

# 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. 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.

## Notes from September Meeting

by Mary Utting

Due to inclement weather last month, our September meeting was cancelled. So there are no notes this month. Stay tuned for notes from the next meeting!

## OMGS Meetings

The October 2004 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 13 October 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 Jane Starnes and she will be talking about Sharon Church and Sharon Township—Whose History is it? In November we will have Patti Proctor back for a return engagement! She will tell us how our ancestors celebrated the holidays with their Christmas Customs and Yuletide Celebrations. Don't miss these great programs!

The Hopewell Branch will meet at 10am Saturday, 9 October, at Hopewell. Our speaker will be L.D. Bass. Come out and join us!

## Help Needed

Dr. Vernon Herron is heading an ongoing project to document abandoned black cemeteries in Mecklenburg County. If anyone knows of these cemeteries, he would appreciate being notified of their location and condition. You may reach him at 704 599-4914.

## 2005 Officers for OMGS

by Pinny Cook

This is the slate of officers for next year, 2005:

President	Ted Lucas
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Director 2004-05	Kathy Herran
Past President	George Sutcliffe

The floor will be open for nominations for anyone in addition to the above candidates. Voting will take place at the October membership meeting.

Also, please think of someone you would like to nominate to receive the Order of 1775 Award, the highest award given for service rendered to OMGS.

### **Hopewell District News**

by Tina Brown

The Hopewell Branch met on September 11th with the Rev. Jeff Lowrance as moderator and speaker. I am sorry that I could not be there to hear him myself but he promises to do a second time so the rest of us can be there. It was a small group of about seven but very "intimate" as Jeff described it. A lot of passing around the photos and questions were asked. I have seen some of the photos and they are great in themselves, so I highly recommend that when Jeff agrees to speak again everyone attend.

The next meeting will be October the 9th and I will still be in the cornfield. L.D. Bass has agreed to moderate and speak on that day. As usual I am not at all sure what L.D. will speak about. But it will be exciting and informative and maybe just a little funny. We will meet in the Wayland Sunday School room at 10:00 at Hopewell Church.

In November I will be back among the group and if I haven't found a better speaker by then it will be me. Hope this doesn't keep anyone from coming.

### **North Carolina History and Fiction Digital Library**

A new digital library, "North Carolina History and Fiction Digital Library," is a project of the Joyner Library Academic Library Services of East Carolina University.

It features both images and transcriptions of full-text searchable digitized documents and books pertaining to the history of 29 counties located in eastern North Carolina as well as works of fiction relating to some of the counties. A listing of public libraries, cultural heritage sites with photographs available for each site, and a National Register of Historic Places are also provided for each county plus maps and a population history, making this a useful site for tourists as well as genealogists and historians.

The North Carolina History and Fiction Digital Library is located at <http://www.lib.ecu.edu/ncc/historyfiction/>

### **Upcoming Events**

October 2-3, 2004 HICKLIN Reunion: Descendants of Arthur Hicklin (abt 1710-1785) and sons William, George, Arthur, John, or Hugh of Lancaster/Chester area of South Carolina are invited to attend a reunion on October 2-3, 2004, in Chester, South Carolina. For more information, contact Jim Knox 1-803-548-3225.

October 10, 2004 DUNCAN family reunion. Hopewell Methodist Church, Lancaster, SC. Descendants of William Thomas Belton Duncan and his wife Elizabeth Rebecca Robertson are encouraged to attend. We will probably eat around 1pm. For more information contact Joan Raney, [raney1@earthlink.net](mailto:raney1@earthlink.net).

October 15-16, 2004 The SUFFRIDGE Family Reunion will be held October 15-16, 2004, at the Blackman Church of Christ Fellowship Hall, 1353 Brinkley Road, Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37128. All Suffridge, Selfridge, Sulfridge, Suffrage, etc. and associated families are welcomed. Lynda Childers Suffridge, National Genealogical Life member and former NGS Board member, will be the featured speaker on Saturday, October 16, at 11 a.m. Her topic will be "Where Our Ancestors Lived." For further information please visit our Web site at <http://www.blackmanchurch.org/reunion.htm> or contact Todd Tarkington at [Tark1911@aol.com](mailto:Tark1911@aol.com)

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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