

BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met on 2-3-2009 at Brown Library. At 7:00 p.m. President Gurkin welcomed 18 members and guests. Guests Shelby and Wayne Jefferson are researching Jefferson and Cox. Odell Parker is researching Parker and related families around Aurora and Idalia.

No program was scheduled for the evening. Janice Tyson motioned, Russell Tyson seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read. The treasurer's report was given.

Mary Disharoon presented several publications with interesting and pertinent research information: The Federation of Genealogical Societies' Forum featured an article entitled "Update of UK and Irish 1911 Census". National Archives is developing an online 1911 census service. Go to <http://www.1911census.co.uk/>. The NCGS news letter had reminders of the March 14, 2009 workshop in New Bern, co-sponsored by Craven Co. Genealogical Society.

Old New Hanover Genealogical Society invites all interested parties to help them celebrate their 20th year anniversary March 27 and 28, 2009 in Wilmington. Pre register at www.onhgs.org/ONHGSsymp.

Martin Co. Newsletter contained several Griffin Township death certificates. It also published the Ross Baptist Church Cemetery located in Bertie Co. containing 145 grave sites.

Mary reminded us of the NCGS Conference in the States 2009 to be in Raleigh, N.C. May 13-16, 2009.

The Durham-Orange Co. Newsletter provided 5 tips on how to keep your laptop from "running out of steam before you do". Tyrrell Tides provided December 2008 obituaries of local citizens. It also gave tips on "prioritizing your efforts". Old Dobbs Trail featured newspaper items dating from 1804 to 1896.

OLD BUSINESS: Committee Reports: The Cemetery Book is progressing. Louise picked up the bible records from Evelyn. We'll likely publish them in the journal over a period of time. They can be published in booklet form later. The publication of Jo Ross's booklets is about 1/3 completed according to Willene.

Jean provided a map reflecting gravesites on Weyerhauser property. Work of locating them will begin shortly. Albert needs assistance in documenting other unrecorded gravesites he's located.

Louise needs articles for the June journal by the end of February. Articles can be from 2 -4 pages with a 1 inch margin all around.

The trip to Archives is scheduled for 6-6-2009.

Information about the Beaufort Co. Will books by Laura Willis can be found at simmonspublications@hotmail.com.

Willene mentioned an ECU student working on his thesis researched the Black Bottom Cemetery in Belhaven and has documented over 600 gravesites.

NEW BUSINESS: Jean related the Board of Directors at their meeting preceding this one decided BCGS WILL NOT provide copies of the minutes of our meetings to the general membership. Special circumstances will be considered. The minutes are posted on our website after they have been read and approved. That means about a 6 week delay in getting them posted because the minutes are not actually approved until the following month and can't be posted until approved. A shortened version of the minutes is published in the WDN. The BCGS website is: www.ncbcgs.org.

Russell invited us to hear Victor Jones speak at the Martin County Genealogical Society meeting next Tuesday 2-10-2009.

Albert motioned, Willene seconded to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernetta Lange