



Mecklenburg Messenger

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OMGS Archives Hours

10-12 AM Tuesdays, 1-4 PM Thursdays
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News of the Archives

Our latest donation is a copy of the Mecklenburg Heritage Book. One of the indexes we are able to search on our computer is Elmwood Cemetery, Historic Section. It is at present the most complete and accurate source for this information available anywhere. Another of the indexes is the 'expanding' Quarterly surname index now including over 10,000 names.

Notes from August Meeting

by Mary Utting

Family papers contain important information to anyone involved in genealogical research, so it is particularly useful when a collection of such papers are cataloged and housed in a library available to the public. One such set of papers, The Jetton Family of Mecklenburg County, 250 years of family documentation, has been added recently to the Special Collections at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte J. Murrey Atkins Library.

Bob McInnes, manuscript librarian at UNCC, worked on these papers, which were donated in 2006. McInnes described the contents of the Jetton papers at the August 2007 meeting of Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society. They are available in the Mary & Harry L. Dalton Rare Book and Manuscript Reading Room on the library's 10th floor, open 9 to 5, Monday through Friday.

Members of the Jetton family first came to this area 230 years ago. Family tradition is the source of the earliest information; only later is there documentation in this collection of papers. Jetton is a name of French origin, and the first person in the family with that name may have been Lewis Jetton, who first was in New Rochelle, New York, and in Newcastle, Delaware, by 1732. He is said to have married a Jane Baucom.

Descendants include: John, married to Elizabeth Brevard; Lewis, married to Priscilla Sharpe;

OMGS Meetings

The September 2007 meeting of OMGS will be held on Wednesday, 12 September 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 Teresa Brady from CMS and she will talk on Our Genetic Inheritance. Teresa has been working with Discovery Place and their exhibit, "Body Worlds" and is an expert on inherited diseases. This is sure to be an interesting evening! Bring your medical history!. Come on out for this great program! In October, Jane Burdick from Mint Hill will talk about house calls and doctor tools. Don't miss this one!

The Hopewell Branch will meet in September after having taken the summer off.

Alexander, married to Elizabeth Nance; John Lewis, married to Mary Ann Potts; and Francis Potts Jetton. John Lewis Jetton was a person of some prominence. The speaker showed a photo of him and his wife from the UNCC collection.

Another photo was of the Francis Potts Jetton house, with a large oak tree. One descendant, Lloyd Hugh Jetton, who married Frances Pringle in 1946, is still living. Sidney Lewis Jetton, 1911-1992, had a career in the Air Force.

There are a lot of Jettons over the years, because, McInnes pointed out, not only did they have large families, but they also experienced a low infant mortality. This was unusual in an era when many children died young, as anyone exploring old cemeteries soon discovers.

This also means there are numerous people with the same name, which can present a challenge to family researchers. For example, John Lewis was an especially popular name. Also, many used mothers' maiden names as part of a child's name.

The papers, dating from 1726 to 2005, contain a variety of documents. There are 48 real estate deeds, for example. When scribes made copies of legal documents, they indented the copy, hence the word "indenture" on these.

Letters are especially interesting to historians, as well as genealogists, because they not only provide family facts, but they also present a picture of what life was like in past times. Among the letters in this collection are some from Samuel Lowrie, a friend of John Lewis Jetton, who wrote about life in Texas in 1857. This letter and other papers were read aloud and recorded at the university. McInnes played this audiotape as well as others.

Tax receipts in the collection tell what family members owned and also indicate something about their standard of living. He showed an example from the Civil War years.

The collection has Civil War documents, such as a record of the commission of John Lewis Jetton as a second lieutenant in the 37th Regiment North Carolina Troops, in 1862. He later was discharged for medical reasons.

John Lewis also swore allegiance to the United States after the war on 4 July 1865. That Reconstruction document is in the library as is another a copy of the proclamation by provisional Governor William H. Holden telling people what they can expect. This is dated 19 May 1865.

Other papers include receipts for goods and estate inventories. Even those who are not named Jetton may find information about their families in the collection. Jetton relatives include such names as: Alexander, Brevard, Hager, McKnitt, Nixon, Potts, Sharpe, and Torrence.

In 1992, Jetton Park was established at Lake Norman. The old house on the property was burned by firemen instead of being torn down.

McInnes noted that there are many other North Mecklenburg families' papers at UNCC, which all have material of interest for genealogists. Donating such collections to a library not only ensures their preservation but also makes them available for research by genealogists and historians.

Free for Members

by Ron Touchstone

Through the month of September, the society is offering two of its publications to members for FREE; *1850 Census of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina* and, *Surname Index, Submitted by the Members of OMGS, 2000*. In addition, the expanded *Index to 1850 Census of Mecklenburg County, North Carolina (Including Mortality and Slave Schedules)* can be obtained for \$5.00. The above volumes can be picked up at the next three general meetings or delivered by mail for the cost of postage. The address to mail your orders is OMGS, P.O. Box 32453, Charlotte, NC 28232-2453. The postage is as follows:

1850 Census, \$2.50 postage
Surname Index, \$2.50 postage
1850 Census Index, \$5.00 postage paid

Call if there are questions, 704-372-9499.

Dear Cousin

by Cousin Sally

Well, I can't believe another month has just flown by! And I'll admit—I'm still roasting in all this summer heat. I hope you are staying cool in the library, researching your ancestors. I just wanted to give you another website to look at.

You've probably heard of it before, HeritageQuest. Now it is free if you have a library card that will allow you to access it. If you have a library card for the Charlotte/Mecklenburg County libraries, then you can access this little jewel. And a Union County library card will also grant you access, although you have to call the library for an access code. Just go to your local library and ask if you can get access to HeritageQuest. Then you can sit at home and access it through your library's website.

Now what does HeritageQuest have, you may wonder? For one thing, it has all the censuses from 1790 to 1930. It has the Revolutionary War pension and land records. It has over 20,000 family and local history books. It has PERSI, which stands for Periodical Source Index. And lastly, it contains Freedman's Bank depositor registers. Now that's a lot of stuff that will take time to sift through, so I will leave you to your searching. Be sure and let me know how you are doing. I'll write again when I can.

News from the Carolina Room

by Jane Johnson

7/20/2007 to 8/20/2007

These are new titles of interest to genealogists. To view the Public Library's catalog for a complete list of holdings, go to <http://www.plcmc.lib.nc.us/catalog/default.asp>.

A Civil War Camp in North Carolina, Burke County's Camp Vance

Abstracts of Berks County Pennsylvania Wills 1785-1800, Vol. II

Abstracts of Chester County (Pennsylvania) Land Records, Vol. 4, 1753-1758

Abstracts of Chester County, Pennsylvania Land Records, Vol. 1, 1681-1730

Abstracts of Chester County, Pennsylvania Land Records, Vol. 2, 1729-1745

Abstracts of Chester County, Pennsylvania Land Records, Vol. 3, 1745-1753

Abstracts of Cumberland County Pennsylvania Wills 1750-1785

Abstracts of Lancaster County Pennsylvania Wills 1732-1785
Abstracts of Montgomery County, Pennsylvania Wills and Administrations, 1784-1823
Abstracts of Wills of Charleston District, South Carolina 1783-1800
Abstracts of York County, Pennsylvania Wills, 1749-1819
Bucks County Pennsylvania Deed Records 1684-1763
Bucks County, Pennsylvania Church Records of the 17th & 18th Centuries, Vol. 2; Quaker Records: Falls and Middletown Monthly Meetings
Bucks County, Pennsylvania Orphans' Court Records, 1685-1852
Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. IV, 1761-1770
Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. IX, 1796-1800
Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. V, 1771-1780
Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. X, 1801-1805
Calendar of New Jersey Wills, Vol. XI, 1806-1809
Chester County SC Will Abstracts 1787-1838 [1776-1838]
Chester County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts Vol. I: Deed Books A-F, 1785-1799 [1768-1799]
Delaware Bible Record, Vol. 5
Delaware Marriages and Deaths from Newspapers, Vol. 3, 1729-1853
Delaware Marriages and Deaths from the Delaware Gazette, Vol. 4, 1865-1874
Delaware Marriages and Deaths from the Delaware Gazette, Vol. 5, 1875-1879
Delaware Mortality Schedules 1850-1880; Delaware Insanity Schedule 1880 Only
Early Church Records of Delaware County Pennsylvania, Vol. 1
Early Church Records of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Vol. 2
Early Church Records of Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Vol. 3 (the Welsh Tract)
Early Church Records of Gloucester County, New Jersey
Early Life and Times in Boone County Indiana
Heritage of Pike County, Alabama, A
Heritage of Russell County, Alabama, A
Heritage of St. Clair County, Alabama, A
Heritage of Sumter County, Alabama, A
Heritage of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, A
History of Centre and Clinton Counties Pennsylvania Volume 1
History of Centre and Clinton Counties Pennsylvania Volume 2
History of Jefferson County, West Virginia [1719-1940], A
History of Snow Camp, North Carolina
History of Union County New Jersey, Vols. 1-2
History of Wetzell County, West Virginia
Kent County Delaware Land Records, Vol. 2, 1702-1722
Kent County Delaware Land Records, Vol. 3, 1723-1734
Kent County Delaware Land Records, Vol. 4, 1735-1743
Kent County Delaware Land Records, Vol. 5, 1742-1749
Kent County Delaware Land Records, Vol. 6, 1749-1756
Kent County Delaware Land Records, Vol. 7, 1756-1764
Kent County Delaware Land Records, Vol. 8, 1764-1768
Kent County Delaware Land Records, Vol. 10, 1772-1775
Marriage and Death Notices from the (Charleston, South Carolina) Mercury, 1822-1832
Marriages, Deaths, Accidents, Duels and Runaways, Etc. Compiled from The Weekly Georgia Telegraph, Macon, Georgia, 1826-1828
Marriages, Deaths, Accidents, Duels and Runaways, Etc. Compiled from The Weekly Georgia Telegraph, Macon, Georgia, 1850-1853
Marriages, Deaths, Accidents, Duels and Runaways, Etc. Compiled from The Weekly Georgia Telegraph, Macon, Georgia, 1858-1860
Names of Persons Who Took the Oath of Allegiance to the State of Pennsylvania 1776-1794
New Castle County Delaware Land Records 1749-1752
New Castle County Delaware Land Records 1762-1765
Newberry County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Vol. 1: Deed Books A-B, 1785-1794 [1751-1794]
Newberry County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Vol. III Deed Books E through H, 1800-1806 [1767-1806]
Newspaper Extracts From "The Hoosier State" Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana; January 2, 1868 to December 25, 1873
Newspaper Extracts From "The Hoosier State" Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana; January 1, 1874 to December 30, 1875
Newspaper Extracts From "The Hoosier State" Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana; January 1, 1876 to December 27, 1877
Newspaper Extracts From "The Hoosier State" Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana; January 3, 1878 to December 31, 1879
Newspaper Extracts From "The Hoosier State" Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana; January 7, 1880 to December 28, 1881
Newspaper Extracts From "The Hoosier State" Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana; January 4, 1882 to December 30, 1885
Newspaper Extracts From "The Hoosier State" Newport, Vermillion County, Indiana; January 6, 1886 to December 28, 1887
Passports Issued by Governors of Georgia, 1785-1809
Prince George Winyah Registers 1815-1936
Robert Lathan's Historical Articles 1886-1892, as taken from the Associate Reformed Presbyterian
Roman Catholic Deaths in Charleston, South Carolina 1800-1860
Runaways of Colonial New Jersey, Indentured Servants, Slaves, Deserters, and Prisoners 1720-1781
SC Council Journal Petitions, Vol. VII: 1771-1774
South Carolina's Confederate Pensioners in 1901
South Carolina's Royal Grants, Vol. One: Grant Books 1 through 9, 1732-1761
South Carolina's Royal Grants, Vol. Two: Grant Books 10-17, 1760-1768
Templeton Family History
The Bedenbaugh-Betenbaugh Family: Descendants of Johann Michael Bidenbach From Germany to South Carolina 1752

Union County, South Carolina Deed Abstracts, Vol. V, Deed Books T-W, 1828-1835 [1778-1835]
Will Abstracts of Allegheny County Pennsylvania, Will Books I through V, 1789-1844
Wills of Delaware County, Pennsylvania 1789-1835

Condolences

Thomas G. Lane, Jr., a Charlotte attorney who was active in many civic organizations and was a member of several historic groups, including Olde Mecklenburg Genealogical Society, died on July 1, 2007. The Society's condolences go to his wife of 60 years, Mary Caroline, and to his two daughters and son, as well as his eight grandchildren.

Upcoming Events

October 6, 2007, Chris Haley will present a lecture titled "Now We Own Ourselves," followed by a genealogy workshop titled "Your History In Black and White." This will be held at 10am in *ImaginOn: The Joe & Joan Martin Center* at 300 East 7th Street in Charlotte. Chris Haley is the nephew of Roots author Alex Haley, and is the director of the Study of the

Legacy of Slavery in Maryland, and is also a board member of the Kunta Kinte-Alex Haley Foundation. Registration is free, but required. To register, call 704-336-2980. This is co-sponsored by the African American Genealogy Interest Group, and the Charlotte Mecklenburg Black Heritage Committee.

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.

Joan Raney, Editor

*** * * Special Offer * * ***

With the introduction of *Volume 5, Elmwood Cemetery*, Olde Meck is offering a special sale on Volumes 1-4 as a set. The purchase of these four volumes will be discounted 20% and will sell for \$112 (regularly \$140), including shipping and handling. These volumes record 55 early family and church cemeteries in Mecklenburg County with maps locating each cemetery.

Please see the announcement inserted in this newsletter for a list of names that typically appear in this cemetery.

This is a great opportunity for genealogists who missed out on the individual volumes to find helpful information about their ancestors in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

DATED MATERIAL INSIDE

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>Minutes, 1774-1780</i>	\$16.50 PPD		
<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. Abstracts of Deed Books 24-28 & Books 1-3</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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