

BCGS
January 3, 2006

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met on January 3, 2005 at the Historic Bath State Historic Site Visitor Center. At 7:00 p.m. President Terria Baynor welcomed 22 members and guests. Jimmy and Fran Burbage introduced themselves and expressed their interest in learning more about the Burbage and Brinn families. They also joined the Society as new members.

Louise Cowell gave the Treasurer's report and reminded those that have not done so that it is time to renew membership for 2006. To date 79 members have renewed their membership, not including any renewals made at tonight's meeting. Individuals can join for \$10 a year with family membership being \$15. This includes receiving the BCGS journal which is published in June and December. New members are always welcomed.

Bea Latham read the minutes from the December meeting and they were approved and accepted.

Correspondence Secretary Mary Disharoon presented the Durham/Orange County newsletter. She pointed out that it featured an interesting article pertaining to the usefulness of city directories in genealogy work and some search tips associated with those resources. Also in that journal, in relation to the discussion at the December meeting about using DNA in tracing family roots, there is an article entitled "Becoming a DNA Time Traveler" which may be of interest to those members that are exploring that area of their family tree.

Due to scheduling conflicts, the trip to Archives, originally scheduled for January 21st, has been changed to Saturday, February 11, 2006 with the alternate date being Saturday, February 25, 2006. Please contact Terria Baynor if you are interested in making that trip.

Baynor announced that there will be a BCGS Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. at the Brown Library. Those members on that committee are urged to attend.

Ann Basnight made the group aware of the NCGS 1st Annual Speaker's Forum to be held in Raleigh on March 25, 2006. If you are interested in speaking at this event, please contact Basnight. She also mentioned that Heritage Quest is now available at all libraries statewide. This is free to the public. Contact your local library for more information and the required password. Basnight was also recognized and congratulated for being named the new president of the North Carolina Genealogical Society.

Albert Everson, program chairman, introduced BCGS member Russell Tyson as the guest speaker. Tyson presented an informative program on the use of documents that are available in the Register of Deeds and Clerk of Court offices. These included the Grantee and Grantor indexes as well as birth, death, and marriage certificates that can be found in the Register of Deeds Office and wills and other court related information that is in the Clerk of Court office. Tyson pointed out that this information is available in these offices in all counties but the way they are indexed or filed can vary so it is important to consult an office employee to make your research trip most effective.

On a motion by Roger Baynor and seconded by Vernetta Lange, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2006 at the Brown Library.