



Mecklenburg Messenger

OMGS Archives Hours

10-12 AM Tuesdays, 1-4 PM Thursdays
Visit the website for additional information.

Notes from May Meeting

by Mary Utting

In describing the Civil War Collection portion of the Military Collection of the Archives and Records Section, North Carolina Division of Historical Resources, Lieutenant Colonel Sion Harrington III, called it "one of the best in the country."

He was speaking at the May 2007 meeting of Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. During his talk, accompanied by a Power Point presentation, he gave a detailed description of the kinds of resources available to genealogists. There are published works, such as unit histories and information on land units, militias and home guards.

The various collections of rosters provide a lot of valuable information as do pension applications, both from the veterans themselves and from their widows. There are lists of North Carolina grave locations for both Confederate and Union servicemen.

Unit personnel records, bounty pay records and various private collections all can provide. The photographs filed at the Archives may offer some insights; they even include pictures of some women who served in the army disguised as men.

Colonel Harrington said that he is constantly adding to the collections, which cover all military engagements of the United States. He encourages people to provide records (only originals accepted), photos (these can be copied), and other documents. The artifacts, such as medals, weapons and the like have to be sent to the North Carolina Museum of History.

He noted that the Archives is currently closed for renovations but should reopen about mid-July.

There will be no research at the site during this period, and special inquiries and orders for copies of material will probably be delayed.

OMGS Meetings

The June 2007 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 13 June 2007 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 our own Patsy Nesbit. Her topic is "Germans in the Back Country." Don't miss this fine program! I am sure we will be meeting in July but at the time of going to press, I did not know the name of the program. I am sure it is a great program though—so come on out Wednesday, July 11.

The Hopewell Branch will not meet in June, July, or August. Come back and meet with us in September, and have a great summer.

Brent Holcomb Seminar in Charlotte

Renowned genealogist, Brent H. Holcomb, will deliver a series of three lectures from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, 23 June 2007, in the Francis Auditorium on the lower floor of the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Public Library. The lectures will cover "The Border Problem Between the Carolinas: A Comparison of North and South Carolina Colonial Records," "Identifying Patriots and Soldiers from South Carolina in the American Revolution," and "Using Probate Records in Genealogical Research."

Registration is \$10.00 per person. Checks should be made payable to PLCMC with a note on the bottom of the check "For Genealogy Seminar" and sent to North Carolina Room, PLCMC, 310 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, NC 28202. Registrations will also be taken by phone starting June 1 by calling 704 336-2980 and may be paid for at the door.

This event is being sponsored by the Public Library of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County and Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. Refreshments will be provided, and publications by Olde Meck will be for sale.

Parking is free on Saturdays and Sundays in the Seventh Street Station between Sixth and Seventh

Streets (Reid's Grocery Store is on the 1st floor of the parking deck). If there is a public event uptown on either day, however, signs will be posted at the parking deck entrances on both streets for the event parking fee.

Condolences

Condolences go to OMGS membership chairman Lynn Bancroft on the death of her mother May 24th. Please remember Lynn and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

Hopewell District News

by Tina Brown

The Hopewell Branch of the Olde Mecklenburg Genealogy Society will not meet during the summer. We will take off June, July & August and see you in September. Anyone with good ideas for programs should get the information to me during the summer.

Our May meeting was very informative and I think we all learned a lot. Joe Brickey was her usual self and took us all back to basics with a "twist." With her first question, "why do you do this," we knew we were in for a good lesson. We covered all those questions that each of us ask when we get discouraged and Joe gave us hope that we are not doing genealogy in vain.

I hope all of you have a great summer and I will be expecting you back in September, rested with tons of new information. Please pray for Jeff, Vickie, and Autumn.

News from the Carolina Room

by Jane Johnson

4/22/2007 to 5/22/2007

Historic U.S. Newspapers-New Online Product! If you have a PLCMC library card, you can now access many historic newspapers as far back as the 1700s from your computer. Go to PLCMC.org. Select "Select Research/Homework Help" from the bar near the top. Look under the alphabetical listing for "A" and choose "Access Newspaper Archives." You will be given a prompt to type in your library card number, which is on the back of your card. If you are in any of our libraries, you will not have to use your card number. This product will give you access to newspapers outside of North Carolina. Since this is a for-profit company, please continue to check out their new titles as they expand this resource!

To view the Public Library's Catalog for a complete list of holdings, go to <http://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 St., Charlotte, NC.

Heritage of Perry County, AL

Family Biographies of the Alexander, Wilkinson, Sparr and Guthrie

Heritage of Autauga County, AL

Heritage of Bullock County, AL

Heritage of Covington County, AL

Heritage of Cullman County, AL

Heritage of Houston County, AL

Heritage of Lamar County, AL

Heritage of Walker County, AL

Index to Virginia Estates, 1800-1865, Vols. 1-7

The Life and Letters of Colonel William G. Morris, 1825-1918

The Life of Dwight L. Moody, Jr.: Autobiography of a North Carolina Fiddler

On the Eve of the Charleston Renaissance

Dear Cousin

by cousin Sally

It has been awhile since I last wrote to you! I hope you have been doing all right with your research. I am still plugging along, and have something of interest to share.

As you may have heard, since 9/11 many states are talking about restricting their vital records—not just the recent ones, but all of them. This can mean much frustration for genealogists, who need access to those records. Now I can well understand the restrictions to recent records, due to the rise in identity theft. However, I don't see any reason to restrict them all—just when I have a good lead on Grandpa Claude or great-grandma Elsie, and I need access to those records.

If you are as concerned as I am about the restrictions to vital records that you need for your research to be more fruitful, check out these websites: State Elected Officials, congress.org; FHS-NGS Committee on Records Preservation and Access, fgs.org/rpa; Project Vote Smart State Resources, www.votesmart.org/mystate_government_resources.php; and Sunshine Week: Your Right to Know, www.sunshineweek.org.

Write to me soon and let me know how you are doing. Try to stay cool!

Upcoming Events

The annual reunion of Crowell descendants will be held **June 15, 16, & 17, 2007**, at Henry Horton State Park in Chapel Hill, Tennessee. Friday night is an informal social and seafood dinner. Saturday will be family updates, new discoveries in the family tree, and general discussion of family matters followed by

a picnic and tour of the 200-year-old Michael Crowell house and other family sites in the area. After supper that night there will be a hayride, talent show, and stage production by the youth. Contact Tom Crowell at TPCrowell@rader.com or phone him at 706 864-0410.

OMGS is excited to be pairing with the Carolina Room of the Public Library to sponsor a seminar by Brent Holcomb, nationally known genealogist and expert on South Carolina research. It will be held at the Main Library in Uptown Charlotte, **June 23, 2007** from 10 am to 4 pm. Registration fee is \$10 and begins June 1. For more information call 704-336-2980.

June 30, 2007, Raleigh, NC, Wake Commons Building. This event features a variety of expert speakers. For more information go to www.ncgenealogy.org or email to ingo@ncgenealogy.org

August 16-19, 2007, the national Rudisill Family Association will meet with two local Rudisill family reunions in Charlotte, NC, at the Charlotte Marriott SouthPark. Activities begin at 6 PM on Thursday at

the Charlotte City Club and end on Sunday with a church service and reunion dinner with local Rudisill families in Cherryville, NC. For further information visit the association web site at www.Rudisill.org or contact Rudi Rudisill at rudi@ieee.org, or Carol Bentley at cjkbentley@aol.com.

November 2-3, 2007, Raleigh, NC, Grier Creek Country Club, will be the site of the NCGS Fall Annual Meeting and Workshop. Theme: "A Method to Our Madness: Genealogical Problem Solving" and a Feature Presentation by Helen Leary.

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.

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OMGS Publications for Sale

<i>General Order Book, 11th "Bethel" Regt., NC Troops</i>	\$27.50 PPD
<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: 1983-2006</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
<i>Vol. II, 1801-1820</i>	\$32.50 PPD	<i>Vol. VI, 1851-1860</i> \$28.50 PPD
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<i>Vol. IV, 1831 - 1840</i>	\$25.00 PPD	
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Genealogical Deed Abstracts Books 10-14</i>		\$27.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC- Abstracts of Deed Books 15-23 1794-1830</i>		\$35.00 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Will abstracts, 1791-1868, Books A-J/Tax Lists 1797-1799, 1806-1807</i>		
	(transcribed by Ralph B. & Herman W. Ferguson)	\$32.50 PPD
<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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