



Mecklenburg Messenger

OMGS Archives Hours

10-12 AM Tuesdays, 1-4 PM Thursdays
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Archives Open House

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Notes on September Meeting

by Mary Utting

According to Michael Scoggins, historian for the Cultural & Heritage Commission of York County, South Carolina, battles and skirmishes in the Carolinas back country during 1780 were the turning point in the American Revolution.

Scoggins, who spoke at the September meeting of Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society, fervently defends the militiamen responsible for the military progress in this area. His research, centering on the colonial and revolutionary era, has resulted in several books. For example, he said that two were about the African-American involvement in the war for independence.

Thousands of blacks, both slaves and free, were involved. They served in the militia, in the Continental Army, and some slaves accompanied their masters into battle, both with those who were Loyalists and those who fought for the British side. Some runaway slaves joined the British Army in the hope of gaining freedom.

His evening's main topic, however, was the Battle of Huck's Defeat, fought on July 12, 1780.

This was one of a series of battles after Charleston, South Carolina, fell to the British in May 1780. The British expected the people in the back country

OMGS Meetings

The October 2006 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 11 October 2006 at the **Ray Hall Community Center, Aldersgate, 3800 Shamrock Drive, Charlotte**. Remember the "social hour" begins at 7pm with the meeting following at 7:30pm. We will have Leigh Van Buren in battle attire, and she will talk about the Battle of King's Mountain and how it affected our area. Don't miss this great program!

The Hopewell Branch will meet on Saturday, 14 October, at Hopewell Presbyterian Church, at 10am. Come out and join us!

would give up after that loss. Their strategy was to cut off the North from the South, as they preferred to take over the South and the West Indies more than the North.

The area's inhabitants, many Scots, Irish, and Celts, were not particularly fond of the British, as England had mistreated those peoples. In addition, after the Battle of Waxhaw, when the Virginia troops saw they were overwhelmed, General Banistre Tarleton's men slaughtered them instead of accepting their attempt to surrender. This created a shock wave in the back country.

The backlash began as the militia organized to fight back in June 1780. They also began to win.

On July 12 the British forces included New York volunteers and an officer named Captain Christian Huck, a Pennsylvania man, among Tarleton's forces.

The Revolutionary group was under command of Colonel Thomas Sumter. Huck did not think there were any militia near the area now known as Brattonsville, and Sumter decided to take the offensive. He and the militiamen surrounded the British encampment during the night. There were about 130 men on each side.

As the sun rose, the Carolina forces attacked, taking the British by surprise. It was a rout.

Scoggins pointed out that this success was a tremendous morale booster for the back country fighters. They had begun to think that the British were invincible, but this kind of victory began to change their minds. A series of similar battles during

summer and fall of that year followed.

The historian had strong words of praise for the militia, who have often been portrayed as incompetent, inexperienced, and undisciplined. They were the successful fighters during this time, as members of the Continental Army in the South had surrendered at the fall of Charleston. But these were hardly raw recruits. Some had served a term in the Continental Army. They used their horses to move about quickly, so they were not mere foot soldiers, and they were experienced tacticians after five years of this war.

Scoggins said too many historians have neglected the importance of the war in the South, emphasizing Saratoga, New York, Valley Forge, and the like. Instead of studying documents and letters of the time, they tended to repeat what the 19th century books had said without further research. He, therefore, has made it his aim to redeem the back country militia army, which won most of the time, no matter whom they fought. They were the reason Cornwallis ended up at Yorktown, Virginia, where he surrendered.

He described the militia as men of 16 to 50 or 60 years of age, who were civilians to be called up in an emergency. Early in the war, they were called out in the South for months at a time, although they were not full-time soldiers. There were also state troops, who were full-time soldiers who served only within their state. Then there was the national Continental Army. On the British side, North Americans who fought with the British were known as "provincials," while the troops from England were called "regulars."

Scoggins' emphasis on careful research is an object lesson for family historians as well. Tradition is not always true.

Time's Running Out

October 15 is the last day you can order a copy of the 11th "Bethel" Regiment's General Order Book at the prepublication price of \$22.50 ppd. After October 15, the price will be \$27.50 ppd. This original field book contains military orders, promotions, appointments, furloughs and leaves of absences granted, courts martial, and daily camp duties. It has been transcribed and indexed by OMGS. As an extra feature, the service records of 150 men named in the orders have been added from Manarin's and Jordan's "North Carolina Troops." Order from OMGS, P. O. Box 32453, Charlotte, NC 28232-2453.

James H. Young and Allied Families

Recently donated to the OMGS Archives, this book covers the family and descendants of Robert Young, Sr. (c1720-1792), who went from Augusta County, Virginia, to the Watauga settlement in Tennessee and fought at the Battle of Kings Mountain. Included with the text are charts, court records, photographs,

and letters with family information from the 1890s to 1933. Surnames mentioned are Young, Laughner, McCarty, Douglas, Shields, Kyle, and Campbell.

Hopewell District News

by Tina Brown

The Hopewell Branch of OMGS started meetings again in September. The Rev. Jeff Lowrance hosted the meeting with John Gates, of Latta Plantation, as our speaker. I was unable to attend but understand Mr. Gates gave a great talk but to few of our regulars. Thank you, Jeff and Mr. Gates.

Our October meeting is the 14th and as usual we will meet in the Wayland Sunday School Room at 10:00 AM. Our speaker will be Pearlie Borders of Mt. Olive Church. Pearlie will tell us about the exciting museum that the church has planned. Mt. Olive has acquired a house across the street from the church on Neck Road. They are renovating it to house an African American museum of church history. With this long "name," let me explain that Pearlie will tell us all about what this includes. Please pray for Jeff, Vickie, Autumn & Emma.

New from the Carolina Room

by Jane Johnson

8/23/2006 to 9/22/2006

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. In addition to these titles, we have begun a subscription to a periodical about genealogy and history for Catawba County, North Carolina.

Books

Abstracts of Conveyances-Marlborough County, SC 1786-1799 & 1802-1808
Constitutional History of South Carolina 1725-1775
German Pioneers in Early California
Italians to American List of Passengers Arriving in U. S. Ports, Vols. 17-20
Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, John Howland, Part I
Mayflower Families Through Five Generations, William White, Vol. 13

Microfilm

Anson County Divorce Records, 1872-1925
Anson County Maps/Plats, 1933-1943
Anson County Maps/Plats, 1944-1956
Anson County Records of Estates, 1805-1953, 19 reels
Cabarrus County Records of Estates, 1793-1953, 18 reels
Mecklenburg County Bonds, Administration, 1891-1911, Vols. 5,6,7,8

Mecklenburg County Child Custody Records 1866-1956, 1964, 1975

Mecklenburg County Index to Vital Statistics Delayed Births

Mecklenburg County Land Grants

Mecklenburg County Maiden Names of Divorced Women, 1937-1965

Mecklenburg Maps / Plat 1921-1947

Mecklenburg Maps / Plat 1951-1962

Mecklenburg County Index to Real Estate Conveyances Grantor 1919-1936

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Mecklenburg County Real Estate Conveyances 1891-1904

Mecklenburg County Records of Administration, Executors & Guardian Records, 1911-1928, 1-A, 2
Rowan County Records of Estates, 1753-1929, 70
reels

Microfilm - Periodicals

The Caduceus (WW I newspaper for the medical unit at Camp Greene-now on microfilm)

Cornelius-Davidson Gazette, 1948-1949

The Gazette, 5/1949-1957, Cornelius - Davidson
area

DVD

Memories and Reflections: An Oral History of the People, Places and Events That Helped Shape The Lives of Charles Land Hite III and Laura Elizabeth Hite

Raleigh, NC Workshop

The North Carolina Genealogical Society is sponsoring a two-day workshop, "Meeting Your Ancestor's Neighbors Over the Back Fence and in the Court Room", conducted by Helen F.M. Leary, J. Mark Lowe, and Ann Basnight. The workshop will be held Friday, Nov. 3 and Saturday Nov. 4, 2006, at Brier Creek Country Club, 9410 Club Hill Drive, Raleigh, NC.

All three speakers are professional genealogists and lecturers. Helen F.M. Leary was editor and contributing author of "North Carolina Research: Genealogy and Local History." She is also Past-President of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. J. Mark Lowe is formerly Vice President of Development for the Federation of Genealogical Societies, Vice President of the Genealogical Speakers Guild and Past-President of the Southern Kentucky Genealogical Society. Ann Basnight has thirty years classroom teaching experience and is President of the North Carolina Genealogical Society. She was editor of the Tyrrell County Genealogy & Historical Society Journal and President of Beaufort County Genealogical Society.

Lectures scheduled for Friday, Nov. 3:
"My Taxes Were Due When? (Using Delinquent Tax Lists and Release Books)" - Lowe

"Spotlight on the Neighbors: What They Can Tell Us and How to Ask" - Leary

"Backtracking - From Present Residence to Former Address" - Leary

"Wonder What's Over the Mountain" - Lowe

Lectures scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 4: "Colonial Court Day a Social Event" - Basnight

"Nobody's Daughter: A Case Study in Proving the Parentage of a Mysterious Married Woman" - Leary

"Following a Case Through Court" - Lowe

The registration fee includes lunch. Walk-ins are welcome; however workshop packets may not be available. A map showing the location of the workshop may be found at <http://www.mapquest.com/> by plugging in the street address above.

Details and registration information for this workshop are available by e-mail from info@ncgenealogy.org or on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ncgenealogy.org/> by clicking on Calendar & Events on the left side of the page, then on the November Annual Meeting & Fall Workshop button.

Upcoming Events

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October 21-22, Stone Mountain Highland Games; Stone Mountain, GA. For more information visit their website at www.smhg.org.

October 28, Waxhaw Highland Games, Waxhaw, NC. For more information visit their website at www.wshg.org.

Do you know of an upcoming genealogical event? Let me know and I can publish it here. My email is raney1@earthlink.net

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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<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: 1983-2003</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
<i>Vol. III, 1821-1830</i>	\$27.50 PPD	<i>Vol. VII, 1861-1868</i>	\$28.50 PPD
<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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