

BCGS
March 7, 2006

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

The Treasurer's report was given by Louise Cowell and the minutes, read by Secretary Bea Latham, were approved as read. Correspondence Secretary Mary Disharoon presented several journals that had been received since the last meeting. Among those were journals from the North Carolina Genealogical Society, Tyrell County, Martin County and Durham/Orange County. She also brought to attention the upcoming Elizabeth City Genealogical Fair to be held on May 6, 2006.

Baynor reported to the group that the research trip to Archives was very successful. A total of 11 members traveled to Raleigh on February 25, 2006 both for research and to learn more techniques in using the resources available in the North Carolina State Archives.

Program chairman Albert Everson introduced Dr. John Gray Blount of Washington as the guest speaker. Dr. Blount gave an informative, and at times, a humorous talk on the more recent search for the Lost Colony by Fred Willard. He emphasized the role that the Indians played in the survival of the early settlements of what are now eastern North Carolina. With the use of maps and ship rosters of late 1500's, Blount showed the connection between Indians and settlers by using migration paths and physical characteristics to numerous family names of this area. More information about this ongoing project can be found at www.lost-colony.com.

Following Dr. Blount's presentation, BCGS member Evelyn Cutler shared with the group an oral history recently written by Julia Woolard. While entertaining, the memories of her childhood as well as the interpretation of world events will be priceless to her family.

On a motion by Roger Baynor and seconded by Mary Disharoon, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 2006 at the Brown Library.