

Mecklenburg Messenger



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Joan Raney, Editor

Notes from the December Meeting

by Mary Utting

Alden Davis, who has been a major contributor to the OMGS *Quarterly* and also served as treasurer of OMGS, received the Order of 1775 Award at the annual Christmas dinner meeting on December 17.

President George Sutcliffe also presented Greenlee Lilly Awards for service during the past year to: Ellen Poteet and Mary Utting, coeditors of the cemetery books and of the *Quarterly*, Lynn Bancroft, who has indexed both of these publications and mailed the *Quarterly* and *Messenger*, and to Joan Raney, editor of the *Messenger*.

The president highlighted the main accomplishments of OMGS during the year 2002. He cited the fact that the Society doubled the amount of money in the building fund as the group works toward the goal of finding a permanent archive location. He said that the first volume of a six-volume set of Mecklenburg Cemetery Books was published. He also noted that promotion of this new publication as well as the others sold by OMGS resulted in a substantial increase in sales.

After the awards were presented, Ron Touchstone installed the new board of directors for 2003. Officers for next year are: Dr. George Sutcliffe, president; Tom Humphries, first vice president; Pinny Cook, second vice president; Mary Utting, recording secretary; Robert Alexander, corresponding secretary; Paul Buckley, membership secretary; Scot Treadwell, treasurer; Felix Collier, Lynn Bancroft, Diane Richter and Nelson Lemmond, board members.

OMGS Meetings

The January 2003 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 11 January 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 Dean Mahin, and he will be speaking to us about European immigrations in North and South during the Civil War, with emphasis on the immigrants in the South. Dean's books will be for sale and signing for early shopping. There is a web site for the leading Civil War "newsgroup." www.thecivilwargroup.com/main.tx. This could be checked out before Dean talks to our group. In February we will have a return engagement of 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 January 2003 Hopewell meeting will be on Saturday, 11 January 2003 at 10am. I'm not sure what we'll be doing, but come out anyway!

It was announced that a gift in honor of Dr. Sutcliffe was being presented to the building fund.

The evening ended with a series of delightful humorous skits by Bruce and Doris Bowen.

Hopewell District News

by Tina Brown

The Hopewell Branch will hold their January meeting on the 11th at 10:00 AM. The speaker is still up in the air. If anyone has suggestions for speakers, I would love to hear from you.

Gift to OMGS

by Ellen Poteet

The following books and papers from the late Kathlee Hick's genealogical library were given to Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society by her son and daughter-in-law, Walter and Martha Hicks. A long-time member of OMGS, Kathlee served the Society in several offices. She passed away 6 March 2002. The list is extensive; so only a portion of her donations are listed in this month's *Messenger*. The rest have appeared in previous editions of the *Messenger*.

Surname Index 1992, Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society

Tales From the Hornet's Nest, Harkey

The Balsam Groves of the Grandfather Mountain, Dugger

The Best of Yet to Come: History of International

Lutheran Laymen's League, Fred and Edith Pankow

The Charlotte News, Hollywood and Me, Wister

The Civil War, Strange Fascinating Fact, Burke Davis

The Great Locomotive Chase, Blue & Gray Magazine

The Great Wagon Road, Rouse

The Jacob Fisher Family, 1726-1958, Fisher

The Magician's Trunk, Early Days At Crossnore School, Harrington

The Mint Museum of Art at Charlotte, A Brief History, Wilkinson

The New Dictionary of Thoughts, Edwards

The Partisan War; the South Carolina Campaign of 1780-1782, Russell F. Weigley

The Pirates of Colonial North Carolina, Rankin

The Plantation World Around Davidson, Davidson

The Real Lincoln, Minor

The Weaving Room Of Crossnore School, Inc., Alvic

They Married Confederate Officers, Kathy Neill Herran

Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Salisbury, NC: History and 200th Anniversary, L. Aaron Lippard

United Daughters of the Confederacy Magazine—Misc. issues, United Daughters of the Confederacy

Unity Church, The Broad Axe and the Forge

Walt Whitman and the Civil War, Charles I. Glicksberg, Ed.

We, The People, the Story of the United States Capitol

Welcome Soldier! To Charlotte, NC (1942), Charlotte Defense Recreation Committee

Women of the Republic, Intellect & Ideology in Revolutionary America, Linda K. Kerber

In addition, there are loose research papers on the families of Atkinson, Barnsdall, Bost, Brown, Bryant, Cox, Davidson, Dry, Faggart, Fisher, Gillian, Hicks, Hipp, Horlacher, Mekhor, Perry, Reed, Smith.

Calling All Local Reasearchers!!!

by Lynn Bancroft

I am interested in getting together a regular carpool to do research at the Carolina Room. I would like to get four or five people each time to ride with me and spend the day doing research. We could share parking expenses, lunch, and war stories! If there is a lot of interest, we could also branch out to other locations.

Let me know if you are interested and what days are best for you. Lynn Bancroft: 704-364-2693.

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.

From the Editor

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

New From the Carolina Room

by Pam Rasfeld

From the Carolina Room 11-21-2002 to 12-16-2002

To view the latest web exhibit on 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

Young Andrew The Making of Andrew Jackson
Moon Dash Warrior The Story Of An American Indian In Vietnam, A Marine From The Land Of The Lumbee
The Reconstruction Ku Klux Klan in York County, South Carolina, 1865-1877
Creating and Documenting Electronic Texts
Levi Coffin, Quaker; Breaking the Bonds of Slavery in Ohio and Indiana
James County, A Lost County of Tennessee
34th Battalion, Virginia Cavalry,
43rd Battalion, Virginia Cavalry Mosby's Command
Underhill Genealogy, Volumes 7 & 8
Discovering Your Jewish Ancestors
Around These Tracks (Mooresville, NC)
The United States Army Invades The New River Valley, May 1864
Bath County Marriage Bonds and Ministers' Returns 1791-1853
The Denissoffs
Fire Insurance Maps, Their History and Applications
Doctor To The Front, The Recollections of confederate Surgeon Thomas Fanning Wood, 1861-1865
Encoded Archival Description On The Internet
Descriptions of Census Enumeration Districts, 1930 - 30 reels of microfilm

Dear Cousin

by Hal Roby
(Editor's Note: This article is a reprint from the August 1994 edition of the *Messenger*. I hope you will find it of worth.)

Hi again! I wrote you about research sources some time ago but did not mention specific areas where the research should be conducted. What I addressed was the types of records. One of the best resource areas is the public library. A wealth of information may be gleaned from the library.

Some of the resources available are:

1. Local papers which have obituaries giving information on the deceased and his family including when and where the person was born and died, surviving family members, the church where the person was buried. Also, the newspaper can provide birth and marriage notices.
2. Census information for the local counties, city and telephone directories are frequently available.
3. Check the library for a local history section and genealogy file. An invaluable source is *The American Genealogical Biographical Index to American Genealogical, Biological and Local History Materials* (currently 154 volumes). This may provide a lot of information on your family or the area in which they were located.

An important reminder about libraries is the ability to use it as a long distance resource through inter-library loan. Often, books and articles are available by this method. So until we write again dear cousin, best wishes in your research!

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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OMGS Publications for Sale

New Release: *Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 1: North Mecklenburg* \$32.50 PPD
1850 Census Abstract, Mecklenburg County, NC \$27.50 PPD
OMGS Surname Index, 2000 Edition ~~\$11.95 PPD~~ \$8.00 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC Waterways Map (by William T. Skinner, C.S.R.S.) \$3.50 PPD
Nine Generation Ancestor Chart \$6.00 PPD (rolled) \$5.00 PPD (folded)
OMGS Quarterlies: 1983-2002 \$21.50 PPD (4/year) \$8.50 PPD (single) \$2.00 PPD (index)

Books by Herman W. Ferguson

Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&Q Sessions, Vol. I, 1780-1800 \$30.00 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&Q Sessions, Vol. II, 1801-1820 \$32.50 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&Q Sessions, Vol. III, 1821-1830 \$27.50 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&Q Sessions, Vol. IV, 1831 - 1840 \$25.00 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC: Genealogical Deed Abstracts Books 10-14 \$27.50 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC: Abstracts of Deed Books 15-23 1794-1830 \$35.00 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC: Will abstracts, 1791-1868, Books A-J/Tax Lists 1797-1799,
1806-1807 (transcribed by Ralph B. & Herman W. Ferguson) \$32.50 PPD
Mecklenburg County, NC: A Petition, 1792; Tax Lists 1797-1799, 1806-1808, 1810-1811,
1815, 1823-1824 (transcribed by Ralph B. & Herman W. Ferguson) \$27.50 PPD

Mecklenburg & Cabarrus Counties, NC: Decedents for Whom Loose Estate Papers are Extant \$16.50 PPD

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