

BCGS
February 7, 2006

The Beaufort County Genealogical Society met on February 7, 2006 at the Brown Library. At 7:00 p.m. President Terria Baynor called the meeting to order with 19 members present.

Louise Cowell gave the Treasurer's report. She also passed out to all members a brochure for the upcoming NCGS Speaker's Forum to be held in Raleigh on Saturday, March 25, 2006. This is the first time that an event of this type has been offered in the state. The workshop will feature speakers from around the state and should prove to be of interest to anyone researching the past. Registration for the one-day event is \$35 for non-NCGS members.

The minutes from the January meeting were read by Secretary Bea Latham and were approved as read.

Correspondence Secretary Mary Disharoon pointed out to members a number of journals for viewing. She noted that the use of DNA in connecting family members is becoming a very popular avenue of exploration and is featured in some of the most recent journals from around the state.

On a motion by Albert Everson and seconded by Jean Gurkin, the trip to the North Carolina Archives was rescheduled for Saturday, February 25, 2006. The original date, February 11, 2006 was changed due to some scheduling conflicts that had arisen since the last meeting.

Ann Basnight, who serves as President of the North Carolina Genealogical Society, presented a proposal for the BCGS to host the NCGS Board of Directors meeting to be held in Washington in July 2006. A planning committee consisting of Vernetta Lange, Willene Brinn, and Albert Everson was formed to develop tentative plans for the Friday night event.

Albert Everson, program chairman, introduced BCGS member Ann Basnight as the guest speaker. Basnight presented an informative program on the use of the North Carolina Archives. Some interesting facts about the Archives, housed at the State Library building in Raleigh included the

following: they have over 1 mile of original documents, over 500,000 rolls of microfilm, and 50,000 linear feet of records which equals 10 miles of shelves. Basnight gave the group some pointers that she has learned from the many years she has spent researching at that facility to help make their experience easier. Most researchers focus their work in the Archives Search Room, but Basnight pointed out the extensive resources that can be found in the State Library itself and encouraged making that a part of your research trip as well.

On a motion by Louise Cowell and seconded by Vernetta Lange, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 at the Brown Library.