

BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met at Brown Library on 5 February 2008. At 7:00 p.m. President Gurkin welcomed 24 members and guests. Gladys Alexander and Dorothy Adams from Plymouth were introduced. They are researching John Gray and James B. Adams dating back to 1795. After discussion they were provided with a list of Estate Records on Microfilm at Archives to assist them in their search.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Zelma Singleton motioned, Mary Disharoon seconded to accept them as read.

Louise Cowell gave the treasurer's report. BCGS currently has 152 members. Mary Disharoon presented correspondence of interest. NCGS will hold its third Annual Speakers Forum in Raleigh on Saturday 12 April 2008. Their summer workshop is in Charlotte 26 July 2008. Registration forms are available. Durham-Orange County Newsletter announced Colonial and State Records are being put on line. Some are already there. Log on to docsouth.unc.edu/csr/ for more information. If you're looking specifically for English Ancesters log on to EnglishAncesters:Expert links http://www.pricegen.com/English_genealogy.HTML. It's a free service. For Windows programs there is a Free Software for Eyesight – Virtual Magnifying glass provides magnification of what's on the screen. The state of Georgia has Death Certificates 1919-1927 on line. Log on to Family Search. Org. The Tyrell Tides provided a Perpetual Calendar for ascertaining any day of the week for any given time form 1753-2000. Mary had applications for subscription to Genealogical Helper a magazine by Everton. The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History provided a sample calendar. Each calendar has a historical theme, complete with pictures, and includes historical facts related to that theme for every day of the year. Back issues may be ordered as well as those for 2008 and 2009. Their address: 601 W. 110th St. Ste. 4M, New York, NY 10025. 212-316-5280. www.GILDERLEHRMAN.ORG. There was an e-mail from Joy Boutwell seeking information on the Boutwell name. Mary notified her all wills and estate records are at Archives. A new chapter of SAR is being established in Greenville. A membership roster has been provided for anyone interested. Contact RonDaily@earthlink.net. The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society will celebrate 400 years of Germans in America 19 April 2008 in Williamsburg, Va. Registration forms are available.

Committee Reports: No update from Bible Records, Cemetery or School Projects. The WDN project will begin soon. Joe Mangum mentioned he was in S.C. recently and has a copy of that County's obituary/cemetery record which may be helpful to our committee.

It was decided our spring trip to Archives will be Saturday 3 May 2008. Louise requested suggestions for publication by BCGS. Also, any article being prepared for our June journal should be in her hands by 1 May 2008.

Albert introduced the speaker for the evening – Steven Fuchs. He mentioned he traveled with Mr. House and Mr. Pollard on occasion back in 1984 and 1985. He presented a collection of bottles, giving us the history of each bottle, some of which were rare. He had Coke, Pepsi, Mountain Dew and medicine bottles. Their present day worth on the collection market ranges from \$35.00 to \$3700. A lady he knows has an Indian Rock Ginger Ale by Pepsi Cola Bottling Co., Washington, N.C. bottle worth \$5000. She has it in a safety deposit box. Steven has one bottle with the name John McDonald, Druggist, on it and asked whether anyone knows anything about him. Thank you Steven for an enlightening and interesting presentation.

Fran Burbage motioned and Deborah Waters seconded to adjourn at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernetta Lange