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Husband-Wife Team Receives 1775 Award

by Mary Utting

Diane Richter and Tom Innes received the 2007 OMGS Order of 1775 Award at the December 12 dinner meeting at Aldersgate. President John Misenheimer presented this honor, Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society's highest award.

As Misenheimer said, "Diane has been an indispensable member of OMGS with her quiet willingness to help." A member since 1992, she has served as first vice president, second vice president, membership secretary, director, and a member and also chair of the Nominating Committee. She has written articles for the *Quarterly*, served as primary editor of the OMGS Surname Index, issued in 2000, and is currently helping with the project to index full names in all past *Quarterlies*.

Since she recruited Tom to the organization, he has served on both the board of directors and Nominating Committee. Currently chair of the Financial Oversight Committee, he also keeps the audio system working during the monthly membership meetings.

As a team the two have seen that someone is delegated to bring refreshments to the monthly meetings, and they also have been in charge of refreshments for special events such as the Brent Holcombe Workshop at the Public Library, the Cynthia Wells DNA Seminar, and the Archives 2006 Open House.

They have devoted many hours to the Society's cemetery books project, particularly in the massive job of surveying Elmwood Cemetery, where they have read and documented tombstone inscriptions.

Misenheimer also presented three Greenlee Lilly Awards, given annually by the current president for special contributions made during the year. These went to Pinny Cook-Yancey, who served as second

OMGS Meetings

The January 2008 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 9 January 2008 at the **Ray Hall Community Center, Aldersgate**, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. We usually have a "social hour" at 7pm followed by the meeting at 7:30pm. Our speaker will be Rusty Rozell, and his topic will be "Historic Perspectives of the Waters of Mecklenburg." In February, we will have Jim Sasser, whose topic will be "1788 - 1848: The Gold Rush of Charlotte, The Nation's First Gold Rush." In March, we will have Tom Hanchett, and his topic will be announced in an upcoming issue of the *Messenger*. Come out and join us for these great programs!

The Hopewell Branch will meet at 10am on Saturday, 12 January 2008 at Hopewell. Come out and join us! It will be interesting.



Diane Richter and Tom Innes
Treadwell

photo by Scot

vice president in charge of programs and as chair of the Nominating Committee; Lynn Bancroft, who served as membership secretary and also as chair of the Mailing Committee; and Mary Utting, who served as recording secretary, keeping minutes for both membership and board meetings, and as coeditor of the *Quarterly*.

Rachel Abernathy officiated at the installation of officers. The following will serve during 2008: John Misenheimer, president; Tom Humphries, first vice president; Pinny Cook-Yancey, second vice president; Mary Utting, recording secretary; Debby Arnold, corresponding secretary; Lynn Bancroft, membership secretary; Scot Treadwell, treasurer; Marilyn Jones, David Lord, Joe Griffin, and Patsy Nesbit, board members; and Ronald Touchstone, immediate past president.

New Members

by Lynn Bancroft

Please help us welcome the following new members to OMGS:

John & Carol Reid, Riggins, ID
Edward Rivers, San Diego, CA

Renewal Time

by Lynn Bancroft

Remember that orange insert that came in your November Messenger? If you haven't already sent it back for renewal, now is the time! Unless you renew, you will receive one more issue and then be dropped from our rolls. Check the upper right corner of your mailing label to see when your membership expires. Life members do not need to renew. Don't miss out on a great deal for 2008!

Dear Cousin

by Cousin Sally

I hope you had a great Christmas. Even though it is after Christmas, I am writing to let you know about a great gift that you can make that doesn't cost a lot and will mean so much to your family.

There are websites out there that will take your uploaded photos and create a book for you along with your commentary—it's like scrapbook of sorts—and it is fun to create and more fun to look at it after you get it in the mail!

Here are some websites to look at when pondering prices and layout designs: www.ezprints.com, www.kodakgallery.com, www.photoworks.com, www.snapfish.com, and www.shutterfly.com.

I used the Snapfish website and was able to create a picture book for my husband's birthday. He was absolutely thrilled with it and it cost less than \$17 to make! After getting the book and seeing my husband's delight in having it and showing it to his friends at church, I realized that this can work for genealogy stuff as well. I was pleasantly surprised with the cost too.

These websites also have other things you can purchase, like cups, mouse pads, calendars, etc. You can check their websites for details.

As always, Dear Cousin, I am interested in what you are doing. Write soon and let me know. I am there to help! I wish for you a prosperous and genealogically fulfilling 2008.

Upcoming Events

January 19, 2008 – “Delicious Memories” with author Maureen Ryan Griffin. This will be held at the Monroe Library in Monroe, NC. For more information or to register, please call 704/283-8184, ext. 224.

February 2, 2008 – “Ancestry Online for Beginners: Census Research.” This hands-on class will be held at the Monroe Library in Monroe, NC. Call 704/283-8184, ext. 224 to register and get more information.

February 7, 2008 – “Positioning Yourself to Pass the Legacy Touch,” presented by Mary Anna Neal Bradley at The Belmont Center, 700 Parkwood Ave., Charlotte. The program will begin at 4:30p.m. Bradley, a social counselor and author, will lead a discussion that focuses on personal legacies and ways to ensure that good legacies are passed down to future generations.

April 12, 2008 – “Ancestry Online for Beginners: Census Research.” This hands-on class will be held at the Monroe Library in Monroe, NC. Call 704/283-8184, ext. 224 to register and get more information.

April 18-20, 2008 – The Loch Norman Highland Games, Rural Hill, NC. Fun for the entire family, even if you're not Scottish! Check out www.lochnormanhighlandgames.org for more information.

July 26, 2008, OMGS is cosponsoring an all-day workshop with the North Carolina Genealogical Society at Aldersgate. Plans are well under way. The speaker will be David Rencher, director of the Records and Information Division of the Family and History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He also was director of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City for a number of years. You don't want to miss this workshop!!!

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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<i>Dr. J. B. Alexander's Medical Ledger & Account Book, 1855-1871</i>	\$16.50 PPD
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<i>Mecklenburg County, NC Cemeteries, Volume 5: Elmwood Cemetery</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
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<i>OMGS Quarterlies: 1983-2006</i>	\$21.50 PPD (4/year) \$8.50 PPD (single) \$2.00 PPD (index)
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<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

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