that is that you have fun in your personal and spiritual journey and that you are successful in locating your ancestors and their history too.

Your Humble Servant and OMGS President, John Misenheimer

OMGS Presents 8 Awards

by Ellen Poteet and Mary Utting

Scot Treadwell received Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society's highest award, the Order of 1775, for outstanding service at the society's annual Christmas dinner on December 13. He was honored for his service as treasurer for the past six years during a period of significant expansion and for his involvement with many society activities. He has also worked on Mecklenburg County cemetery restoration and documentation.

Greenlee Lilly Awards were made to members for special effort on behalf of the society: to Ann Woolf for ongoing work indexing the society's archival holdings; to Sandra Howie for coordinating the sale and shipping of the society's many publications; to Lynn Bancroft for maintaining membership records,

OMGS Meetings

The January 2007 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 10 January 2007 at the **Ray Hall Community Center, Aldersgate**, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. 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! Now remember in February, the meeting will not be on Valentine's Day, **it will be the Wednesday before that, on February 7**. Be sure to mark your calendars! Our speaker will be Dale Loberger, whose topic is "The Colonial Road and 18th Century Surveying." Don't miss these great programs! We'll be back on our regular meeting schedule in March.

The Hopewell Branch will meet on Saturday, 13 January 2007, 10:00 am, at Hopewell Presbyterian Church. We will be having a "catch up" workshop. Come out and join us and share your genealogical tips and tricks!

answering queries, and handling mailings; to Diane Richter and Tom Innes for faithful support behind the scenes of all society activities; to Ellen Poteet for preparation and publishing the society's genealogical resource books; and to Pinny Cook-Yancey for chairing special programs during the year.

A special plaque was presented to Ronald Touchstone, outgoing president, who spearheaded, organized, and brought to fruition the society's first Archives, which opened in August 2005.

Rachel Abernathy officiated at the installation of officers for 2007. The new board of directors will be John Misenheimer, president; Jane Rezac, first vice president; Pinny Cook-Yancey, second vice president; Tommye Bourque, corresponding secretary; Mary Utting, recording secretary; Scot Treadwell, treasurer; Lynn Bancroft, membership chairman; Marilyn Jones, David Lord, directors, beginning two-year terms, and Diane Richter, and Ellen Poteet, directors completing their two-year terms.



Lynn Bancroft presents special award for setting up the OMGS Archives to outgoing OMGS President Ron Touchstone.



Scot Treadwell, back row right, was awarded the Order of 1775. Winners of Greenlee Lilly Awards were back row: Tom Innes and Ellen Poteet. Front row: Diane Richter, Sandra Howie, Ann Woolf, Lynn Bancroft, and Pinny Cook-Yancey.

Our New President

by Lynn Bancroft

The North Carolina Society of Historians, Inc. held its annual Awards meeting on October 14, 2006, and presented our incoming President, John Misenheimer, with a number of awards.

- 1) Historian of the Year - West , the highest award which the Society bestows.
- 2) D.T. Smithwick Newspaper & Magazine Article Award - for two articles in the OMGS Quarterly: Mary Brevard Davidson: Widow of the Revolution and Thomas Polk and the Liberty Bell.
- 3) Willie Parker Peace History Book Award - for the book "Cabarrus Revolutionary Patriot Roll."
- 4) Robert Bruce Cooke Family History Book Award - for the book "The Heritage Of Old Mecklenburg County, NC, 1763 - 2003.
- 5) Willie Parker Peace History Book Award - for the book "The Heritage Of Old Mecklenburg County, NC, 1763 - 2003.
- 6) Paul Green Multimedia Award - for "The American Revolution Re-Enactment of Both The Battle of Cowan's Ford & The Battle of Cowpen's, February

19 & 20, 2005" at Historic Rural Hill Farm.
 7) Paul Green Multimedia Award - for "The 225th Anniversary Re-Enactment of Both The Battle of Cowan's Ford & The Battle of Cowpen's, February 18 & 19, 2006" at Historic Rural Hill Farm.

Kudos to John for all his hard work and honors in the fields of history and genealogy. We look forward to having him lead us into another great year for Olde Meck!

Membership Renewal

Don't let your membership lapse! If you haven't already done so, send in your renewal soon. You can verify whether you have renewed by checking the mailing label on this issue of the Messenger. The expiration date is in the top, right corner. If you lost your renewal form, just send your check to our PO Box address on the back of this Messenger. Dues are still just \$20! If you are a life member, no need to send us anything.

Hopewell District News

by Tina Brown

This month the Hopewell Branch meeting will be a catch up workshop. Many of you have expressed an interest in finding out what is new in genealogy research and some of you have told me tips that you use to make our research a little easier. This month we will share our tips and ask our questions. Bring any good advice or pondering questions with you and hopefully one of the group will be able to help or will need just what you have learned. I will make up a list of my "best" tips to share and of course I have some questions to ask.

We will meet on January 13th at 10:00 AM in the Wayland Sunday School room in the Administration Building at Hopewell Presbyterian Church.

We had a great Christmas luncheon with lots of good food. Some people we haven't seen for a while were there and let's hope we continue to see them! Please pray for Jeff, Vickie, Autumn & Emma.

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!

From the Editor

by Joan Raney

I have been your newsletter editor for the past 10 years. I have enjoyed working with many of you over the years and want to say thank you for helping me get out a good newsletter. I look forward to another great year editing the *Mecklenburg Messenger* along with your help.

OMGS Meetings

by Lynn Bancroft

For our monthly membership, January 10th, we will have David Erdman, local attorney, who will speak about his research into the "Geography of Charlotte."

Don't forget the change of date for the February meeting. We will meet one week early on February 7th. Our speaker will be Dale Loberger, whose topic is "The Colonial Road and 18th Century Surveying."

Looking ahead:

March 14th – Sheila Bumgardner from the Carolina Room of the Public Library. Topic: "Papers! What to keep and what to throw away!"

April 11th – John Misenheimer, OMGS President. Topic: "Discovering my Keenan Family in Northern Ireland."

May 9th – Colonel Sy Harrington, Military Archivist at the NC State Archives. Topic: "Military Records in the Archives."

June 13th – Patsy Nesbit, OMGS member. Topic: "Germans in the Backcountry."

OMGS New Members

by Lynn Bancroft

Please help us welcome the following new members for 2007:

Irving Bailey – Elizabeth, New Jersey

Fred Cunningham – Tucson, Arizona

Sarah Ferguson – Charlotte, NC

Jill Huter – Cary, NC

Patty Marks – Charlotte, NC

Robert Williams – Charlotte, NC

News from the Carolina Room

by Jane Johnson

10/26/2006 to 12/19/2006

New Web Exhibit! Mecklenburg County, NC and the Spanish-American War www.cmstory.org/span/am/

To view the Public Library's for a complete list of holdings, go to www.plcmc.lib.nc.us/catalog/default.asp

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

Books

Bunker Hill, Darkesville and Gerrardston, West Virginia

The Civil War on the Outer Banks

Forgotten Settlers of Kansas, vols. 1-24

Jennings-The Descendants and Ancestors

Leasing Away a Nation-The Legacy of the Catawba Indians

Lone Star Justice-The First Century of the Texas Rangers

New Hope's Heritage and New Beginnings (New Hope Baptist Missionary Church)

Orange County Trio-Hillsborough, Chapel Hill and Carrboro, North Carolina

Personal Legacies, Surviving the Great Depression

The Pineville-Sterling High School History: 1938-1966

The North Carolina 55th in the Civil War

The Extraordinary Life- Edward M. O'Herron, Jr.

Dorothea Dix - New England Reformer

Encyclopedia of North Carolina by William Powell

Historical Atlas of Kentucky and Her Counties

Microfilm

Cabarrus County (NC) Divorces 1866; 1868; 1874-1930

Pineville (NC) Town Minutes 1929-1976

Periodicals

"Carolina Trees and Branches" (covers Camden, Chowan, Currituck, Dare, Gates, Pasquotank and Perquimans Counties in NC, all part of the original Albemarle County, NC)

Obituaries

OMGS was saddened to learn of the deaths of a number of its long-time members in 2006.

Jane C. Beck, dedicated genealogist from Charlotte, January 25, 2006

John Copeland, OMGS Life member, July 3, 2006

JoAnn Garner, avid volunteer from San Antonio, January 18, 2006

H. Max Perry, author and generous friend to OMGS, November 18, 2006

Katherine Elizabeth Phillips, Charter member of OMGS, November 7, 2006.

George Timblin, honored for his work in cemetery restoration, September 1, 2006

We offer our condolences to the families of each of these members.

Dear Cousin

by Cousin Sally

I hope you had a very good holiday time. I got some time off and was able to catch up on some of my genealogical research, which I dearly love to do when I have some free time!

I am writing to tell you about this puzzling old photograph that I believe is one of our relatives, but I'm not sure if it's a boy or a girl—you see, it's of a small child, I think back in the late 1800s or early 1900s, and there is no name on the back to help me out. So I had to do some research to find out more about this photograph.

I looked in my December issue of *Family Tree Magazine*, and there is an article in there about old photographs! So I took a closer look at our old photograph and got out the article. I was able to determine that our old picture is of a little girl because her hair is parted in the middle. Little boys' hair was parted on the side.

The article says that you can't rely on modern day traditions with these old photos. Nowadays, we dress our little girls in pink dresses or pink outfits, and the little boys are dressed in pants and wear blue clothing. Not so back around the turn of the 20th century!

Since both sexes wore dresses when they were young, that did not help me much, except the article does talk about the types of clothing worn. Also, another clue is if they are holding a toy of some sort in the photo. Ours isn't holding a toy, but my suspicions were that it is of my grandmother. At least now I know it is of a little girl.

One thing I thought was amusing was that the article said that dressing the children in dresses made it easier on the moms with regards to toilet training and diaper changing. Now that I think about it, it makes sense!

So if you have an old family photo of a little child, you might want to take a closer look and see where their hair is parted! I have to hurry off now, gotta get back to work! Genealogy waits for no one! Write soon and let me know how you are doing.

Upcoming Events

The North Carolina State Archives will be closed January 2-15, 2007, for inventory and for work

necessary to prepare for further renovations to the State Archives building. They will re-open to the public on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. During the closure, both on-site and remote reference services will be suspended. Researcher requests received during this time will be answered after January 16, 2007. We regret any inconvenience this may cause. To visit the NC State Archives web page, go to www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/archives/

Saturday, 13 January 2007, 10 a.m., at the SC Archives and History Center, Second Saturday Workshop: Introduction to African American Genealogy, conducted by Alexia Helsley. Call 803.896.5729 for more information. Registration fee is required---lunch provided. \$15 for Friends Members, \$25 for Non-members.

Saturday, January 20, 2007, there will be a scrapbook workshop entitled "Scrapbook Your Grandma!" 10 am, in the Griffin Room at Union County Public Library. What can you do with all the stuff you've found while researching???? Bring copies (color is nice) of family photos and other documents like old letters and bible pages, birth announcements, census records, ship's passenger lists, etc. Have fun learning new ideas on how to scrapbook your ancestor! Make a page that day!

Registration is appreciated but not required. Call: 704-283-8184 ext 224 Sponsored by The Dickerson Genealogy & Local History Room. Workshop led by Stacey Polak. 1 (One) 8 ½ x 11 page of card stock weight will be supplied or you may bring your own pages (and any other supplies you might need though glue sticks and regular scissors will be available) *Grandpa or Great Aunt Martha, or any ancestor of your choice!

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.

Joan Raney, Editor

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OMGS Publications for Sale

<i>Dr. J. B. Alexander's Medical Ledger & Account Book, 1855-1871</i>	\$16.50 PPD
<i>Real Estate and Legal Notices from Charlotte, NC Newspapers, 1835-1847</i>	\$27.50 PPD
<i>Real Estate and Legal Notices from Charlotte, NC Newspapers, 1848-1862</i>	\$27.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1: North Mecklenburg</i>	\$32.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 2: South Mecklenburg</i>	\$32.50 PPD
<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>1800 Census, Mecklenburg County, NC</i>	\$15.00 PPD
<i>1850 Census Abstract, Mecklenburg County, NC (Includes separate index)</i>	\$17.50 PPD
<i>Index to 1850 Census</i>	\$ 5.00 PPD
<i>OMGS Surname Index, 2000 Edition</i>	\$8.00 PPD
<i>OMGS Quarterlies: 1983-2003</i>	\$21.50 PPD (4/year) \$8.50 PPD (single) \$2.00 PPD (index)
<i>Cabarrus Revolutionary Patriot Roll, by Cabarrus Gen. Soc.</i>	\$19.00 PPD
<i>My Hometown Pineville, by Joe Howard Griffin, Sr.</i>	\$30.00 PPD
<i>The Presbyterian Gathering at Clear Creek, by Russell Martin Kerr</i>	\$27.50 PPD
<i>The Spirit of a Proud People, by Lois Moore Yandle</i>	\$40.00 PPD
<i>They Married Confederate Officers: The Intimate Story of Anna Morrison, Wife of Stonewall Jackson, and Her Five Sisters, by Kathy N. Herran</i>	\$24.95 PPD

Books by Herman W. Ferguson

<i>Mecklenburg County, NC—Minutes of the Court of common Pleas & Quarter Sessions</i>			
<i>Vol. I, 1780-1800</i>	\$30.00 PPD	<i>Vol. V, 1841 – 1850</i>	\$27.50 PPD
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<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Will abstracts, 1791-1868, Books A-J/Tax Lists 1797-1799, 1806-1807</i>			
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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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