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THE OLD NEW HANOVER GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



MEETINGS

Unless otherwise indicated, all regularly scheduled meetings of the society will be held on the third Tuesday of each month. We will meet in the large conference room on the second floor of the New Hanover Public Library, 201 Chestnut Street, **Wilmington, NC.**

Tuesday, 18 December 1990 - **7:00 p.m.** Christmas Party at the home of Glenn and Beverly Tetterton, 319 Fifth Avenue, Wilminaton, NC. Bring some sweets or hors **d'oeuvres** to share with others. Beverages and paper products will be furnished. This is a time to get to know your fellow members and maybe even win one of the genealogical door prizes.

Tuesday, 15 January 1991 - **7:00 p.m.** "How To Get Your Family History published". Reggie Kiser from Delmar Printing and Publishing Company will discuss getting all of your hard work into print. This program is not just for the person who has a book ready for the printers; there will also be a question and answer session. Mr. Kiser will bring a number of genealogical books with him that should interest everyone.

Tuesday, 19 **February** 1991 - **7:00 p.m.** "How To Preserve Your Family Treasures" by Kiki Freer-Parson. As registrar for the New Hanover County Museum, Kiki handles the county's precious artifacts, photographs, and papers. Bring **your** treasures and get **"hands on"** tips about inexpensive ways to take care of family possessions to insure they will be around for future generations. Handouts will be provided.

Tuesday, 19 March 1991 - **7:00 p.m.** Election of Officers and Awards Ceremony. If you are interested in making this society an even better one and would be willing to be an officer for the 1991-1992 term or want to nominate someone for the genealogist of the year, contact President Jarrett at 763-4071 after **6:00 p.m.** This is also going to be a time for **"Show & Tell"**. Bring family histories, charts, forms, and computer printouts to share with fellow members. This is an opportunity to show off your hard work and to learn from others.

For more information concerning these programs or to volunteer to help with **programming**, contact Beverly Tetterton, 341-4394 (w) or



Old Sew **Hanover** Genealogical Society
 P.O. Box 2536
Wilmington, NC 28402-2536

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Annual membership **in** OBHGS: \$15.00 for individuals and institutions, \$20.00 for families, and \$100.00 for life. Send matters relating to membership to Sue V. Estep, P.O. Box 13, Riegelwood, BC 28456.

Bewsletter

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Articles submitted for publication and letters to the editor should be mailed to Jane B. Bailey, 7094 Scotts Hill Lp. Rd., Wilmington, BC 28405.

Permission is granted to quote if the appropriate credit is given to the **ONHGS** newsletter, the "Clarendon Courier," and the author.

COMPUTER IBTEREST GROUP
 by

Billy L. Davis Jr.

To those of you who were not able to attend the OBHGS meeting on 20 Bovenber, we had a great time and **we** missed you. Van Stilley gave an in-depth review of the Roots III genealogical software **pack-**age and Russ Bailey used an overhead projector for his presentation of the Gen-A-Link package.

I provided information on other programs and after the meeting, members came by and looked displays.

I want to thank not only Van and **Russ**, but also those who attended the meeting. The audience participation was wonderful. Some members asked good questions; others shared their knowledge of computers and other matters. We hope to have another session in the future, perhaps with a "hands on" workshop.

Please send information on the **programs** you are using, articles you have read, or tips you want to share with fellow **com-**puter users to:

Billy Davis, Jr.
 5121 Chaucer Dr.
Wilmington, NC 28405
 or
 phone 791-4322
 after **7:00 p.m.**

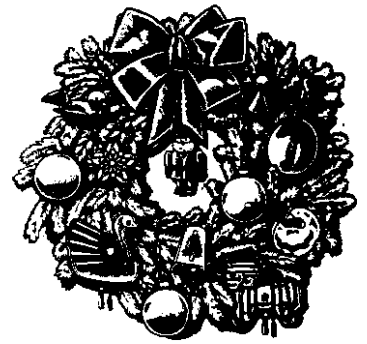
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WE WED HELP

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. Contact Dean Jarrett, OBHGS, P. O. Box 2536, **Wilmington, NC 28402-2536**, or call (919) 763-4071 after **6:00 p.m.**

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When corresponding with OBHGS and need a response, enclose a stamped, self addressed envelope. Due to the high cost of postage, we cannot answer your correspondence without a SASE.



THE NORTH CAROLINA SOCIETY OF HISTORIANS

Presents this

AWARD OF SPECIAL MERIT
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TO

CLARENDON COURIER

Janice Cavanaugh & Jane Bailey, Editors

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The Old New Hanover Genealogical Society

In recognition of Special Contribution to the Preservation of
North Carolina History

Date. October 27, 1990

Joe M. McLaurin
President

I thought the membership would like to see a copy of the award that was presented at the annual meeting of The North Carolina Society of Historians in Raleigh on 27 October. There were approximately 468 entries for the various categories and we were extremely honored to have been chosen to receive an award from this prestigious society. Winners of the NEWSLETTER AWARDS were presented to "those societies or organizations which through the use of a newsletter or journal are keeping members effectively informed and making an important contribution toward the accomplishment of the goals and objectives of the societies or organizations."

A recognition such as this never belongs to one or two individuals but is the result of the hard work and participation of the entire group. I wish particularly to thank Janice Cavanaugh, the first editor of the Clarendon Courier, for her significant contributions during the early days of publication. Without Janice and the guidance and continued support of President Dean Jarrett, this award would not have been possible. Two others who have been important in this work are Billy Davis, for membership labels among other things, and Edgar Keal, for helping with the bulk mailing. And last, but certainly not least, a special thanks to Van Stilley for not only making editorial suggestions and proofing the finished product, but for always being there when I need someone with whom I can kick around ideas.

To all of the members of the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society, I am proud to be your editor, and on behalf of the editorial staff, I wish you Happy and Holy Holidays.

Jane Bailey



The response to the request for articles for the newsletter has been overwhelming. So many were received, in fact, that space was not available to print all of them in this issue. They will be saved and used at a later date; thank you for taking the time to research and submit them. The responsibility of the editorial staff is to select and edit material, balancing it according to geography, time, and interest. We welcome suggestions as well as corrections.



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As our second year as a genealogical society approaches, I am still overwhelmed at the progress being made by our members in various research endeavors. Hardly a day goes by that I do not receive a call or meet someone who has been touched by our efforts.

The work being done by Helen **Sammons** in researching queries is outstanding. Her work load has greatly increased and she is finding answers to lots of questions.

The great work that Delmas Haskett does is nothing short of remarkable. He is constantly abstracting and transcribing records that some of us would never see, were it not for his untiring efforts. A trip to the **North** Carolina Room will often make one stray from research to conversation with this gracious man who is always willing to share his love of genealogy with others.

From time to time, the Old Bew Hanover Genealogical Society honors a member who has gone more than the extra mile in fulfilling his or her commitments and responsibilities to the society. We choose Billy Davis, Jr. A years' membership is being given to him as a small token of appreciation for the many hours he has spent setting up a computer program for our membership records, maintaining these records, printing mailing labels for the newsletter, and many other tasks. Billy, you were one of the first people to volunteer to help us organize and we will always be grateful for your contributions.

The above mentioned people are only a few of our many, many volunteers who work behind the scenes to bring so much to so many. To name everyone would certainly use more than *my* allotted space, but to all of you, thanks and keep up the good work.

I am sure many of you do not know that Vice-President Randy Cary has been ill this summer. Because of an extended recuperative period, Randy has had to resign his duties as vice-president and as chairman of the Publications Committee. We are very sorry that he is ill and wish him a most speedy and complete recovery. He is a very hard act to follow. Randy, do take care and we hope to see you back real soon.

As we go into **the** holiday season, I wish each of you life's richest blessings.

Dean Jarrett

PUBLICATIONS REPORT

The following new books are listed on the enclosed Publications Order Form, revised November 1990. Volume 2 of the Oakdale Cemetery Records, Wilmington, NC by Bill Reeves has been printed and is ready for delivery (# A - 19). Four **volumes** of Bew Hanover County Court Minutes, 1739 - 1800, are reprints of books published by the late Alexander Walker (# A - 20, 21, 22, and 23).

Just off the press! The **New** Hanover County 1865 Tax List has also been printed and is ready for delivery. It was too late to get it on the order form, but you may write it in as # A-24. This is an important book because it covers the period just after the Civil War. A lot of people fled the coast during the war and hired agents to pay their taxes. In many cases, they were not counted in the 1860 Census. This may be the only public record that listed these people between the years 1860-1870.



GENEALOGY NOTES FROM THE NEW HANOVER PUBLIC LIBRARY....

The following new genealogical books are available in the **NC** Room:

American Militia in the Frontier Vars, 1790-1766

Census of Pensioners 1840

Child Apprentices in America from Christ's Hospital 1616-1778

The Complete Book of Emigrants, 1661-1699

County Courthouse Book

Early Palatine Emigration

The Heritage of Blacks in North Carolina Volume I

Marriage and Death Notices from Wilmington, North Carolina
Newspapers 1866-1870

Oakdale Cemetery Records, Wilmington, North Carolina 1870-1919

Passports of Southeastern Pioneers 1770-1823

Tidewater Virginia Families given by Mr. John Butler in memory of his
wife, Mary Peavy Butler.

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RESEARCH SOURCES... South Carolina by Lonnie E. McDowell, Jr.

The South Caroliniana Library at the University of SC, Columbia, has the Leonardo Andrea Collection of genealogical information. This collection, containing thousands of files (some are extensive) on surnames from South Carolina is on microfilm and may be viewed during library hours. (M-F, 8-5 p.m.; Sat. 9-1 p.m. After 5 00 p.m., Tues. & Thurs., microfilm may be taken from the manuscript dept. to be viewed in the book div which is open until 8:00 p.m.) The phone numbers for the library: Manuscript Dept., (804) 777-5183; Book Div., 777-3132.

You may also rent a file by mail by requesting an order form with prices. Send a self-addressed, stamped, business size envelope to Miss Connie Andrea, 4204 Divine Street, Columbia. SC 29205. The current price structure of files is 1-25 pages, \$5.00; 25-50 pages, \$10 00. The rates increase with the size of the files and postage is additional.

[Editor's Note: We want to thank Mr. McDowell for the above contribution. A series of articles on doing research in various parts of the country (and outside the continental USA) is in the planning stages. We want to do these by geographical areas and request our membership to contribute information to the editor.]

ONHGS QUERIES

November 1990

20-90. Seek origins of James A. KENNEDY/CANADY, b 1864 Wilmington, NC, d 1918 Durham, NC. How related to Alvis CANADY? James A. KENNEDY, 257 **Woodhaven** Rd., Glastonbury, CT 06033.

21-90. Exch info fam of Asa MURRAY & Elizabeth PLAYER who md 1802 Duplin Co., NC. Ch b & md New Hanover Co., NC: Sarah md Lott CROOM; Ester md Hardy CROOM; Obed Edwin md Susan; Allie md Richard T. BOWDEN; Owen md Sarah Margaret ORMSBY; Nancy md James CARR; Patsy; David mdl Mary, md2 Catherine SAUNDERS. Malcolm R. DIXON, 5431 **Merkens** Dr., San Antonio, TX 78229.

22-90. Seek origins of Francis MORSE, in Brunswick Co., NC, by 1820, d there 1843, Justice of Brunswick Court 1834-1843; md Frances E. BURNS 1795 Onslow Co., NC. Known ch: Uriah, Bryan, Charlotte. Sarah A. **McNEIL**, 120 N. Lord St., Southport, NC 28461.

23-90. Seek descs of Julia/Daisy McINTYRE, dau of Andrew James & Susan Aurelia (NEWELL) McINTYRE, b 1880 Pender Co., NC, d 1951 Fulton Co., GA, md New Hanover Co., NC, 1901 Joseph Murdock MFTIN, son of I. C. M. & Ann Elizabeth (PERSALL) LOFTIN, b 1876 Duplin Co., NC, d 1916 Belgium. Exch. Joyce Jones FRANK, 1116 Grinnell Rd., **Wilmington**, DE 19803.

24-90. Seek info on Elias JENERETTE/GENERETT, whose 1762 New Hanover Co., NC, will names Margaret CHICKEN [what connection?] & her sons John, Lidy, Elias, & Isaac. How related to Elias JENERETTE b 1759, d 1833 Columbus Co., NC, and Elias JENERETTE b 1812 Bladen or Columbus Cos., NC? Mrs. A. E. VAN OS, Route 2, Box 148, **Quincy**, FL 32351.

25-90. Need help sorting out three, four, or more men named Fountain STILLEY in Craven Co., NC, before 1850. Family came from Somerset Co., MD. Van A. STILLEY, 3812 Sweetbriar Rd., **Wilmington**, NC 28403, 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.



GRAVESTONES THROUGHOUT PENDER COUNTY by June E. Swinson

The following gravestone records were taken from Pender County, NC Gravestone Records, Vol. II by Lenora Hiatt **McEachern**.

Topsail Presbyterian Church Graveyard - Hwy# 17, on left just E. of Hampstead, NC. (page 15)

Leonora, wife of R. M. King
Died 24 **March** 1885 in her 78th year.
R. M. King
8 August 1807 - 28 February 1886

Burgaw Graveyard - Located on E. side of Burgaw, NC (page 36)
[The following names are on the same stone]

Samuel P. Hand, Sr. 1831-1888
Lessie F. Hand, wife, 1849-1881
Samuel P. Hand, Jr. 1875-1918
William V. Hand, son, 1880-1881
Katie B. Hand, wife, 1839-1919

Bethlehem Baptist Church Graveyard - Hwy # 210, on right just beyond intersection of # 210 and county road # 1102. (page 54)

Lucien Wright Wilson
only son of Silvanus F. and Elizabeth Wilson
Volunteered in Confederate Service 24 December 1863
Co. C, 36th Reg. NC Troops
Captured at Fort Fisher 15 January 1865
Died Elmira, **New York** as Prisoner of War
Erected by his mother
15 September 1844 - 3 April 1865

Rileys Creek Baptist Church Graveyard - Intersection of Hwy # 133 and County # 1408. (page 73)

Same stone
Iseral F. Kieth: 1822-1898
Elizabeth M. Kieth: 1823-1902

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From Abstracts of Early Wills of Ben Hanover Count~, NC Vol. 1
Abstracted and Compiled by Mae B. Graves

Rooks, Sarah - June 4, 1829. **March** term 1830 (page 85)

To my brother Benjamin **Moore** - slaves. To Sara Ann Wright - My Gig. To brother William Moore's Children: Sarah **Mott**, John R. Moore, Dennis Moore, and Ann **Moore** - all my stock, furniture and tools, equally divided.

Sig: Sarah Rooks. Wits: Robert Henry, George Moore.

(Will Book AB, page 255)

NEW HANOVER COUNTY GUARDIAN BONDS - 1843 - 1854

Abstracted by
Delmas Haskett

Arranged and Typed by
Debbie Edens

These abstracts were taken from microfilmed records located in the Local History Room of the New Hanover County Public Library in Wilmington, NC.

Property often came into the possession of persons who were unable to handle it because of age or infirmity. Probate authorities appointed guardians, receivers, trustees, or collectors to take charge of such property. Guardians were appointed for orphans; for children of living parents but who were possessed of estates; for children who were parties to legal proceedings; for incompetents such as lunatics, idiots, and inebriates. However, most researchers will probably be most concerned with guardians of orphans.

Guardians were appointed from among relatives or neighbors of the ward or from other persons considered trustworthy by the probate authority. Those persons under the care of a guardian were called wards, but this did not necessarily mean the ward was an orphan.

Children fourteen years of age or older were allowed to choose their own guardians and were allowed to change guardians. They were legally minors or infants until the age of twenty-one years.

Upon appointment by the probate authority, guardians were required to take oaths and post bonds before receiving letters of guardianship. Guardians were also required to submit an annual report or account to the court and to renew their bonds periodically. A surety was a person who assumed responsibility for the guardian's character and financial stability.

For additional information on the nature of Guardians Bonds, please consult pages 176 and 177, Chapter 11, North Carolina Genealogy and Local History, Edited by Helen F. M. Leary and Maurice R. Stirewalt (The North Carolina Genealogical Society, Raleigh, NC, 1980)

PART 1 in a Series

New Hanover County 1843 - 1854

March Court 1843: James WESTBROOK, guardian for Joel PICKETT. Sureties: Owen HABSLEY & H. W. FOY.

March Court 1845: John F. SPICER, guardian for Wary, Catherine, Eliza & Thos. I. BIXOB. Sureties: J. FOY, D. W. SANDERS, D. S. SANDERS, N. NIXON & John A. SAWERS.

June Court 1841: Wm. JONES, guardian for Margaret Ann JONES. Sureties: Peter SMITH, William S. ASHE & D. S. SAWERS.

Sept. Court 1841: Edward B. DUDLEY, guardian for Eliza Ann, Jane, Margaret & Robert DUDLEY. Sureties: R. H. COWAN & Wm. A. WRIGHT.

Dec. Court 1841: Ann FENNELL, guardian for Pheobe C., Margaret A., Wm. W., Bicholas H., Chas. Thomas & James R. FENNELL. Sureties: Wm. C. HEBRY & Geo. W. BANNERMAN.

Dec. Court 1841: Geo. W. MORDECAI, guardian for Wary E., Ellen, Mary C. & Julia LAZARUS. Sureties: Duncan CAMERON, Wm. BOYLAN & Chas. L. HIBTOB.

Dec. Court 1841: Wm. C. HENRY, guardian for Sarah Jane, George W., Wm. B., Wary & Chas. Thos. HEBRY. Sureties: Geo. W. BANNERMAN & A. F. MURPHY.

Dec. Court 1841: Thomas HABSLEY, guardian for John, Wm. & Winifred FUTCH. Sureities: John HOWARD h Owen HABSLEY.

Dec. Court 1841: John S. PEARSON, guardian for Wm. H. & Douglas C. BEATTY. Sureties: Wm. H. BEATTY & Geo. W. BANNERMAN.

Dec. Court 1841: Marietta WATTERS, guardian for Samuel PAXTON & Sarah A. WATTERS. Surety: Samuel BLACK.

Dec. Court 1841: John L. LONDOB, guardian for Wary B., Jane V. & Sally M. LONDON. Sureties: Thos. H. WRIGHT, Wm. C. LORD & Wm. A. WRIGHT.

Dec. Court 1841: John A. LILLINGTON, guardian for Lillington **CORBIN**. Surety: Parker QUIHCE.

John HOWARD, guardian for heirs of James HOWARD.

Flora A. COLOM, guardian for heirs of Wm. B. COLOM.

John HOWARD, guardian for heirs of John GEORGE.

Lott WILLIAMS, guardian for **Isaac** & Priscilla **JAMES**.

→ Nicholas N. **NIXON**, guardian for Henrietta S. ~~LOSTON~~

Jacob **JAMES**, guardian for Nancy JAMES.

March Court 1842: Wm. A. WRIGHT, guardian for Geo. **M.**, Henry E., & Charlotte BUCK. Sureties: Daniel B. BAKER & James T. MILLER.

June Court 1842: Elizabeth SAUNDERS, guardian for Wm. SAUNDERS. Sureties: E. P. HALL & John HALL.

June Court 1842: John JONES, JR., guardian for Chas., Mary & Martha WHITE. Sureties: Wm. S. LARKIBS & James GARRISON.

June Court 1842: John WOOSTER, guardian for John W. HOLMES. Sureties: Thos. H. WRIGHT & J. G. WRIGHT.

Jeremiah LIPPITT, guardian for Wm. L. SMITH.

B. F. Mitchell, guardian for Robert ---.

Sept. Court 1842: Joseph **M.** FOY, guardian for Wm. I. FOY. Sureties: H. W. FOY & D. S. SANDERS.

Sept. Court 1842: Joseph E. LEWIS, guardian for Susan, Mary & Martha Washington BONHAW. Sureties: C. B. MILLER, Richard C. LEWIS & D. MORGAN.

Sept. Court 1842: Nathl. BONHAM, guardian for Charles & Sally BONHAM. Sureties: J. E. LEWIS, C. ALDERMAN, H. BONHAM & Hanson COLVIN.

Sept. Court 1842: James GARRISON, guardian for Mary, Priscilla & Wm. Jones SAUL ?. Sureties: Washington COLLINS & Wm. L. **LARKINS**.

Sept. Court 1842: Jeremiah BIXOB, guardian for Chas. Wm., David Evans, Hill Williams, Nicholas and Benjm. F. BIXOB. Sureties: B. N. BIXOB, C. B. MORRIS & D. S. SAWERS.

Dec. Court 1842: George M. BISHOP, guardian for Susannah GARRISOB. Sureties: T. V. BLUDWORTH & H. W. FOY.

March Court 1843: Alex V. ABDERSOB, guardian for Priscilla? HOWARD. Sureties: R. W. BROWN & E. A. AEDERSOB.

Karch Court 1843: Nary A. RIVERA, guardian for Sarah L. RIVERA. Sureties: J. T. MILLER & L. H. KARSTELLA.

March Court 1843: Kary P. HARRISS, guardian for Wm., George, Behemiah, Marg., Laura & Emma. Sureties: J. A. TAYLOR & J. D. BELLAKY.

March Court 1843: Mary BANNERMAN, guardian for George H., Elizabeth A., Kary J., Hester P. & J. P. BANNERMAN. Sureties: Jas. KERV, Chas. HENRY & P. MURPHY.

March Court 1843: James S. GREEN, guardian for Adam, Ann S., Chas. W., Susan W., Lucy W., Wm. R. EMPIE. Sureties: Thos. H. WRIGHT & Wm. A. WRIGHT.

March Court 1844: John G. MUGHAB ?, guardian for John, Penny A., Joshua, Susan & Owen ? MAUGHAN. Sureties: Wm. KAUGHAB ? & Wm. L. LARKIES.

March Court 1844: N. B. NIXON, guardian for Henrietta L. LOFTIB. Sureties: J. HIXOH, M. C. BIXOB, D. S. SANDERS, O. HABSLEY, Geo. & Luke McLAMMEY.

Karch Court 1844: David JONES, guardian for Susan Ann ?. Sureties: Chas. HENRY & Jas. F. CROOK.

Oct. Court 1844: Ann FEBEELL, guardian for minors of James FENNELL. Sureties: O. FENNELL & G. V. BABBERKAB.

June Court 1844: John JONES, JR., guardian for Catherine E. & Eliza J. HENRY. Surety: James GARRISOB.

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 CORONERS' 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 "**crowner**" 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 FOUR IN THE SERIES

BRUNSWICK COUNTY

HOOPER, JOHN. Drowned by accident on 5 Apr 1768. Inquest held in Brunswick Co. on 5 Apr 1768. Thomas DICK, coroner, Jury: David **SMEETH**; Richard **OGDON**; Willm. **GATCOMB**; John CARTER; Willm. GALLAVAY; Alexr. **GIBSON**; Joseph **HERRISON**; Waltr. **GUNKISON**; John GALLAVAY; Jeremiah **DUN**; James BELL; John **CALLIHORN**. [NOTE: A copy; not original with signatures.]

VAIR, GEORGE, mariner of H.M. sloop of war Martin, Capt. HAYWARD, commander. Drowned; accessory to his own death by deliberately jumping overboard. Inquest held aboard the vessel in Brunswick Co. on 3 Jul 1768. Thomas DICK, coroner. Jury: David **SMEETH**; James **McBLHEANEY**; James **CREVEN**; Willm. GIBSON; John CARTER; James CARTER; John **BOWMAN**; John **ANDERSON**; John **TEATOM**; Joseph **HERRISON**; Walter **GUNKINSON**; Alex. **GIBSON**.

STEEL, BRICE, of the sloop Patience. Drowned by accidentally falling into the seas. Inquest held in Brunswick Co. on 3 Aug 1769. Isaiah PARVISOL, [coroner?]. Jury Darby (x) EGAE [failed to make his mark, however]; Richd. VILSOB; Wm. CUPPLES; Philip **JONES**; John **BURGEN**; John ROHAIB, Thomas **VILLSON**; John (x) OLIVE; John BARES; Thos. CARTER; James (x) CARTER; Dennis **SHAW**.

UNKNOWN man. Drowned by accidentally falling into river near Maurice **MOORE**'s. Inquest held in Brunswick Co. on 30 Mar 1770. [Coroner not named.] Jury: Wm. DAVIS; John VAIIS; Edmund **FOGERTIE**; Hadnell **HUFFHAM**; William **GODFREY**; Alexr. IEGLIS.

NELTON, RICHARD. Drowned by accidentally falling into the river at Brunswick. Inquest held in Brunswick Co. on 1 Apr 1770. [Coroner not named.] Jury: David **SMEETH**; James **THOMPSON**; John **BROWE**; Waler **JUNKSON** (i.e., Walter **JUNKISON**); Thomas (x) **GRAEM**; John (x) OLIVE; Josue **GABOUREL**; John **CHEESE**; Richd. VILSOB; Arthur **MacKAY**; Philip **JONES**; Thomas (x) CARTER; George (x) **McFARLIN**; Joseph EARL; Money found in **NELTON**'s pocket (14 pounds/16/0 proc.), 1 pr. silver shoe buckles, and some papers in the hands of Mr. Jas. **SVAN**.

PUNGER, JAMES, a soldier from Fort Johnston. Accidentally killed by being shot while on his way through the woods to the fort. Inquest held in Brunswick Co. on 28 Apr 1770. [Coroner not named.] Jury: Arthur **MacKAY**; Wm. GIBSOE; James **WHITE**; Philip **JONES**; Josue GABOUREL; John (x) OLIVE; John **BARRESS** [?]; Wm. **CHEYNE**; Wm. **FAULKNER**; Thomas (x) **GREENAM**; James (x) CARTER; Thomas (x) FIELD; Willm. CAIW.

GAULT, WILLIAM, mariner. Died by accidentally falling from vessel into Cape Fear River near Brunswick. Inquest held in Brunswick Co. on 30 Dec 1770. [Coroner not named.] Jury:

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY (GAULT, WILLIAM continued)

Wm. **FAULKNER**; Richard **CAIBS**; Blan (x) **BEVIB**; Joseph **HARRIS**;
Walter **JUNKISON**; John **GUERARD**; Albert **BARRY**; Philip **JONES**; Edward
(x) **VELCH**; Elias **CALKIBS**; James **CORNER**; William **BARRETT**; Daniel
(x) **OVIBS**; Jacob **LEVIS**; James **McKANNA**; David **SMEETH**; John **CHEESE**;
Josue **GABOUREL**.

EDWARDS, JOHN. Died accidentally by falling into Cape Fear
River at Brunswick. Inquest held in Brunswick Co. 12 Apr 1771.
[Coroner not named.] Jury: David **SMEETH**; Thomas (x) **GRAYHAM** (see
above spelling of **GRAEM**); George **CAMPION**; John **McILHENY**; Jacob
LEVIS; Joseph **EARLE**; William **BARRET**; John (x) **ANDERSON**; Benjamin
(x) **BASSET**; Philip **JONES**; John **CHEESE** John **ROGERS**; John
VILKIBSOB; Thomas **BRIDGES**.

UNKNOWN mariner from **H. M. S. THOMAS**. Died by accidentally
falling into Cape Fear River at Brunswick and drowning. Inquest
held in Brunswick Co. on 19 Aug 1772. [Coroner not named.]
Jury: John **CHEESE**; James **WHITE**; Richard **RUSSELL**; John **ROMIB**;
Joseph (x) **HARRISON**; Elias **CALKIES**; Francis **SAVAGE**; John
McILHENNY; John **KENNEDY**; George **SOUTES** [?]; Wm. **FAULKNER**; Elijah
CRANDES [?]; Richd. **CAIBS**.

CASTERET COUNTY

SMYTH, JOHN. By accident, tumbled into a small creek near
the house of George **COGDELL** in Carteret Precinct on 25 Mr 1738
and drowned. Inquest held in Carteret Precinct, at the house of
George **COGDELL** on 27 Mar 1738. Jas. **VIERIGHT**, coroner. Jury: Wm.
WILKINS; Dd. (x) **SHEPARD, SR.**; Chas. **COGDELL**; Joseph **HOLMES**;
David **SHEPARD, JR.**; Wm. J. **LAHPKIB**; Thomas **HAMLIN**; David **LEVIS**;
E. **CHMVICK**; Joseph **BELL**; Cornelous (?) **CANNADAY**; Joshua (x)
BASH; John (x) **HARMON**; Timothy (x) **MEROTHEW**; Benj. (x) **BALDVIB**;
[TORN]

AUSTIB, RACHEL. Killed by an accidental shot from a gun in
the hands of Edmund **AUSTIB**, an infant. Inquest held in Carteret
County, St. John's Parish, at the house of Thomas **AUSTIB**, gentle-
man, on 15 Jan 1743. Jas **VIERIGHT**, coroner. Jury: Thos.
LOVICK, foreman; Alrthurl **MABSON**; Geo. **REED**; John **SHACKELFORD**;
Richd. **RUSTULL, JR.**; John **LOVICK**; Samuel **NEGUS**; John **LOVET**;
William **OVEN**; James **BELL**; David **LEVIS**; Thomas **BELL**; John **BELL**;
Thos. **MANN**; Richd. **COGDELL**; Daniel **REES**; David **EVANS**.

(End of Carteret Co. Inquests)

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We want to extend a warm welcome to Warren Deverel of Paris,
France, our first international member. We hope he will submit
articles for the newsletter that will aid those doing research on
French ancestors.



HERE AND THERE

It isn't too early to mark your calendars for the annual conferences of the National Genealogical Society:

- 29 May - 1 June 1991 "Come to the End of the Oregon Trail"
Portland, Oregon, hosted by the Genealogical
Forum of Oregon, Inc.
- 29 Apr - 2 May 1991 Jacksonville, Florida, hosted by the
Jacksonville Genealogical Society

Attention all Confederacy buffs: Rod Gragg will be in the area in mid-December autographing his new book, Confederate Goliath: The Storming of Ft. Fisher - 1865. He will be at The Bookery in the Cotton Exchange on Saturday, 15 December from 12:00 noon until 3:30 p.m..

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MOORE RESEARCH GROUP FORMS

The **Moore**s of eastern **North** Carolina were significant political and economic influences in the Tar Heel State. During this century, various branches of the **Moore** family have been researched concerning their progenitors in S.C., Craven Co. NC, and VA.

The Moore Research Group was recently established to study the **Moore**s as a group over a range of **N.C.** counties, compiling the vast amount of data into an organized and coherent whole. The Steering Committee of the Group is composed of A. Gregg Moore of Castle Hayne, Dean Jarrett, and Helen Moore **Sammons** of Wilming-ton. The Moore Research Group will hold its first meeting upstairs in the **New** Hanover County Library at noon, Saturday, 12 January 1991. All **Moore**s and all interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate. Queries should be addressed to A. Gregg Moore, P.O. Box 2536, Wilmington, **NC** 28402-2536.

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HABOVER COUNTY MUSEUM HAPPELLIGS: Sundays at 2:30 p.m., Wilmington, NC

20 Jan. - "Good To Be An Indian, Proud and Free." A history of the Lumbee Indians. A federally funded film explores the history of the Lumbee Indians of **Roberson** County. Facilitator, Dr. Stanley Knick, Director of the Uative American Resource Center at Pembroke University gives updated information on the status of the Lumbee community and projections for its future.

10 Feb. - "**Ky** Folks Don't Vant **Me** to Talk About Slavery." Discussion and slave narrative (oral history) readings from the Federal **Writers** Project of the Great Deparession era. The author, Belinda **Hurmen**ce, gives an overview of the project with special emphasis on North Carolina's Lower Cape Fear area entries. Local actress, Joyce Gear, presents dramatic portrayals for some of the narratives. Autographed books will be available.

24 Mar. - Slide-lecture. "From Europe to America: Immigrant Communities in the Lower Cape Fear." The program focuses on the ethnic groups, locations of communities, and labor associated with immigrants in southeastern **North** Carolina. Professor Frank Ainsley, **UNC-W**, will discuss his research on St. Helena, a **MacRae** colony, and other immigrant **settlements**.



REMINDERS

The "Clarendon Courier" is published quarterly in June, September, December, and March. Copy deadline: **10th** of the month prior to the publication date. The deadline for the March 1991 newsletter is 10 February.

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