

# Mecklenburg Messenger



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## Directions to Aldersgate

Fellowship Hall, 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. Instead of turning on Cole Drive, 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.

## From the President

by George Sutcliffe

Welcome back to another year with Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. We are looking forward to another record-breaking year of growth for the Society.

The annual Christmas Dinner Party was great fun for all of us attending. The weather conspired against us again, but genealogists are hardy souls, and most of the 74 registered made it to the party. With some singing and socializing, and great food prepared at Aldersgate, a good time was had by all. The plaque for winning the Quarterly publications

## OMGS Meetings

The January 2004 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 14 January 2004 at the Fellowship Hall of Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. *See first article for directions.* Our speaker will be Joe Griffin, and he will speak to us about the history of Pineville. He will share excerpts from his book, [My Hometown: Pineville](#) and will have some books available for sale. In February we will have Bob Boyton. He will talk about "Ramblings & Revolutionary War History." Don't miss these great programs!

The Hopewell Branch will meet on Saturday, 10 January 2004 at 10am, Hopewell Presbyterian Church. Our speaker will be Joe Brickey, back for a return engagement. She is always great, so come out and join us.

award from the North Carolina Genealogical Society was presented to Ellen Poteet. Mary Utting, our other Quarterly editor, was not able to attend, but received our congratulations too. This award is a real feather in the OMGS cap.

Recipients of the Greenlee Lilly Awards from the President for service to the Society were: First Vice President Tom Humphries, Membership Secretary Paul Buckley, and author and member Herman Ferguson. All well deserved. And the winner of the Order of 1775, our highest award, was Corresponding Secretary Bob Alexander, for outstanding work in support of our publications sales efforts over many years. We all appreciate Bob's hard work and congratulate him for his dedication to the Society. Did you see his picture and the article about him in The Charlotte Observer Mecklenburg Neighbors?

Our next Membership Meeting is on January 14th at 7:30 at Aldersgate.



Bob Alexander,

"I just wanted to know who I am"

Let's have a great turnout to begin the year. Come prepared to participate in the Society's activities this year, and to help out in two areas: helping to publicize the Society, and contacting new potential members of the Society. These areas are crucial to our growth in 2004.

Welcome back. See you at the meeting on the 14th of January.

### **Hopewell District News**

by Tina Brown

Hope everyone had a great holiday and is ready to get back to genealogy.

Our next meeting is this Saturday January 10, 2004 at 10:00 AM. Our speaker will be our very own Joe Brickey. As usual I am sure we are all looking forward to what Joe has to teach us. We will meet in the Wayland Sunday School Room in the Administrative Building, in other words the room where we usually meet.

I haven't heard any ideas from any of you for a speaker in February. I really need ideas, let me know!

### **North Carolina Estate Files**

by Ellen Poteet

North Carolina estates files are now available on interlibrary loan to North Carolina residents. These papers were sent to the NC Archives and are no longer available in the county offices. Your local library can request up to six microfilm reels at a time for one month. The county and surname must be provided. Estates papers for all NC counties, except

Halifax, Lincoln, New Hanover, and Warren, which will be available in the next few months, have been microfilmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah for the State Archives for loan purposes.

A partial list of the folders for some of the NC counties can be accessed at <http://www.ah.dcr.state.nc.us/sections/archives/arch/FindingAids/Estates.htm>

### **News From the Carolina Room**

by Jane Johnson

10-19-2003 to 11-19-2003

New exhibits on CMStory.org are:

**38<sup>th</sup> Evac**, the entire book about the medical MASH unit from this area during WW II  
**Known Cemeteries and Burial Records of Mecklenburg County** - burial records are being added to the previously listed cemeteries  
To view the latest web exhibits on CMStory.org, please go to <http://www.cmstory.org>.

School publications and manuscript collections in our vault, items not cataloged in the Carolina Room, can now be viewed online at <http://www.plcmc.org/libLoc/mainCarolina.asp>.

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.

(continued from December's *Messenger*)

*Cumberland County*

*Davidson County*

*Edgecomb County Remembers*

*Echoes of Edgecombe County, 1860 - 1940*

*Edgecombe County*

*Gastonia and Gaston County*

*Granville County*

*Guilford County, Heart of the Piedmont*

*Harnett County*

*Lincoln County*

*Martin County*

*McDowell County, North Carolina 1843-1943*

*Moore County*

*Pitt County, Eastern Reflections*

*Chimney Rock and Rutherford County*

*Sampson County*

*Scotland County*

*Stanly County*

*Surry County*

*Hertford County*  
*Asheville, a Postcard History, vol. 1*  
*Beaufort's Old Burying Ground*  
*Beaufort, North Carolina*  
*Chapel Hill*  
*Durham*  
*Durham, a Bull City Story*  
*Greenville*  
*Elizabeth City*  
*Fayetteville and Fort Bragg in Vintage Postcards*  
*Dateline Greensboro, the Piedmont and Beyond*  
*Martin's and Miller's Greensboro*  
*Greensboro*  
*Greensboro (v. 2: Neighborhoods)*  
*Hillsborough*  
*Reginald Lewis' Down East*  
*Rocky Mount and Nash County*  
*Then and Now, New Bern*  
*Raleigh, North Carolina's Capital City on*  
*Postcards*  
*Historic Raleigh*  
*Around Southern Pines, a Sandhills Album*  
*Wilmington, North Carolina*  
*Cape Fear Beaches*  
*Fayetteville, North Carolina*  
*Pembroke in the Twentieth Century*  
*Kinston*  
*Vance County, North Carolina*  
*Salisbury and Rowan County*  
*Western North Carolina*  
*South Carolina Postcards (7 vols.)*  
*Columbia, South Carolina*  
*Oconee County*  
*Around in South Carolina*  
*Spartanburg, South Carolina*  
*Rural Life in the Piedmont of South Carolina*  
*Clinton [SC]*  
*Laurens*  
*Laurens County*  
*Rock Hill, South Carolina*

*Rock Hill, South Carolina, Gateway to the New*  
*South*  
*York and Western York County, the Story of a*  
*Southern Eden*  
*Along the Catawba River, Images from the*  
*Winthrop University Archives*  
*Chester County*  
*College of Charleston*  
*Barnwell County*  
*Orangeburg*  
*Georgetown County, South Carolina*  
*Clarendon County*  
*Marion*  
*Charleston, South Carolina*  
*Mount Pleasant, the Friendly Town*  
*The Charleston Exposition*  
*Charleston, an Album from the Collection of the*  
*Charleston Museum*  
*North Charleston*  
*The Road to Hunting Island, South Carolina*  
*Edisto Island, a Family Affair*  
*Hilton Head Island*  
*Dekalb County, 1823-1970*

**New Microfilm:**

*The Charleston (SC) Mercury and Morning*  
*Advertiser and later The Charleston Mercury*  
*1/1822-11/1868*

**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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<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 3: East 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>Mecklenburg County, NC Waterways Map (by William T. Skinner, C.S.R.S.)</i>	\$3.50 PPD
<i>Nine Generation Ancestor Chart</i>	\$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**

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

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