

## BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met at Brown Library on 10-2-07 p.m. President Gurkin welcomed 13 members and guest. Guest Betty Dixon is researching Dixon, Boyd, Alligood, Ambrose, Holton and Woolard.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved and accepted as read. Mary Disharoon read the treasurer's report in the absence of the treasurer. Mary then reminded the members of the NCGS Annual Meeting and Workshop to be held on November 2 and 3, 2007 in Raleigh. She presented Tyrell Tides; the Martin Co. newsletter which contained a pedigree chart on a Chesson family; North Carolina's tour of the Bill of Rights, sponsored by Friends of the Archives, travels next to Charlotte, Asheville and Greensboro. For more information about the tour, visit the Department of Cultural Resources website – <http://www.ncdcr.gov/>, and click on the "Liberty and Freedom" icon.

NCGS invites speakers to submit lecture proposals for the Third Annual Speaker's Forum to be held in February or March 2008. Applicants should be members of NCGS. Contact [jlhilke@mindspring.com](mailto:jlhilke@mindspring.com) for additional information.

Mary had membership application forms for anyone wanting to join the National Genealogical Society. Carolina Maps is offering the GP Stout Historical Research Maps of N. C. which have been used by researchers and libraries for over 35 years, in addition to other maps of import. Contact Chuch Ketchie at [mapsbyemail.com](mailto:mapsbyemail.com) for details. The Durham-Orange county newsletter features an article on Ethics in Publishing Family Histories. It provides some do's, don'ts and maybe's to seriously consider before publishing family histories.

OLD BUSINESS: Committee Reports: Cemetery Book – Terria indicates the present book she's working on will be ready for publication by the end of 2007. Bible Records and Beaufort County Schools: Evelyn has been unable to work on either of them over the summer. Obituary Project: Ann Basnigh and Louise Cowell went to the Family Research Society of Northeast N.C. in Elizabeth city to research ideas on preparing the project for publication.

Albert Everson presented the slate of officers for 200i: All present officers have agreed to remain and serve in their respective capacity. The Board of directors needs two replacements. Ann Basnigh and Joe Mangum have agreed to serve the 3-year terms. Nominations from the floor and voting will take place at the November meeting.

Albert reported he had spoken with another Weyerhauser employee - Barbara Brown - who's to get back to him soon regarding cemeteries on Weyerhauser property.

He spoke with Dr. Blount about a slave cemetery and an Indian cemetery. He and Fred Willard, of the Croatan Project, located what appears to be the Indian cemetery. There are no headstones, but artifacts there appear to mark gravesites. The slave cemetery is near Cypress Landing. Dr. Blount has agreed to speak at a BCGS meeting after the first of the year. Hopefully he can bring us up to speed on this, but his main subject will be George Washington.

Bo Lewis will be the speaker at our November meeting.

Everyone who visited the Pantego Academy Museum on 9-15-07 enjoyed the visit immensely.

NEW BUSINESS: President Gurkin presented the idea that BCGS make a donation to the academy. Albert motioned, Mary Disharoon seconded, that BCGS donate \$50.00 for a window. Motion carried.

Albert mentioned he visited a family get together recently. On the road from Ernul to Aurora a gentleman by the name of Larry Arthur has a huge collection of old gas pumps, antique and no longer used farm equipment; and many other artifacts too numerous to mention. A trip there would be most enjoyable for anyone interested in these collectibles. He introduced Ann Basnight who presented a slide show entitled Tasty Tidbits and Meaty Morsels. She showed us how to read a probate record to obtain clues to gain insight and information we might not otherwise have access to.

Members who attended the BCGS sponsored class on genealogy on 29 September came away with the feeling they learned a lot despite the number of years they'd been researching.

Willene Brinn motioned, Jo Ross seconded to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Vernetta R. Lange