

# 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.

## Meeting News

by Lynn Bancroft

At the April meeting of OMGS, local teacher Nora Brooks delivered a delightful presentation on the life of Anna (Mrs. Stonewall) Jackson. Ms. Brooks acted "in character" and in costume, detailing the lives of both Mrs. Jackson and her famous husband. She presented an enlightening look into the lives of these two as well as the events of their time.

## OMGS Meetings

The May 2004 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 12 May 2004 at the Fellowship Hall of 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 Dr. Lynn Weis, and he will be talking to us about the preservation and restoration of the old Elmwood and Pinewood cemeteries. In June we will have another treat: a visitor from the North Carolina Archives! Don't miss these great programs!

The Hopewell Branch will meet on Saturday, 8 May 2004 at 10am, Joe Brickey's home. Come on out and join us.

Our speaker for the May 12 meeting will be Dr. Lynn Weis, from Historic Charlotte. He will talk to us about the latest efforts to preserve Elmwood Cemetery, the huge city-owned cemetery in which many of our ancestors, as

well as numerous famous individuals, are buried. Elmwood has recently been in the news due to interest in developing a light rail system which could encroach on the cemetery.

As another treat, one of our special members, Herman Ferguson, will also be attending the May meeting. Herman will bring along copies of his newest book, Volume Six of the Mecklenburg Court Minutes. This volume covers the Civil War years and contains some of the most interesting material abstracted so far. Herman will have copies for purchase and will also be available to sign copies of this book.

Mark your calendars now for our meeting on June 9. The speaker will be from the North Carolina Archives. She will speak about the MARS Project, an ongoing effort at the NC State Archives to digitize documents in the Archives' various collections and make them available on the Internet. Some of the records that have been digitized so far are wills, estates files, and guardian records.

Come on out and join us for both of these excellent programs as well as some good refreshments and fellowship with your fellow researchers!

## **Genealogy Gems**

by Ellen Poteet

The Allen County Public Library Historical Genealogy Department in Fort Wayne, Indiana, has a new electronic newsletter, *Genealogy Gems: News from the Fort Wayne Library*. This is one of the country's major genealogy research libraries.

Each issue will have news of new collections, special events, source highlights, new acquisitions, websites, and much more. This library is in a temporary location during construction at the old site. The newsletter will keep genealogists up to date on plans for moving back in two or three years.

To subscribe to this mailing list, send a message with APCL NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIBE in the subject line to [kspears@acpl.lib.in.us](mailto:kspears@acpl.lib.in.us). You will not receive a confirmation message. The newsletters will be sent approximately once a month to your e-mail address.

Olde Mecklenburg Genealogy Society's newsletter, *The Messenger*, also is available online at the OMGS website,

<http://www.rootsweb.com/~ncomgs/>

## **Hopewell District News**

by Tina Brown

Hopewell Branch met this month at the Loch Norman Highland Games. I have never helped so many people with genealogy questions in my life. I am sure the Catawba Valley Scottish Society did

well this past weekend because our tent certainly did. It really is a pleasure to see so many people wanting to know about their ancestors.

In May Hopewell will be travelling again. Our group has been invited to Joe Brickey's to do research in her library. Remember Joe keeps inviting us back, so be on our best behavior. If you are looking for ancestors in Virginia, New England or the Maryland/Pennsylvania area, Joe's is the best place in our area to go. Anyone needing directions can get in touch with me at my e-mail address ([usbrowns@earthlink.net](mailto:usbrowns@earthlink.net)) or by phone at 704-875-6479.

Starting in June the Hopewell Branch will not have meetings during the Summer. Let's all take a great vacation in June, July & August.

## **Get Well Wishes**

go out to OMGS Board Member Mary Utting. We hope and pray you will recover quickly.

## **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](http://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.

## **News from the Carolina Room**

by Jane Johnson

From the Carolina Room 2-21-2004 to 4-20-2004

[Coming 5/20/2004 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.

### **New Books in the North Carolina Room**

*North Carolina Slaves and Free Persons of Color Mecklenburg, Gaston, and Union Counties*

*North Carolina Slaves and Free Persons of Color McDowell County*

*North Carolina Slaves and Free Persons of Color Chowan County*

*Minutes of the Jones County North Carolina Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1826-1841*

*"Grandfather Clause" Voter Registration Cleveland County, N. C. 1902-1908*

*Mississippi Land Papers and Secret Militia Rolls of 1788; Anglo-*

*American Settlers in the Spanish Gulf South*

*1850 Federal Census York District, South Carolina*

*The Iredell County Marriage Records (1851-1885)*

*South Carolina Then & Now* (has historic postcards and photographs in it)

*Camera Man's Journey; Julian Dimock's South* (photos of mostly African Americans in SC)

*The Richmond-Washington Line and Related Railroads*

*Seaboard Air Line Railway; Steam Boats Locomotives and History*

*Louisville & Nashville Steam Locomotives*

*Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis RY.; History and Steam Locomotives*

*Tar Heel Catholics, A History of Catholicism in North Carolina*

*The Millennium Library Edition of the Ringo Family History Series* (vols. 1-10)

### **Summer Sale!**

We are having a "Summer Sale" of the 1850 Mecklenburg County, NC, Census. Instead of \$17.50, the price will be \$12.00 pph during June-

July-August. Order from Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society, P. O. Box 32453, Charlotte, NC 28232-2453. NC residents please add 7.5% sales tax.

### **Upcoming Events**

Taste of Scotland Festival, 11-12 June 2004, in Franklin, NC. For more information, contact Gail & Hal Chapman at Hchap62@aol.com or call (828) 524-6964.

Clover Scottish Games & Scotch-Irish Festival, 12 June 2004, in Clover, SC. For more information, email clovergames@aol.com, or call (803) 222-3312, or visit [www.clovergames.com](http://www.clovergames.com).

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](mailto:highalnd@m-y.net), or call (828) 733-1333, or visit [www.gmhg.org](http://www.gmhg.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](mailto: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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### OMGS Publications for Sale

<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>1850 Census Abstract, Mecklenburg County, NC</i>		\$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: 1983-2002</i>	\$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
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&amp;Q Sessions, Vol. IV, 1831 - 1840</i>	\$25.00 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: Minutes of the Court of CP&amp;Q Sessions, Vol. V, 1841 - 1850</i>	\$27.50 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>	

<i>(transcribed by Ralph B. &amp; Herman W. Ferguson)</i>	\$32.50 PPD
<i>Mecklenburg County, NC: A Petition, 1792; Tax Lists 1797-1799, 1806-1808, 1810-1811, 1815, 1823-1824</i>	
<i>(transcribed by Ralph B. &amp; Herman W. Ferguson)</i>	\$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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