

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. 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.

Help is a Question Away

by Ellen Poteet

Have a question about your research? Stop by the Help Desk at the July meeting. We'll try to help.

OMGS members will staff a Help Desk from 7 to 7:30 p.m. during the social time to answer questions and assist you with your research. If we don't know the answer, we'll try to find someone who can help.

MARS Article in Quarterly

by Mary Utting

In the next issue of the Quarterly, a complete story about the North Carolina State Archives' online catalog, MARS, will appear. Therefore, I

OMGS Meetings

The July 2004 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 9 July 2004 at the **Ray Hall Community Center, Aldersgate**, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte. *See first article for directions.* Social hour is at 7pm with light refreshments and the meeting begins at 7:30pm. Our speaker will be Patti Proctor, and her program is called "Daughter of the Regiment." She will talk about the little-known role of women during the Civil War. In August we will have Marie & Janet Morrison from Rocky River Presbyterian Church. They will talk about church records and the cemetery. Don't miss these great programs!

The Hopewell Branch will not meet in July or August. Have a great summer and plan to rejoin us in September!

did not feel I should repeat this information in the *Messenger*. The article covers the detailed talk given by Druscie Simpson, the Archives Registrar, at the OMGS June meeting. She is the person responsible for this important online catalog.

Genealogy Class in September

OMGS has received a number of queries concerning a beginners genealogy class. We are pleased to announce that we will be offering a beginners class starting in September. So stay tuned for more information!

News from the Carolina Room

by Jane Johnson

From 5-21-2004 to 6-20-2004

New Exhibit on CMStory.org! Celebrating the Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence

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.

Dictionary of American Family Names, Vols. 1-3

Gleanings of Oates and Associated Families

Beaufort County, North Carolina Deed Book I, 1696-1729

A History of Weeping Willow African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Charlotte, NC

1799-2003 "My McGinnis History Begins to Fit," An Old Irish Family from Ulster comes to North Carolina then to Georgia

Flat Rock North Carolina, A Sketch of The Past An Historical Sketch of Flat Rock

Schlegel's American Families of German Ancestry In The United States, Vols. 1- 4

Jimmy, an Austin Chronicle, Including Austin & Related Lineages Union County, North Carolina Families of Southeastern Georgia.

Through the Years with Jane and John Robinson.

Cobb County Georgia Cemeteries, Volume I, Districts 1, 16, & 17.

The Vestry Book of Kingston Parish, Mathews County, Virginia (until May 1, 1791, Gloucester County) 1679-1796

Return to Union: Fairfax County's Role in the Adoption of the Virginia Constitution of 1870

Fractured Land: Fairfax County's Role in the Vote for Secession, May 23, 1861

Fairfax County, Virginia Gravestones, Volume 1 Coweta County, Georgia Cemeteries

Descriptive Inventory Number 1, Records of the Georgia Prison Commission, 1817-1936, a Part of the Records of the Georgia Board of Corrections, Records Group 21

Madison County Florida Cemeteries

An Early History of Hamilton, County, Florida

The History of Coles County Illinois

Authentic List of All Land Lottery Grants Made to Veterans of the Revolutionary War by the State of Georgia.

A History of Clayton County, Georgia 1821-1983.

Floyd County, Georgia Cemeteries, Volume 1

Virginia Militia in the Revolutionary War.

The McCall Family: Francis McCall and Some Who Follow...A Descendant Compilation

Coweta County, Georgia Marriages, 1827-1979

Abraham Fleming and His Descendants

Henry County Georgia Landmark Houses

Sons of Confederate Veterans, Membership Directory 2001

Historic Treasures of Brooks County Georgia, Volume II The Marriage Registers of Upper Canada/Canada West, Volume 4: Part 1, London District, 1795-1841

Davidson College Website

by Ellen Poteet

Jane Johnson called my attention to this website of Davidson College. They have put old catalogs on the web page that are a wealth of information about Davidson graduates as well as those who "matriculated" but didn't graduate.

Davidson College Semi-Centennial Catalogue 1837-1887

Published in 1891 by the Davidson College Alumni Association, this catalogue is organized into sections with lists of trustees, faculty, students and honorary degree recipients, summary information on students (ages, geographical distribution, occupations), and extracts from the 1843-44 and 1887-87 college catalogues.

Students are divided into Graduates, Matriculates (students who attended college but did not graduate), and Undergraduates (those students attending college at the time of publication in the classes of 1890-1894). Within each section the information is organized by class year. There is an Index of Students that identifies class years. There is also an Additions and Corrections section arranged by class year.

Also on this website are the following online collections:

Presbytery Minutes

College Catalogs

Semi-Centennial Catalogue (Alumni)

Administrative Records

Student Publications

Student Letters

Photographs - arranged by Subjects and Collections

The webpage address is

<http://www.davidson.edu/administrative/library/archives/digital/alumni.asp>

Donation to the Carolina Room

OMGS member Brooks Moore has donated a copy of

his recently published genealogy book entitled *Pathways to and from Heiberger, Perry County, Alabama* to the Carolina Room. Another copy has been donated to the United Methodist Memorial Center Archives. The book should be of interest to those doing research on the Alexander, Abernathy, Christenberry, Clarke, Henderson, Montgomery, Moore and Sample families who reside in the Hopewell Community in the last 1700s and early 1800s. Individuals who are interested in the history of the Methodist Church in Mecklenburg County might also find the book useful. Information on the establishment of two of the earliest Methodist Churches in the county (Nazareth and Bethesda) is included in the book.

Cemetery Restoration Updates

by Ellen Poteet

Updates on the restoration efforts at Philadelphia Presbyterian Church's Second Site Cemetery (formerly known as the Rice Cemetery) can be found on the church's website, www.philadelphiachurch.org/cemetery_at_second_site.htm. New markers as they are found will be posted here. The website also features the list of the burials in the cemetery as well as an article and photos appearing in *Our State* magazine.

Upcoming Events

The Hugh Torance House & Store will begin its 2004 summer tours on June 19th. The House & Store is located at 8231 Gilead Rd. in Huntersville, NC. Come and visit this beautiful Federal style home of Hugh & Isabella Torance and their son, James. James Torrance ran a retail business in the home from 1805 until 1825 making this site the oldest standing store site in the state of North Carolina.

We will open the third Sunday of the month from June until September. We open at 2:00 PM and close at 5:00 PM. The cost is \$3 for adults, \$2 for students and children under 6 and members are

free. For information or special tours call 704-875-6479 or e-mail hughtorance1796@earthlink.net. You can also visit our web site at <http://home.earthlink.net/~hughtorance1796/>.

Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, 10-11 July 2004, MacRae Meadows in Linville, NC. If you missed out on Loch Norman, this is the one to go to! For more information, email highalnd@m-y.net, or call (828) 733-1333, or visit www.gmhg.org.

National Cloud Family Gathering July 16-18, 2004, Knoxville, TN Hilton Knoxville Airport (865)970-4300. Organization for anyone interested in Cloud surname, There will be speakers of interest to Cloud researchers, Cloud data swapping, research, visiting and a tour of an area of Cloud interest. Contact Ray Shirley of Knoxville or Linda Boose, 508 Crestwood, Eastland, Texas, for further information or go to Cloud Family Assoc. website at <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/cloud2004>.

Triad Highland Games, 20-21 August 2004, in Greensboro, NC. For more information, email president@triadhighlandgames.org or call (336) 431-8482, or visit www.triadhighlandgames.org.

If you have a family reunion or other genealogical event that may be of interest to OMGS members, let me know and I'll be happy to post it here. My email address is raney1@earthlink.net. *-the editor*

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>	\$12.00 Sale!	\$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
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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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