

## BEAUFORT COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met on 2-6-07 at Brown Library. At 7:05 p.m. President Gurkin welcomed 17 members. Louise Cowell introduced new member Joe Mangum who is researching the unknown savage responsible for some of his family members. He's researched the name Solomon Gasque in the Genealogy Department of the University of South Carolina. Mildred Mangum Harris is one name he is researching.

Jimmy Taylor, member, previously living in Florida, was welcomed back to our community.

The treasurer's report was given. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and amended as follows: The Publication Committee consists of Louise Cowell, Mary Disharoon, Chres Oakley and Jean Gurkin. The Journal Committee will be chaired by Albert Everson, assisted by members of the Publication Committee and other BCGS members as needed.

Mary Disharoon presented several journals and newsletters. Of special interest was information detailing a project being launched by National Archives and Footnote, INC. This partnership will place millions of historical documents on line. These documents have not been available online previously and many of them have never been microfilmed. Most were previously available only by traveling to the National Archives and examining them in person. This service will make high-quality images available on any computer with an Internet connection. The press release announcing the agreement stated the 4.5 million pages that have been digitized so far are now available at [www.footnote.com/nara](http://www.footnote.com/nara). Other details are on the website.

A brochure from the National Archives Trust Fund Board featured Field Office Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands (The Freedmen's Bureau), 1865-1872. These records are on microfilm and available for viewing at the National Archives Building, Washington, DC and at each of the agency's 13 regional archives. For locations and hours, visit [www.archives.gov](http://www.archives.gov).

The Wayne County newsletter indicates many new records are now available in the Wayne County Public Library, Goldsboro, N.C.

OLD BUSINESS: Committee Reports: Cemetery Book - Vernetta reported Terria has begun the indexing. Bible Project - Evelyn Cutler reported we are proofreading the pages; doing retypes and our next meeting for proofing will be 3-5-07. We'll decide after all pages are ready for publication whether it'll be published as a booklet, book or in the Pamteco Tracings.