

BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met for dinner on 12-4-2008 at Cliff's Restaurant in Chocowinity. At 6:00 p.m. President Gurkin welcomed 25 members and guests.

After our meal Jim Hackney addressed the group. Jim recounted the progress of the many and varied businesses that sustain the economic health of Beaufort County. He reminded us that in the 1940s the greatest economic engine was tobacco farming with 5 tobacco sales warehouses; Pamlico Chemical Co. McKensie Farm Equipment; Blount-Midgett Co. and Moss Planing Mill to list a few.

The Coast Guard Ship "Verbena" was docked in Washington until the death of Herbert Bonner.

Many of us remembered the 1950s brought National Spinning and Flanders Filters from New York; Sampson Shirt Co., Texas Gulf, and the ferry boat operation across the Pamlico River.

All present enjoyed the reminders and Jim entertained a question and answer session that proved informational and entertaining.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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