

BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met on 2 January 2007 at Brown Library. Incoming President Jean Gurkin welcomed 13 members, at 7:00 p.m.

Louise Cowell gave the Treasurer's Report. She reported the December Journal was mailed.

The recording secretary read the minutes of the December meeting which were accepted as read. The November minutes were amended to reflect Albert Everson was elected to serve on the Board of Directors for TWO years, 2007 and 2008.

Mary Disharoon presented a mountain of journals and newsletters from Martin, Pitt, Tyrell and Orange-Durham Counties; The Hyde Historical Society; and the North Carolina Historical Review. Of special interest the December NC State Journal has an article about "Missing Families of Joseph Blount". The NC Historical Review has an article by Charles Gerard concerning Old Dobbs Trail in Goldsboro (Wayne County) N.C.

Virginia has publications of interest available: Volumn II of Marriages of Virginia Residents 1607-1800; Volumns I, II, and III of Free African Americans in Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina to 1820.

The Joyner Library digital project has added Clark's Regiment to it's web site. Log on to digital.lib.ecu.edu/history/fiction.

The Orange County web site is featuring "Story of My Home". Log on to www.1storyofmyhome.com/index.html.

Hyde County's publication "High Tides" features "Landmarks of Hyde".

The Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society is hosting a workshop presenting "Overcoming Obstacles to German Research" on 24 March 2007 at the Comfort Inn Conference Center, Bowie, Maryland. Contact Mid-Atlantic Germanic Society, Attn: Diane Kuster at dmkuster@comcast.net for registration information.

OLD BUSINESS: Committees uptated: PUBLICATION COMMITTEE: Albert Everson will chair assisted by Louise Cowell, Evelyn Cutler, Jean Gurkin, Chres Oakley, Mary Disharoon and Terria Baynor. PROGRAM COMMITTEE: Albert Everson will chair. Will request assistance as needed. The speaker for February will be Louise Cowell. Sheila Cantine will speak in March. JOHN ODEN HISTORY AWARD COMMITTEE: Louise Cowell and Ann Basnight remain co-chairs. CALLING COMMITTEE: Louise requests that all members who have e-mailaddresses contact her and update BCGS records. We'll be notifying as many members as possible via e-mail to reduce the number of phone calls.

On-going projects: BIBLE PROJECT: Evelyn Cutler remains chairperson. She said the bible project will be completed this year. CEMETERY BOOK: Terria Baynor has it for indexing.

NEW BUSINESS: President Gurkin said we will need a different meeting place for May. After some discussion Russell Tyson suggested we consider a picnic or dinner meeting for that month. Members are to think about preferences: dinner or picnic, covered dish or restaurant.

The BCGS spring trip to Archives has been scheduled for 4-14-2007. We'll have a sign-up sheet at the February meeting.

Evelyn Cutler is beginning a new project. She provided a list of schools in Beaufort County 1930-1931. She has pictures of the schools. She's requested we search our records for family/group/school class pictures we might have on hand to match up with any of the schools. They'll be utilized in Pamteco Tracings as needed. If you know of any school not listed, please contact Evelyn.

Vernetta mentioned several graves were located behind a barn by developers of Bridgewater North. After all legal resources were explored and requirements met, they were re-interred in the cemetery at St. Thomas Episcopal Church in Bath. A member of BCGS, Bea Latham, was instrumental in getting them placed there. She's planning to share the experience at a future meeting.

Albert Everson introduced the program for the night. Ann Basnight, dressed in a 1760ish costume, treated us to a visit to Jeremiah Wynne's Ordinary. We got an entertaining overview of society of the colonial period, and were educated on the variety of cases the County Court of Pleas and quarter Sessions heard. As we might expect, court day was also a day of socializing for all who came to town. Ann thanks the Bath Historical Society for her costume consisting of a shift, skirt which tied, an apron, bonnet, bed jacket and wrap. Mercifully for Ann no shoes of the period were available.

The Board of Directors will meet 6 February 2007 at 6:00 p.m. at Brown Library. The regular BCGS meeting will be 6 February 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at which time we'll conduct a workshop. Members are requested to bring pictures, pedigree charts, articles of family import, anything you'd like to share and see in a future Pamteco Tracing. Be prepared to assist in the workshop.

Evelyn Cutler motioned and Louise Cowell seconded to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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