

BCGS
April 4, 2006

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at the Brown Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and President Terria Baynor welcomed 19 members.

Louise Cowell gave the Treasurer's report. The minutes were read by Secretary Bea Latham and were approved as read. Correspondence Secretary Mary Disharoon made members aware of the upcoming Craven County Genealogical Society's Spring Seminar to be held at the New Bern Convention Center on Saturday, April 29, 2006. Registration will start at 9 a.m. and the cost at the door will be \$15.00. The speaker for this event is Ron Bremer and his presentation is entitled "The World of Genealogy". Disharoon also announced the Johnston County Genealogical and Historical Society workshop will be held on Saturday June 3, 2006 from 9:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the public library conference room in Smithfield, NC. This event will focus on the Civil War period and cost is \$20 for non-members.

The society was notified that there is interest in forming a local chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in the Washington area. There will be an organizational meeting at the Washington Yacht and Country Club on April 22, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend.

NCGS President and BCGS member Ann Basnight informed the group that the NCGS Board Meeting that was scheduled for July 14, 2006 has been changed to August 18, 2006 due to scheduling conflicts. BCGS will be hosting this event. Basnight met with the organizational committee after the meeting to begin finalizing plans.

Program chairman Albert Everson introduced Sheila Moore Cantine as the guest speaker. Ms. Cantine gave a very informative and invigorating insight into the world of free men of color and slaves in the history of eastern North Carolina. Cantine recalled how her interest in her ancestry began with a trunk that belonged to her grandmother and how, when asked, her grandmother would not reveal what was inside. Cantine soon began to refer to this trunk as "Pandora's Box" and felt that it must hold some links to her past. Finally, several years ago, the box was opened. Inside were pictures and documents that triggered Cantine's research into the Moore and related families. Through her family research she has found both black and white

ancestors as well as traveling extensively in hopes of filling in all the blanks of her family tree. She has acquired a wonderful understanding of family, loyalty and relationships and how they were keys for survival in earlier times.

On a motion by Roger Baynor and seconded by Louise Cowell, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 2, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brown Library with a Board meeting at 6:30 pm prior to the regular meeting.