

## BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Beaufort County Genealogical society met at Brown Library on 1-6-09. At 7:00 p.m. President Gurkin welcomed 20 members and guests. Guest, Louise Kempa's research has been chiefly in Burks County, Pa. New member Bill Bowen has decided after some weeks of research he's related to every Bowen in Beaufort County.

Albert Everson motioned, Janice Tyson seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as read. The treasurer's report was given.

Mary Disharoon presented the Hyde County Historical and Genealogical Society Journal which focused on Hyde Co. records for 1987. The Martin Co. Newsletter featured an article on a Prisoner of War Camp in Martin Co. during WW II. Eighteen (18) POW camps in N. C. were listed.

The December '08 Durham-Orange Co. Newsletter featured an article on funeral homes and their records for genealogist emphasizing those records are a great source of information and should not be overlooked. The January '09 Newsletter reported a trans-Atlantic slave trade database debuted at Emory University in December '08. The interactive web based resource documents the slave trade from Africa to the New World between the 16th and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries. Tyrrell Tides listed several obituaries.

Old Business: Committee Reports: Jean said the cemetery book is progressing. The bible records will be collected from Evelyn and a decision made later how to utilize them. Willene reported the printing of Jo's booklets is going well. Neither Jean nor Albert has heard from the Weyerhauser contacts. No report on schools.

Louise needs any article intended for publication in our June journal by the end of February '09.

The Archives trip is scheduled for 6 June 2009. Contact Louise or Jean.

New Business: Nat and Polly Jones brought the partial book mentioned at the December meeting. It appears to have been a physician's log of medical care for ship board patients – service date 1915-1920. It was donated to BCGS Archives.

Terria Baynor shared the 6 volumes of Beaufort county Will Books she purchased over the internet and provided information on how to obtain them.

Jean provided handouts and demonstrated the use of divining rods in the search for graves.

Bill Bowen donated a bible to BCGS Archives containing information on Crandall, Perkins and Ross.

We were reminded of the upcoming conferences/workshops and registration forms were provided for the NCGS workshop in New Bern 14 March 2009.

The next BCGS Board meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. at Brown on 3 February 2009 prior to the regular meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Russell Tyson motioned, Ann Basnight seconded to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Vernetta Lange