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MEETINGS

Many of you have requested that we try having night meetings rather than Saturday meetings. Therefore, beginning in September, we will meet the third Tuesday of each month from September to May, with a December party and May picnic being the exceptions. We will meet at the New Hanover County Public Library at 201 Chestnut Street. There is ample parking and we will meet in the large meeting room. It is more difficult to get out-of-town speakers during the week, so we will take advantage of our excellent local resource people. Mark your calendars for the following dates. If you have suggestions for future programs, please let me know.

Beverly Tetterton (342-4394), Program Chairman

September 18, 1990: 7:00 pm New Hanover Public Library

"How to Preserve Your Family Treasures", presented by Kiki Freer-Parsons. Kiki is the registrar for the New Hanover County Museum where she handles the county's precious artifacts, photographs, and papers. She will give us practical tips on how we can inexpensively take care of our family possessions so they will be around for future generations. There will be handouts.

October 16, 1990: 7:00 pm New Hanover Public Library

"Genealogical Research in Newspapers", presented by Bill Reaves and Helen Sammons. Bill has worked with old Wilmington newspapers for the past 20 years. He has indexed many volumes. The last one was the 1889 Wilmington Messenger, a tribute to Wilmington's 250th birthday. Helen has just completed her second volume of marriage and death notices from the Wilmington newspapers. Her abstracts are excellent. The two experts tell us about newspaper format during different periods of history, what to expect to find in old newspapers, and how to glean genealogical information from the least expected places.

November 20, 1990: 7:00 pm New Hanover Public Library

"Computer Genealogy: Ask The Experts", presented by Billy Davis and Old New Hanover Genealogical Society Computer Interest Group. Billy and his panel will answer your questions about hardware, software, modems, networks, bulletin boards, databases, bugs and glitches. There will also be a show and tell, with group participation.

December, 1990: Date, time and place to be announced.

"Old New Hanover Genealogical Society Christmas Party"

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As most of you will note in the schedule of meetings on page one, the Computer interest Group will be in charge of the program on 20 November 1990. A panel of its members will discuss several of their most popular genealogical computer programs.

Some members have agreed to do Roots III and Gena-Link. If you use another program, and are willing to share information about your particular genealogical software, contact me as soon as possible so I can form the panel and plan the program.

I encourage all of the ONHGS members to attend this meeting. We will try to answer your questions about computers and programs as time permits. If we can't answer your questions, we will research other sources and publish the results in future newsletter articles.

WE NEED HELP

If you are a local computer user, use **WordPerfect 5.0**, **DBase III+**, or other compatible word processing programs and are willing to help lighten the load on our present volunteers, we would appreciate hearing from you.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We now have a second Rolodex for our Ancestor Pile in the library. A special thank you, Mr. William L. West III., Houston, Tx, for your generous donation. This file was created and is maintained by a group of volunteers from the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society. We have had a tremendous response to requests for members to submit names of their ancestors. Also, many out of town visitors to the North Carolina Room of the library use the file and often submit their families' names.

The Historical Publications Section of the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources has just announced the publication of Volume XII of North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865: A Roster. The 585-page volume contains the names and service records of more than 6,000 soldiers who served in the Forty-ninth through the Fifty-second Regiments North Carolina Troops.

This is the most recent volume in a series and will be of great value to the Civil War historian and genealogical records searcher. For additional information, contact the North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, 109 East Jones Street, Raleigh, NC 27611 or Broadfoot Publishing Company, Route 4, Box 508-C, Wilmington, NC 28405.

Please pay close attention to the change of times and days for our monthly meetings. The front page of the newsletter covers this more fully and an extra copy has been inserted in this issue of the newsletter. Post it on your bulletin board or your calendar so you will not miss the fine programs that have been planned for the fall.

The following newspaper article is from the new book written by one of our members, Helen Sammons, who will be a speaker at the October meeting. Elsewhere in the Clarendon Courier, you will find some "MISC. TIDBITS" from the files of Bill Reaves, who is also on the program in October.

I hope you found lots of kin this summer and I look forward to seeing you at 7:00 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month.

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From the Wilmington Daily Journal Nov. 4, 1869

"Died at her late residence near Flemington, on Vaccamaw Lake, on the 26th day of October, Mrs. Ann Maria (Wayne) Powell, aged 85 years. She was born Sept. 8, 1784. She first married Capt. Arnold Bill. who died in 1811. Three years after [later] she married Mr. John Jones, of Bladen county. Again having become a widow, she married Col. Issac Powell. who died around 1842. She then married Haj. Joseph Powell, nephew and son-in-law of Col. Issac Powell, her former husband."



GENEALOGY NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY...

Three of Wilmington's most cherished promoters of local history and genealogy died recently. Croquette Hewlett, author of Between the creeks: A History of Masonboro Sound, 1735-1970 and many other local history books, died on June 21, 1990. Her work on the families in the Masonboro area remains one of the best genealogies compiled about New Hanover County people. Katherine Howell, former director of the New Hanover County Library died on July 12, 1990. Miss Howell, who was librarian for 28 years, took a special interest in the area. She collected books on Lower Cape Fear families before it was popular to do so. Katherine realized the importance of the human side of history. Augusta Mosley Cooper, black community leader and preservationist, died on July 31, 1990. Mrs. Cooper was in many ways responsible for the preservation of the old Pine Forest Cemetery and its records. All three women will be missed for their many years of service and dedication to the people of New Hanover County.

NEW BOOKS IN THE LOCAL HISTORY ROOM

- Reaves, Bill. **Southport (Smithville) A Chronology**. Vol. I (1887-1920)
- Onslow County Court Minutes**, 1809-1868. (Microfilm)
- Fayetteville, N.C. Newspapers**, 1816-1838. (Microfilm)
- Hopkins. **Suffolk Parish Vestry Book 1749-1784, Newport Parish Vestry Book 1742-1777**. (Virginia)
- Bjorkman. **Pasquotank County, North Carolina Record of Deeds 1770-1751**.
- Benton, Dorothy and the 1850 Company. **1860 Federal Census Brunswick County, North Carolina**.
- McElligott. **Charleston Residents, 1782-1794**.
- Bennett. **Orange County Records, Vol. III**.
- Williamson. **Columbus County, North Carolina Deeds 1856-1860**.
- Camin. **North Carolina Naturalization Index, 1792-1862**.
- Beaufort County Genealogical Society. **Beaufort County Will Abstracts, 1720-1868**.
- Bradley. **The Deeds of Hailfax County, N.C. 3 Vol. 1758-1796**.
- Hyde County Historical Society. **In the Name of God, Amen! : Abstracts of Hyde County, N.C. Wills**.
- Genealogical Society of Rowan County. **Rowan County Cemeteries**.
- Heitman. **Historical Register of Officers of the Continental Army during the War of the Revolution**.
- Alderman, William Parker. **Aldermans In America**.
- Russ, Herbert M. **Russ Family Genealogy II**.
- Jordan. **North Carolina Troops, 1861-1865, A Roster**. The long awaited Vol. XII which covers the 49th-51st Regiments.
- Neagles. **The Library of Congress, A guide to Genealogical and Historical Research**.
- Greenwood. **The Researcher's Guide to American Genealogy**. 2nd ed. Staff of the Allen County Public Library. **Periodical Source Index**, 1847-1985, and volumes for 1986, 1987, 1988, and 1989. This index is a comprehensive place, subject, and surname index to articles from English-language and French-Canadian genealogy and local history periodicals. They are even indexing our own Clarendon Courier!

ONHGS QUERIES

August 1990

15-90. Seek family & info on William EVANS, d before 1790 New Hanover Co., NC; dau Margaret md Benjamin ZLANEY, possible dau Iphigene, & another who md John MARTIN. How related to William EVANS who d 1769 same area? Margaret K. DODD, 55 North Summit Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928.

16-90. Seek origins of Tabitha Evelina HAWES, b Wilmington, NC, md. Hugh T. COSTON. How related to NEWKIRK & DAVIS fams? Helen STARNES, Rocking H Ranch, Route 1, Box 332, Oakwood, TX 75855.

17-90. Seek descs of Robert & Sarah SAGE, r. , sf Wilmington, hostlers of Sage's Inn, Onslow Co., NC, where Pres. George WASHINGTON stopped on Southern Tour: son George Washington SAGE. James Alfred Locke MILLER, Jr., 2810-K Carriage Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27106; (919) 723-0500.

18-90. Seek origins of Priscilla, wife of Sen. Timothy BLOODWORTH of New Hanover Co., NC. Was her maiden name EVANS? JONES? Their first child was Frances Gregg ELOODWORTH. Barbara A. SAORE, 13203 Tioga Drive, San Antonio, TX 78230.

19-90. Exch on origins & fam of John SHGLAR, 1792 will in Bertie Co., NC, and descs South & West; connections with WIMBERLEY & other fams. Van A. STILLEY, 3812 Sweetbriar Rd., Wilmington, NC 20403; tel. (919) 392-6604.

Note: Queries are published free for members when space is available. They should be typed or legibly printed on separate sheets of paper, each with the sender's name and address. Each should state a geographical connection to southeastern North Carolina, or adjacent areas, and such dates as will place them in context. They are subject to editing. So that the editor will understand them, please do not abbreviate. Mail them to Queries Editor, Old New Hanover Genealogical Society, P O. Box 2536, Wilmington, NC 28402-2536.

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VITAL RECORDS

When writing for copies of vital records such as birth, death, marriage, etc., be sure to ask for a full copy. Otherwise, you may receive a photo or wallet size.

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CITE YOUR SOURCE

Make a record of where you find each piece of information. It will be save a lot of time, money, and energy if you need to return again to that source and/or you decide to publish your work.

MISC. TIDBITS from Bill Reaves file. 1990

On October 6th, 1897, a number of North Carolinians who have taken up their residence at Ocala, Florida, met and organized an association, giving it the title, "Marion County (Fla.) Association of North Carolinians."

This is no new thing under the sun, for in most, if not all, of the southern states there are organizations of this character. The people of the Old North State glory in being known as "Tar Heels," conscious that their native state has nothing to be ashamed of in her past record. This organization, like the others, is social in its character; politics are not in it; and when we meet we expect to pass the time in conversations about our native state, and engage in such amusements as will be agreeable and keep up our interest and love for her.

We started out with thirty-one names on the list as charter members, as follows: W.D. Taylor, John Taylor, Nathan Mayo, George C. Pasteur, of Edgecombe; G.F. Cordes, of Wake; Robert Bulluck, of Granville; E.P. Thagard, D.E. Mc Iver, Daniel McIntyre, Alex. McIntyre, Peter McIntyre, Chas. J. Phillips, G.F. McRae, of Moore county; J.B. Watkins, of Cumberland; Samuel R. Birdsey, John R. Devane, of Sampson; A.H. Birdsey, S.R. Birdsey, Jr., J.S. Birdsey, R.T. Birdsey, W.L. Jewett, Stephen Jewett, Jr., J.S. Jewett, of New Hanover; Chas. L. Cotton, C.J. Allred, of Montgomery; T.D. Crawford, J.F. Crawford, of Beaufort; R.F. Hyman, of Buncombe. There are a number of others here who will, no doubt, join at the next meeting, as our first meeting was not extensively advertised.

At our organization meeting instances were shown of the advantage of such an organization; the two men from Sampson were born within eight miles of each other; yet one of them did not know the other was a "Tar Heel," although they have been having business relations together for the past six or seven years. Another instance was of two men who lived in the same place in North Carolina, yet neither knew the other was here till they met in the hall.

WILMINGTON MESSENGER, 10-20-1897.

FUNCTION OF TOMBSTONES - Facts carved upon them should be given more completely. Tombstones are undoubtedly erected to keep alive the memory of those whose bodies rest in peace beneath them. It is doubtful if any other function can be assigned to them. Their shape, the amount of expenditure they entail upon the living, and all other questions to be settled in respect to them are matters of individual taste and therefore debatable. But that they should perpetuate the name and fame of the departed, not only for a day or a week, but so long as the most durable can outlast the elements, seems certain without the necessity for further argument.

A new industry, growing rapidly in America, is that of the genealogist. Citizens of the United States have reached the point where they can afford to have ancestors. There is much to praise and little to blame in this. Indeed, the old dictum, "If you would learn who you are, learn whence you came," has received the approval of the highest scientific authority. The revival of interest in the earlier struggle of the American people for independence, carried on through the agency of the patriotic hereditary societies, is responsible for this in a great measure.

It is possible to conceive that a man may not be proud of the fact that his great-great-great-grandfather fought for the salvation of the colonies against the French and Indians, his great-great grandfathers for the existence of the new-born nation against the British in 1776, his great-grandfathers again in 1812, his grandfathers against the Mexicans and his father in the battles to preserve the union, but it is extremely improbable. The lesson to be inculcated (over)

is that of patriotism and honest pride; the man who brags of it, or thinks himself better than his fellow-citizens merely on that account shows himself ignorant of the very lesson the struggles of his ancestors fought to teach him.

In establishing claims to membership in such organizations as the Sons of the Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Society of Colonial Wars, the Military and Naval Order of the United States, the Society of the War of 1812, and others, as well as in making up a line of descent for any other purpose, legal or otherwise, the genealogist after exhausting the meager facts of family tradition and those contained in the scant family archives, finds himself thrown upon the public records. These, however well kept, are often misleading. the custom of the original settlers of having a single surname selected from a limited range of scripture makes it impossible sometimes to tell which of a score of John Bigelows or Jacob Goodnows it was who married or who died at a given time.

In an emergency of this kind recourse must be had to old tombstones. It is hardly necessary to add that tombstones of today will be resorted to for this purpose by generations yet unborn. A glance about the cemeteries of Chicago gives abundance of proof that they will be gazed at in vain for the most part, and that only a few years, as nations go, are needed to have the descendants of a man whose memory is supposed to be perpetuated in dull, cold granite look upon the stone without the lightest knowledge of their relationship.

The attempt to establish a complete line of descent usually fails in the female line. The mother's family name is unknown, of course, and frequently the mother's mother's name. Her mother's name is often buried beyond the possibility of recovery, however, and a generation further back has even less hope of making itself known.

In writing out the inscription to be placed upon a tombstone the following points should be carefully observed:

First, give the name in full, and , in the case of a wife, her family name. Secondly, give not only the dates of birth and death, but the places where these salient events took place, and in the case of husband and wife, the date and place of marriage.

Thirdly, set forth in full the name of the decedents' father and mother being careful to give the family name of the mother.

Fourthly, on no account omit to have a record of the dignities enjoyed by the decedent, either civil or military. Nothing can be urged in favor of omitting them, if it is intended by the survivors that the memory of him who lies under the stone should be preserved.

An ideal inscription for a tombstone, therefore, would read somewhat as follows:

Here Lies The Body Of
Henry Thompson,
Son of Thomas and Hannah (Jones)
Thompson,
Born, Eastborough, Mass., June 22, 1829;
Married, Brownville, N.Y., Nov. 10, 1859
to Jane Robinson,
Daughter of John and Mary (Smith)
Robinson,
And Died in Chicago, ■■■ - Aug. 31, 1895,
Colonel, 1861, 150th Ill. Volunteers;
Judge, 1870, Probate Court, Cook Co., Ill.

It would be well if the living saw to this themselves, and in the last will and testament, which customarily makes provision for a stone over the grave, set forth also the words and record to be written upon it. (CHICAGO TRIBUNE) WILMINGTON DISPATCH. 10-30-1895.

The following is part of a series of Coroners' Inquests that will be featured in this publication. Though the entire document includes numerous counties, we will only be printing the information for those in Southeastern North Carolina: New Hanover, Onslow, Duplin, Brunswick, Bladen, Carteret, and Craven. The following selected portions of the article "North Carolina Colonial Coroners' Inquests, 1738-1775," by Haywood Roebuck, appeared in the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal, Vol. 1, no. 1 (January 1975), pages 11-37. Acknowledgement and thanks is hereby given to Haywood Roebuck, the North Carolina Society, and North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal.

NORTH CAROLINA COLONIAL CORNERS' INQUESTS: 1738-1775

By Haywood Roebuck

The following abstracts have been prepared from files of original and contemporary copies of coroners' inquests in the North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh. Every North Carolina county had a coroner or "crown" who was, as the name suggests, an official of the crown. As a crown official, the expenses of his office were met from the public taxes. To collect his expenses, the coroner submitted a copy of the results of each inquest to the General Assembly. The Assembly's Committee of Claims, in turn, voted by report the necessary reimbursement to the coroners when the committee approved colonial expenditures at each session of the Assembly. The original records from which the abstracts have been made are arranged in the Archives by date, and are a part of the Secretary of State's record group: SECRETARY OF STATE -- Committee of Claims-- Coroners' Inquests, 1738-1775 (shelf mark SS 316).

These abstracts are arranged chronologically by county where the inquest was held, and they report information in the following arrangement: Name of deceased; Occupation or other personal remarks relating to deceased; Cause of death; Details of death (if any); Place and date of inquest; Coroner; Jury.

Sometimes the names of the jury occur in the body of the reported inquest, and their signatures are appended at the end of the document. When substantial discrepancies appear in the two versions of the name, the information differing from the signature is shown in brackets. When the signature is by mark, the abstract shows only "(X)", whether the mark used was a "X" or whether a distinctive mark was used. Occasionally part of a juror's name has been torn away from another record (such as deeds, tax lists, etc.), and the missing part of the name supplied in brackets. Uncertain readings are indicated by a question.

PART THREE IN THE SERIES

BLADEN Co.: Continued from "Clarendon Courier" (March 1990)

LOCK, WILLIAM. Drowned in a puddle of water through "an Accident Permitted by God." Inquest held at the house of Robert WEIHE in Bladen Co. on 23 Nov 1758. John SMITH, justice. Jury: Duncan McCOULSKEY, foreman; Neill SHAW; Daniel SHIPMAN; John HOLLON; Jeremiah BIGFURD; Derby MORPHY; Tomas RAMBOROU [?]; William McNEILL; Matthew CALLEY; Hugh STEWART; Samuel BIGFURD; Robert STEWART; Charles DALEY; Alexr. CRAWFORD; John COOK; Andrew McCLELLAND; Robert WEIR; Wm. STEWART; William REBORN [called RAYBURN in the body of the inquisition]; William JOHNSTON.

[WILKISON]. Dead infant believed to be the child of Margaret WILKISON found buried on 29 Apr 1760 by Joseph REAGAN. Death occasioned by Margaret WILKISON. Inquest held in Bladen Co. on 1 May 1760. William BARTRAM, coroner, filed the inquisition which was conducted before Peter LORD. Jury: Willm. CAIN; John LOCK; Benjamin CLARK; Cornelias FLEMS; John (x) LOW; Benjamin WILLIS; Joseph CAIN; John STON; Peter GATES; John SCRIVEN; John CLARK; James SIMMS, Jr.

GRANT, Patience. Died a natural death. Inquest held in Bladen Co. on 13 Oct 1760. William BARTRAM, coroner, filed the inquisition which was held before Thomas FINNEY, justice. Jury: Thos. VINCE; John GILL; Lawrence BYRNE; John ODOM; William MOOR; John MOOR; John (x) JARVIS; Somerset (x) DONAHO; Daniel READ; Thos. PLATT; Danl. WILLIS; Michael ODOM.

WILLSON, John. Accidentally drowned after falling off a raft at night. Inquest held in Bladen Co. on 8 Feb 1761. Peter LORD, justice. Jury: Benjamin SINGELTARY [sic]; Jos. PLUMMER; Thos. VINCE; William WILKESON; Stephen FREEMAN; John (x) CHANDLER; Benjamin CLARKE; John LOCKE; Jos. VINCE; Jeremiah PLUMMER; William PLUMMER; Gideon PRICKET.

COOPER, John. Drowned while swimming in the river. Inquest held in Bladen Co. on 19 May 1762. William McREE, coroner. Jury: Robert M'CONKEY; David RUSS; John RUSS; Wm. WHITE; Samuel (x) GUYTON; Jesse TOWNSEND; John (x) DRYDEN; Evan ELLIS; William FORRESTER; Joseph KEMP; Thomas (x) NESTORS; Thomas TOWNSEND, Edwd. BRYAN; John HAMILTON; Willm. SINGLETARY; David WHITE; Wm. HENDON.

McNORTON, Niell. Died after receiving an unavoidable and accidental blow under his right ear while at the house of Stephen WHITE on 24 Dec 1765. Inquest held in St. Martin's Parish, Bladen Co. on 1 Jan 1766. William McREE, coroner. Jury: Isaac JONES, foreman; George BROWN; Pat. STEWART; Wm. HENDEN; Wm. WHITE, Willm. SINGLETARY; Garret WHITE [called Garald in the body of the report]; Thos. HESTER; Archd. DARRACH [called DARUGH in the body of the report]; John McKARTER; Jesse HOWARD; John ADAR; Wm. SMITH; Wm. ENECKS; John HILL; Jacob GUYTON; David RUSS.

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SEVEN UNSIGNED DEPOSITIONS ON AN UNDATED SINGLE SHEET

WHITE, Stephen: On 24 Dec 1765 at about 7:00 or 8:00 p.m. an affray broke out near his house. He stepped out and went to the crowd where he saw Patrick BYRNE with a stick. He saw BYRNE strike nobody, but he saw McNORTON on the ground and believes that he was knocked down.

WHITE, Sarah: Added that she saw Mr. COLVILL and Simon BRIGHT fighting. She saw Stephen WHITE take a stick out of Patrick BYRNE's hands. And she saw McNORTON "Lying Down Seemingly Dead and Bleeding at the Nose."

CARTER, George: Added that he first saw Maturin COLVILL and Patrick BYRNE fight, then COLVILL and Simon BRIGHT went out of Stephen WHITE's house and fought. He also saw Patrick BYRNE with a stick in his hands but saw him strike no one with it.

CLARK, MALCOLM: Saw nobody strike McNORTON and saw McNORTON strike nobody.

SHAW, Neil: Saw Malcolm CLARK and some other person carry McNORTON into Stephen WHITE's house, but observed no hurt on him.

WHITE, David: While at Stephen WHITE's house on 24 Dec 1765 he heard George CARTER say, "Let them say what they would it was he That Gave him the Blow"; believes CARTER had reference to McNORTON.

COLVILL, Maturin: George Carter sead he Gave a stroke and Deponant sayeth he Thinks sd. CARTER ~~meaned~~ sd. McNORTON."

McKEITHAN, Effey: Drowned on 7 Feb 1766 doing her laundry (apparently in a stream between the houses of Daniel MCKEITHAN and Allan McDUGAL) after being seized by "convulsion fitts." Inquest held in St. Martin's Parish, Bladen Co. on 8 Feb 1766. William McREE, coroner. Jury: John SMITH; John JORDAN; Richard SINGELTARY [sic]; Joseph SINGELTARY [sic]; Donald McKEITHAN; David LOCK; Archd. MCFATTER; Benja. SINGLETARY; John BOYD; Thomas RUSS; Allen McDUGAL; John McFATER; Richd. HUFFAM; Jos. CLARKE; Jas STUART; John ADEAR.

WILLIAMS, Moses. Accidentally drowned while attempting to cross a creek on horseback. Inquest held in St. Martin's Parish, Bladen Co. on 12 May 1766. William McREE, coroner. Jury: Isaac JONES; John WHITE [Sr.]; James BAILEY; Robt. THOMSON; Joseph KEKP; Thomas TOWNSEND; Joseph HVMPHRAY; Wm. ENECKS; Em. MILL; John WHITE, Jr.; Edward REVES; Titus HOWARD; Thomas BROWDER.

MALTHUS, Neal. Drowned. Not an inquisition, but three unsigned depositions on a single sheet dated 17 Apr. 1768.

FORTER, Henry: Sayeth on oath that he came ashore to camp and MALTHUS went to Mr. HOLLINGSWORTH's for fire; MALTHUS returned to camp about dark and stayed until they got supper and ate, then he went aboard the boat to sleep while the others lay in the camp. Later in the night MALTHUS holloed [sic] for someone to come aboard to sleep with him; none did. Later in the dead of night they heard a man's voice some distance below the boat and suspected robbers.

ESALL, Anson: Added that the voice heard in the dead of night seemed to call, "Come here;" that he took fire and ran some distance down the riverside when he heard the voice a second time, apparently coming from the land.

SILVERS, James: Added only that he had no mistrust that the voice heard in the dead of night was the voice of Neal MALTHUS.

(End of Bladen Co. Inquests)

AN ALPHABETICAL LIST OF TAXABLES IN THE COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

FOR THE YEAR 1762

Last Part of a Four-Part Series

By

Dean S. Jarrett

The List of Taxables for 1762 in New Hanover County is divided between "St. James and St. Philip Parishes." St. Philip was the older of the two parishes, being in what is now Brunswick County. St. James was formed from St. Philip.

The definition of tithables, taxables, and polls was first made by the General Assembly of 1715, which enacted that "all Males not being Slaves in this Government shall be Tythable at the Age of Sixteen Years and All Slaves Male or Female, either Imported or born in the County shall be Tythable at the Age of Twelve years." The law was later broadened in 1749, and Legislatures during the period 1777-1784 experimented with several methods of applying the poll tax.

The first property tax was levied in 1715, in response to the heavy financial burden of the Tuscarora War, but this method of taxation was abandoned seven years later. The tax list in this series was taken in 1762. In 1777, much greater changes took place in the types of "property" listed. This list appears to have been a Poll tax only.

The original of this record may be found in Stack Reference SS-837 in the North Carolina State Archives. It is in poor condition. Some names and accounts are difficult or impossible to read. It is suggested that you refer to the original record for better reference.

*An alphabetical List of Taxables in the County
of New Hanover St. Philip's Parish
for the year 1762*

| | St. James | | St. Philip | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------|------------|------|
| | 1762 | 1762 | 1762 | 1762 |
| Alderman Daniel | 2 | - | - | - |
| Alexander Mary | 2 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Aurell Elizabeth | - | 1 | - | - |
| Alexander M'Alexander | 1 | - | - | - |
| Alexander Joseph | 2 | - | - | - |
| Alexander Gabriel | 2 | - | - | - |
| Alexander John | 1 | 0 | 9 | 2 |

An Alphabetical List of Taxables in the County

of **New** Hanover for the Year 1762

St. James's
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St. Philip's
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| | White Men | Negro Men | Negro Women | Negro Boys | White Men | Negro Men | Negro Women | Negro Boys |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| TYER, Thomas | | 2 | | | | | | |
| TOWNLEY, William | | 3 | | | | | | |
| TOWNING, Solomon | | 1 | | | | | | |
| TAYLOR, John | | 1 | 1 | | | | | |
| THOMAS, James | | 1 | | | | | | |
| TOOMER, Joshua | | 1 | | 3 | | | | |
| TOOMER, Henry | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| TURNER, James | | | | | | 1 | | |
| THOMAS, John | | | | | | 1 | | |
| THARP, Samuel | | | | | | 1 | | |
| VENTERS, Absolom | | 2 | | | | | | |
| VERNON, Ephraim's Estate | | | | | | 1 | 11 | 10 |
| WRIGHT, John | | 3 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| WRIGHT, James | | 1 | | | | | | |
| WILSON, John Searcher | | 3 | | | | | | |
| -----, Daniel Constable | | 2 | | | | | | |
| -----, John | | 3 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| -----, Ann | | 1 | 5 | 6 | | | | |
| -----, Thomas | | 1 | 1 | 1 | | | | |
| -----,-----ae | | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | |
| -----, Daniel | | 1 | | | | | | |
| -----, Joseph | | 1 | | | | | | |
| -----, Samuel | | 1 | | | | | | |
| -----, Jonathan Searcher | | 1 | 2 | | | | | |
| -----, John | | 1 | | | | | | |

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|--------------------------------|-----|------|-----|-----|-----------------|
| -----, Joseph Searcher | 1 | 2 | | | |
| -----, Francis | 1 | | | | |
| ----IAMS, David | 2 | 1 | | | |
| WOOD, Edward | 1 | | | | |
| WOOD, William | 3 | | | | |
| WILLIAMSON, John | 1 | | | | |
| WAVER, John | 2 | | | | |
| WRIGHT, Thomas | 2 | 8 | 5 | | |
| ---LKER, William | 2 | | | | |
| WILLIS, George Searcher | 1 | 4 | 1 | | |
| WALKER, John | 3 | 18 | 16 | 3 | |
| WAINWRIGHT, William | 1 | | | | |
| WEIGHT, Mary | | | 1 | | |
| WARD, Anthony | 1 | | | | |
| WAILS, Robert | 1 | | | | |
| WILSON, Silvanus | | 1 | 1 | | |
| WINGATE, Edward | | | | 2 | 4 3 |
| WATERS, Samuel | | | | 1 | 6 5 |
| WATERS, Elizabeth | | | | | 11 5 |
| WILLETS, Hope | | | | 3 | |
| WATERS, Joseph | | | | 2 | 9 10 |
| WINGATE, John | | | | 1 | 1 2 |
| WATSON, Jacob (?) | | | | 1 | 1 1 |
| WALDRON, Isaac | | | | | |
| WILKINSON, John | | | | 1 | |
| WHEATLEY, Mary | | | | | |
| WALTON, Christopher Searcher | | | | 1 | |
| WAVER, Sue & Marian | | | | | |
| YOUSHAU, William | 1 | | | | |
| <hr/> | | | | | |
| Taxables in St. James's Parish | 432 | 690 | 569 | 70 | 162 413 381 --- |
| Do in St. Philip's Parish | 162 | 413 | 301 | 53 | |
| Total | 614 | 1103 | 950 | 123 | |

New Hanover Co. Taxables for 1762 (continued)

Amount of the No. of Taxables in the County of New Hanover returned for the year 1762 White and Black.

| | | | |
|------------------|-------|-------------------------|--------|
| Viz ^t | 614 | White Men | |
| | 1103 | Negro Men | |
| | 950 | Negro Women | |
| | -123 | Negro boys under 16 yrs | of Age |
| | <hr/> | | |
| No. | 2790 | Taxables | |

/s/ James MORAN, Clk.

Note: Parts of the above list were water damaged and microfilm copies were very hard, and at times impossible, to read. It is suggested that an examination of the original record be made when questions arise.

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by Carole C. Callard

How well prepared are your students to conduct library research? Do we, as instructors, tend to take for granted that our students understand the need for careful preparation? The following information may suggest topics for **classroom** lecture or discussion.

Careful preparation is a must for the serious genealogist planning to undertake library research. What information do you hope to find at the library? Since everyone has 1,024 **direct** ancestors ten generations back, the size of the task is enormous and may take years. Spend as much time preparing for your research as the time you've allotted yourself at the library.

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Preparing your students for library research will increase their opportunities for a successful library visit.

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[NOTE; ~~We~~ thank the author, Carole C. Callard, and the "NGS Newsletter, Vol.16, No.2 1990) for the above article. It will be invaluable for the new genealogist.

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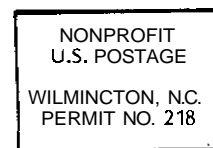
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