

BCGS
October 3, 2006

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met on Tuesday, October 3, 2006 at the Brown Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. and President Terria Baynor welcomed 18 members.

In the absence of Louise Cowell, there was no report from the treasurer. The minutes were read by Secretary Bea Latham and were approved as read. Correspondence Secretary Mary Disharoon informed members that she has registration forms for the upcoming North Carolina Genealogical Society annual conference to be held in Raleigh, November 3 and 4, 2006. She also made members aware of the Federation of North Carolina Historical Societies meeting to be held at the North Carolina Museum of History on Friday, October 27, 2006. This event will include the presentation of literary awards along with programs. A letter was received from Sue Mardres seeking information on an ancestor, Henry J. Hawkins. The 1880 census places him in the North Creek area of Beaufort County. Other names that occur in this family include Radcliff, Noales, and Harlowe. Several members have information on some of these family lines and agreed to correspond with Ms. Mardres.

Russel Tyson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate of officers for the upcoming BCGS election. They are: President-Jean Gurkin, Vice-President-Willene Brinn, Treasurer-Louise Cowell, Secretary-Bea Latham, Correspondence Secretary-Mary Disharoon, and Board of Director Member for 2007-2008-Albert Everson. At the November meeting, nominations will be accepted from the floor and the election will be held.

Baynor reminded the members of the need for a new editor or co-editors for the BCGS bi-annual journal, *Pamteco Tracings*. Albert Everson suggested that to ease the work load or individual commitment, a group of 3 members could be responsible for the journal with one member rotating off each year and replaced by a new member allowing the work to be shared. He offered to serve on the first committee. It was also suggested that the journal be put together at a regular BCGS meeting, much like a workshop. This seemed to be the most logical solution for the moment and it was decided that the February 2007 meeting would be set aside as such. Louise Cowell will be asked to devise a guidelines sheet for members to be familiar with some specifics that concern the setup of the journal and make this available at a

meeting prior to February. This workshop will also be advertised in the December issue of the journal and on the BCGS website.

Baynor asked BCGS members their preference for the December social. In the past, members have brought finger foods and enjoyed the holiday atmosphere at the December meeting. Russel Tyson made a motion seconded by Albert Everson that the December meeting be held at a restaurant, Dutch treat, with spouses being invited. This was agreed on by the members. Russel Tyson and Albert Everson were appointed to find a location and inform members at the next meeting. The date for the evening will be Tuesday, December 5, 2006, noting that the time will be 6:30 p.m.

Program chairman Albert Everson presented the program. He began by saying that some of his ancestors were of the Nelson family. Thomas Nelson, Jr. signed the Declaration of Independence and was also with George Washington and Lafayette at the siege of Yorktown. His house still stands in Yorktown, Virginia. Nelson died 6 years after signing the Declaration of Independence. Everson was very excited with the possibility of such an illustrated ancestor but further research showed that he was not descended from this Nelson line. Everson wanted to make the point that the commitment of research does not always lead you in the direction that you may want to go. Through personal accounts and antidotes, Everson showed that with a little humor, the trails blazed by genealogists, no matter now inexperienced are worth exploring. He also emphasized the importance of always double checking your information and resources.

With no further business, on a motion by Russel Tyson, and seconded by Jean Gurkin, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Brown Library.