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FROM OUR NEW PRESIDENT:

Dear Members,

Since the beginning of our new year in July this is my first opportunity to thank our entire membership for the opportunity you have given me to serve in this unique way. Everyone's interest and concern in our organization is most appreciated.

We are off to a very good start with the programs and activities planned by our Vice-President, David Johnston.

In August we had an ice cream social following our business session. Hugh B. Johnston, of Wilson, was the speaker at our last meeting.

Our workshop on South Carolina records will be Oct 30th at the Herman Park Center. The more people assisting the easier it will be for everyone. Please call me at 658-2674 and volunteer. You will find more details on the workshop in this newsletter.

Are your dues current? If not please mail them to our treasurer right away. Yvonne's address is given in the list of members.

If you have suggestions concerning activities or programs for this year please give them to me or one of the other officers. We want the activities to be of interest to all of the members, but we can't make those kinds of plans without your input.

I shall look forward to seeing you at our next meeting, Oct 3rd, at the Town Meeting Hall at 3 p.m.

Sincerely,  
Frances H. Andrews, Pres.

BELOW IS THE ORDER FORM FOR THE HERITAGE BOOK

Wayne County Heritage Book Committee  
P.O. Box 466  
Goldsboro, N.C. 27530

Wayne County Heritage Book Committee

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Total enclosed. .... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

If book is to be mailed, add \$2.90 per book for postage and handling. .... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

N.C. residents add \$1.20 sales tax per copy\*\* ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ copies at the pre-publication price of \$30\* per copy ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Price will advance to \$35 per copy on October 15, 1982. \*\*N.C. sales tax \$1.40

Make check payable to:  
Wayne County Heritage Book Committee

Order form for The Heritage of Wayne County

Dear Members,

All of you have been very understanding about the lack of newsletter this year. The Heritage book took a great deal more time and effort than we realized it would, however, the book has now gone to the publisher. We have been assured that we will have the book for distribution by Nov. 20th. Following our new Presidents message you will find an order blank in case you have not yet ordered your book. The history section of the book was written by John Baxton Flowers III of Raleigh. It will be most informative as well as interesting. There were 54 church histories submitted as well as a number of businesses, the history of education in the county is very complete and includes private education in the early days to the advent of free public education and looks at today's problems in education. Most interesting for most of you will be the 697 family histories that were turned in. We will be maintaining the names and addresses of all submitting authors and if you write the committee we will forward the request if you will send a stamped unaddressed envelope to us.

Several other counties have also started on heritage books. The Duplin County book is being done by the Duplin Co. Historical Society, P. O. Bx 130, Rose Hill, N.C. For information on the Sampson Co. book write to Oscar Bizzell, Rt. 2 Bx 28, Newton Grove, N.C. Wake Co. Genealogical Society P. O. Bx 616, Garner, N.C. 27529 has a deadline for family histories of Oct. 15th.

The July meeting of our society saw a change of officers, your new president is: Frances H. Andrews of Mount Olive, V.-Pres. David Johnston, Recording Sec. Margaret McCleenny, Corresponding Sec. Fannie Isler, Treas. Yvonne Hatch. We are fortunate to have such an excellent slate of officers for the coming year. We think you will enjoy what has been planned for you.

In this newsletter you will find a blank pedigree chart, please fill it in and bring it to the Oct. meeting or if you can not make the meeting please mail it to me at my home address: {address removed} We want to publish the lines everyone is working on.

Have you discovered any omissions or errors in the Wayne County Cemetery Book? If so please notify me so that they may be put in future newsletters.

An important new publication on Wayne County is now off the press. Tania S. Ham, whose address is: 1073 Murray Drive, Jacksonville, Fla. 32205. Tania has published the Wayne Co. Minutes of Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions 1787-1794. Her work was reviewed in the Aug. 1982 issue of the North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal. The book is indexed & contains 164 pages, cost is \$18 and may be ordered from Tania at the above address.

William L. Murphy is the author of a book published by the Duplin Co. Historical Society, P. O. Box 130, Rose Hill, N.C. 28458. The book is titled: Genealogical

Abstract: Duplin County Wills, 1730-1860, cost of the book is \$29.50. The review in the N.C.G. S. Journal calls it "superior in organization, eminently useful". Bill wrote me that he is currently working on a book on Greene County cemeteries. We will give you more details once we know a publication date and price.

Included in this issue is a list of all of the members from last year. If you have not yet paid this years dues, please mail your check for \$5 to Yvonne Hatch, Rt. 4, Box 87, Mount Olive, N.C.

We are delighted to announce a workshop sponsored by the Old Dobbs County Society on S. C. Records. We are indeed fortunate to have Mrs. Beverly Shuler as the lecturer. Mrs. Shuler is a resident of Mt. Pleasant, S. C., a graduate of Converse College, received her Masters degree in Sociology from the University of Ga., she is a Certified Genealogical Records Searcher (this is a national certification by the National Genealogical Society). She was a Panelists at the workshop on Souther Records, sponsored by the National Society in 1981. A panelists for five years on the Institute for Genealogical and Historical Research, a yearly event conducted by Sanford University. You will find all the details on the workshop in this newsletter along with a pre-registration form.

As you are aware we have had to change the place of our meetings. Due to funding cuts the decision was made by the library board to close the library on Sundays. in addition to the Sunday closing the library will close at 6 p.m. on Thur. and Fri. We hope to see this changed at some point in the future. We know that many of you came early for the meetings to do some research and we regret very much that politics has forced this closing. We will keep you posted on any changes.

Have you gone researching in any other state recently? If so you have come home with a new appreciation of our wonderful state archives and our fine staff! I recently went to the Tn. State Archives...what a disappointment! No original records are available for you to use, everything is either published abstracts or on microfilm. The original material is still in the counties, therefore genealogical research in Tn. is much more time consuming and costly than in N.C. Why not drop your state senate and representatives a note and tell him what a top-notch archives and staff we have?

#### GENEALOGY CLASSES BEING OFFERED:

I will be teaching at Wayne Community College on Tues. mornings and evenings. The class meets in the local history room of the public library. Morning class members are to use the employee entrance in the rear of the building. Cost of the class is \$8. I will also be teaching in Johnston County on Thurs. afternoons and evenings. The class will meet at 1:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. in the Smithfield Public Library, upstairs lecture room Cost will be \$8. WCC classes will begin Oct 5th and the Johnston classes began Sept 16th, it is still open. Frances will begin a class at Mt. Olive College Library at 9 a.m. on Sept 29th. Cost \$8. She will also be teaching a class in Kennansville beginning on Sept 30th, pre-registration is requested for this course. Pre-register by call:

ing James Sprunt Institute in Kennansville, 296-1341 or Frances at 658-2674. Cost \$8. All of these courses are free of charge to anyone over age 65.

#### GENEALOGICAL HINTS:

Are you trying to find an elusive great grandfather? Don't overlook the Voter Registration Act of 1902-1908. Often called the grandfather voter clause, this is a listing of all men who registered during this time period and is based on their ancestor who was a qualified voter prior to 1867. The lists are done by county and therein by townships and include the name of the man registering to vote, his age, the name of his voting (or qualified to vote) ancestor and the date of the registration. These records are on microfilm and can be inter-library loaned. The full title is: Secretary of State Voter Registration Records, 1902-1908. Call number and order reference for Wayne Co. is S. 108.132N. In using them remember that the list are by townships and so you would be wise to check all townships.

Are those old newspaper clippings that you've been holding on to for so many years turning yellow and threatening to crumble? Experts at the National Archives, who have the same problem, suggest the following method of preserving old newspapers:

Mix 2 teaspoons of magnesium carbonate and a quart of club soda in a large plastic dish. Sandwich the clippings between two pieces of screen made of Pellon (a fabric sold in most fabric stores). Soak for 30 minutes. Mop up excess liquid with blotting paper and allow to dry overnight on more blotting paper. After using the preservation technique, store the clippings in a well sealed plastic bag. They should keep forever!

Wills between 1663 and 1760, no matter where probated or where the man lived were filed with the Sec. of State. The one exception to this was Carteret Co.

Do you have any genealogical hints you would like to share with the Group? If so please send them to me.

DO REMEMBER THE MEETING ON OCT. 3rd AT 3 p.m. AT THE TOWN HALL ON ASH ST. THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT MEETING AND WE URGE ALL MEMBERS TO ATTEND.

Sincerely,

Charlotte R. Carrere, Editor

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