



# CLARENDON COURIER

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## APRIL MEETING

The next meeting of the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society will be held on 22 April at 2:00 p.m. in the Meeting Room of the New Hanover County Library. Our program will feature as speaker Lee Albright, Head Genealogical Services Branch, State Library of North Carolina. Mrs. Albright has been the chief librarian in the genealogical section for over ten years. Her topic will be "Cost Effective Research." She says that she sees so many genealogists spend too much time looking in all the wrong places when a simple research strategy is often available. She will also discuss the resources in the genealogical section of the State Library and will entertain questions.

## SIGNIFICANCE OF CLARENDON COURIER

CLARENDON: Clarendon was one of three counties authorized by the Lords Proprietors of Carolina to be set up in 1664. The Concessions and Agreement of 1665 directed that this county be confined to "one side of the main river near Cape Faire, on which some of the adventurers are already settled, or Intend to settle, and the Islands in or near the said River next the side they settle on, Unless they have already settled some Island near the other side, which if they have, they may Continue thereon." It was named for Edward Hyde, Earl of Clarendon, one of the Lords Proprietors. By July, 1663, and perhaps as early as November, 1663, or even earlier, a colony from Charleston, Massachusetts, was established here under the leadership of William Hilton. The site was abandoned by 1669, when a colony from Barbados under Sir John Yeamans arrived. This colony occupied "Charles Town" which the New Englanders had left. Yeamans was commissioned governor of Clarendon County in January, 1665, and the population reached an estimated eight hundred before the county was abandoned in 1667. The site of this settlement was later in New Hanover (and now in Brunswick) County. [Written by William S. Powell]

David Leroy Corbitt, The Formation of the North Carolina Counties, 1663-1943 Raleigh: State Department of Archives and History, 1950, p. xxiv.

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Annual membership in ONHGS is \$10.00 for individuals and institutions, \$15.00 family and \$100.00 lifetime.

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North Carolina Room

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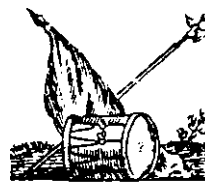
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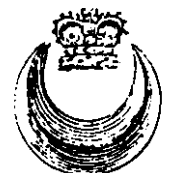
The Neu Hanover County Library was founded in 1906 and the North Carolina collection in the Library was begun in 1910. This special collection is made up of materials which relate to North Carolina and has been handed down through several former libraries, dating back to the Cape Fear Library of 1760. The collection is non-circulating. All research must be done during regular library hours:

Monday - Friday - 9 am to 9 pm  
Saturday - 9 am to 5 pm

For the genealogist and records searcher, the North Carolina Room contains volumes of abstracted records and family histories. The CORE collection of county records on microfilm includes deeds, wills, marriage records, tax lists and court records for Neu Hanover, Brunswick, Columbus, Duplin, Bladen and Pender Counties. Also on microfilm are the United States Federal Census records for North Carolina, 1790-1910. Patrons are encouraged to donate copies of their research papers and participate in the ongoing publications program. Information on Afro-American genealogy is available in the North Carolina Room.



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DEBK

What do I say? Do I use words like "exciting," auspicious," memorable," historical," exhilarating?" This is all of these - the organization of Old New Hanover Genealogical Society on March 4, 1989.

Those of you who **were** able to attend our First meeting know that the society has high aspirations and ambitious plans. **Many** of these will be discussed in coming newsletters and meetings. We want to be, and must be, true to the highest ideals of quality genealogical research while adhering to the principles of accuracy and thoroughness. We can do this by conducting quality classes and workshops, and by supporting by our attendance those conducted by our fellow societies. We want to encourage the use and interpretation of primary source materials.

Since we are only a little over a month old, some of our plans are not yet formulated and in place. In this light, the April and May newsletter format is a temporary one, not yet refined. We expect by the September 1989 meeting to have the permanent format in place. We would appreciate your suggestions and comments, because this is your society and your newsletter. It is also our window to the outside and we want it to reflect good things.

At this point, I would certainly be remiss if I **did** not extend to Van A. Stilley my heartfelt thanks for his untiring efforts on behalf of **ONHGS**. Van was on the Council of the National Genealogical **Society** (NGS) for ten years and **was** author of their by-laws. He has **worked** diligently on our behalf and has written the by-laws for ONHCS. He is our Parliamentarian and advisor, and serves on the Program Committee.

As for the Board of ONHGS - Randolph J. Cary, Alma **Adcock**, Sue Estep and Michael Whaley - they make me look 'good every day and I am so grateful that they agreed to serve as organizing officers.

Beverly Tetterton, Local History Librarian of the New Hanover County Public Library, is an asset in her own right. For those who are close enough to attend the meeting and who use this facility personally, the North Carolina Room is a must. For those in our membership who must research from far places, **we** will do all we can to acquaint you **with** the records and materials available locally. One of the first things Beverly said to me when I moved to Wilmington about a year ago was, "We need a genealogical society here, the people want it." She knew that it would come to fruition.

Your **election** of me as ONHGS President is one of the highest honors I have ever received. Those of you who know me **will** say, "She speaks genealogy all the time." To those of you whom I have not met, I say, "The best is yet to come." We will become one of the best genealogical societies in the state; we have the folks, we have the will and we have the way.

## A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

So many wonderful folks signed up at the March meeting to serve on various committees and to do specific things. We are truly grateful. If you have not yet been called, you probably will be. Several of our committees are already in place and functioning. Many of you expressed desires to help with the newsletter. Since the **first** meeting, Janice Cavanaugh has accepted the post as Newsletter Editor. We think this job is in good hands. Jane and Russ Bailey are right there with her and some good things are in the works. When **Janice** calls you, have a little three letter word that begins with "y" on your lips.

The Publications Chair has not been filled yet. **Anyone out** there who would like to volunteer? Plans should get underway in the Fall. Call Dean **Jarrett** at 763-4071 if you can help here.

Helen Sammons is heading the Research Committee and will be looking for volunteers to help with the expected research requests. This committee will not be doing in depth research, but responding to specific requests.

We will be looking for news editors from the outlying counties of "Old New Hanover\*"; **Onslow**, Duplin, Brunswick, Sampson, Columbus and Pender. Call or write Janice. (See membership roster for address or phone number.)

If you have expertise in a particular area and would like to share it, let us know. If you want to take an active part in something that makes you feel great, call.

Computer Interest Group: As many of you know who attended the March meeting at the Library, conducted by P. B. Smith, we have the potential for a fine group here. Let us hear from you. You hackers out there with lots of experience, little experience, or just keen interest, we need you.

Charlotte Fetterman is our Historian. She will be wanting you to send any items of news in your area about the ONHGS to her for the scrapbook. We look forward to the history of ONHGS being kept in her capable hands. Let her know if you have good pictures, articles, or other items.

Those who attended the March meeting at the New Hanover County Public Library **will** understand why this special thanks goes to Muriel Piver, our Social Committee **Chairperson**. She did a great job on short **notice**. She will also be our trip coordinator. When she calls, remember that little "y" word.



## SOCIETY BRIEFS

Founded: March 4, 1989

Society Headquarters: Grace Fergus Room  
of the  
Charlie Jones Soong Bulldng  
Fifth Avenue Methodlst Church  
409 S. Fifth Avenue  
Wilmington, N. C.

Charter: Application has been submitted by Van Stilley to the  
Secretary of State for non-profit corporate charter

### Meeting Dates:

1989: April 22, May 27, September 23, October 28,  
November 18, December (Social) TBA

1990: January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26

### Coming Attractions:

Newsletter **Query** Section  
Ancestor Roster of Members  
Membership Cards  
Logo Contest

### Workshops and Meetings:

"Scottish Settlement of the Cape Fear Area" sponsored by the  
Forsyth County and the Old New Hanover County Genealogical  
Societies. Winston-Salem, N. C., September 22, 23, 1989

National Genealogical Society Meeting, June 6-9, 1990,  
Crystal City Hyatt, **Arlington**, Va. We will be organizing  
a bus tour for our members to take advantage of this event.

**Joint** Meeting Brunswick Historical Society and ONHGS -  
Southport, N. C., September 23, 1989

In May our meeting will be held at Sloop Point Plantation,  
home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves.

More details on all the aforementioned events will be  
**forthcoming** in future newsletters.





## GENEALOGY NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

According to Hobby Magazine genealogy is the number two pastime in the U.S. today (gardening being number one). The attendance at the Library's genealogy workshops indicates the validity of this claim. The ten lectures held between January 7 and March 16 attracted an average of fifty researchers each. The exciting **spinoff** of these gatherings has been the formation of the Old Nev Hanover Genealogical Society. The Library is pleased to support **it in** every way.

Records of approximately 20,000 burials at **Oakdale** Cemetery can now be seen in the North Carolina Room of the Library. Thanks to the cooperation of the Cemetery Board of Directors, Beverly Tetterton took the **five** drawers of index cards to the North Carolina **Archives** to be microfilmed. Covering the period from 1852 to the present, each card lists the name of the deceased, death date, age, owner and location of plot. This addition to the local history and genealogy collection will be of considerable value to researchers.

<u>N.</u>	<u>]</u>	<u>BOCIETY</u>
<u>CHALLENGES</u>	<u>]</u>	<u>OF COPYRIGHT LAW</u>

The National Genealogical Society (**NGS**) has asked the U. S. Copyright Office to reconsider its current policy of denying copyright registration to the work of compilers and transcribers of genealogical source records, a policy which, if applied, could have a devastating effect on genealogical publication.

In recent months, the Copyright Office of the Library of Congress, which registers **claims to copyright**, has undertaken a review of **its** policy and practices concerning fact-based compilations. Included in the review are "genealogical listings and transcriptions of public records", in addition to such other works as directories, mailing lists, membership lists, and organization charts.

NGS has also asked the Copyright Office to consider whether the transcription of public records written the Court hand of Colonial America may be **eligible** for the copyright protection. The editorial judgement necessary to accurately transcribe the handwriting and terminology of early American records transcends mere copying.

NGS fully supports the principle that the copyrighting of a transcription extends only to the author's work and not to the pre-existing material. Most public records are in the public domain and cannot be copyrighted. A second person, who believes he can produce a more complete, accurate transcription, is free to make his own transcription of the same records. He should not be free simply to reproduce and offer as his **own** the work of the first transcriber.

The **copyright** law is designed to give people incentives to produce new works. NGS believes those who undertake the arduous task of **transcribing**, indexing and publishing early public records should have their work protected by the copyright law. If **protection** is denied, the transcription and publication of these records may well come to an end.

This is a matter of the utmost importance to genealogists. Researchers without expertise in the **handwriting**, spelling, abbreviations and terminology of the **colonial** era may find it nearly impossible to use early colonial records, particularly those that are not indexed. Those persons with the necessary expertise, who are willing to undertake their transcription and indexing, provide a great service to genealogists, historians and others. Their work deserves the protection of the copyright law.

Persons who share these views should make their concerns known by writing to Ms. Harriet Oler, Chief, Examining Division, **Copyright** Office, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540, and to their United States Senators and Congressmen. Please send copies of your letters to Virginia Easley **DeMarce**, President, National Genealogical Society, 4527 17th Street, North, Arlington, VA 22207-2399, so NGS can monitor the interest in this matter.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The above article is taken from the January-February 1989 issue of the NGS Newsletter. A fuller discussion of these issues can be found in the January-February 1989 issue of the NGS Newsletter. Your Board of Directors is in full agreement with the NGS and NCGS on this matter and urges your immediate response in the manner suggested.)

#### QUERIES

Instructions: Please limit queries to 80 **words** per entry. The name and address of the person submitting the query are not counted in the 80-word allowance. Please prepare queries on a separate sheet of paper and state clearly, preferably by printing or typing. Queries are subject to editing.

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Muster your artistic skills and submit your entry to ONHGS, P. O. Box 2536, Wilmington, N. C. 28402. Deadline for entries is May 22, 1989. The winner **will receive** a one year FREE membership in ONHGS so **HURRY UP AND SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY**.

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## GENEALOGICAL COMPUTING

If you would like to use your personal computer for genealogical computing, you might be interested in modem-calling any of the following electronic bulletin boards which participate in the North Carolina Genealogy Conference (NCGC):

Raleigh, NC (919)851-8460, NC Central 151/100, Annon Nissan, SYSOP; Winston Salem, NC (919)725-7471, CHC OPUS, 151/603, Richard Norman SYSOP; Hickory, NC (704)294-2286, Cosmoe TBBS, 151/80, Bob Carswell SYSOP; N. Wilkesboro, NC (919)670-2846, Supply Cen OPUS 151/901, David Barlow, SYSOP; Smithfield, NC (919)934-9199, PI BBS, 364/702, Phyllis Rogers. SYSOP.

If you know of an electronic bulletin board system operator (SYSOP) in your area who might be interested in participating in the North Carolina Genealogy Conference (NCGC), ask that SYSOP to send a message requesting the NCGC to his Net EchoMail Coordinator. The North Carolina Genealogy Conference is also available from the Regional EchoMail Coordinator, Annon Nissan, 151/100, Raleigh NC. 1-(919)-851-8460.

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