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## MAY MEETING

MEETING TIME AND DATE: Saturday, 27 May 1989 - 11:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Colonial home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Graves, Sloop Point Plantation

PROGRAM: Covered dish dinner on the grounds and brief meeting

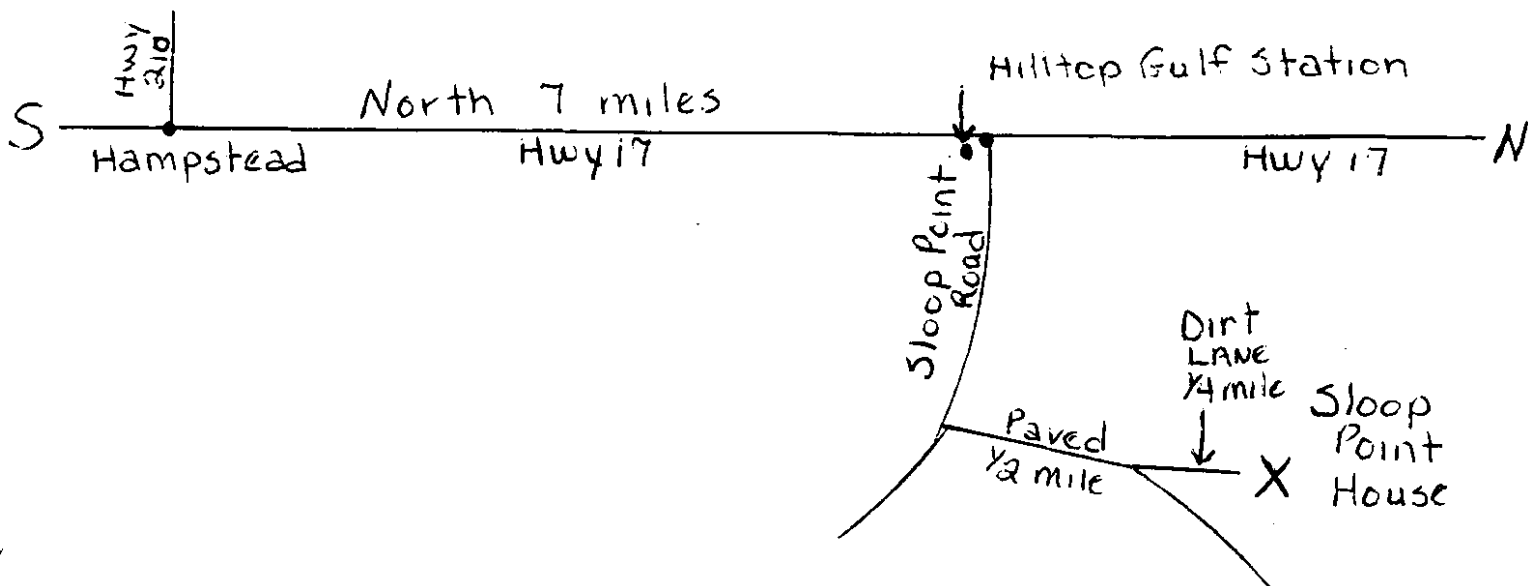
This will be a "rain or shine" affair. Bring your lawn chairs and two (2) covered dishes. Lemonade and ice will be furnished by our hosts, as well as picnic tables and trash receptacles. If you wish to have another beverage, please bring it. The Society will furnish paper goods.

Please plan your arrival for about 11:00 o'clock. We will eat at 12:00 noon.

The map below gives directions for getting to Sloop Point. If you plan to attend, please call Connie Edmondson, 763-7037. We need to have an idea of how many people will be attending in order to allow us to prepare adequately.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Graves was built in 1728 and is reported to be the oldest home in Southeastern North Carolina. It originally stood on 2,000 acres, but now stands on about 42 acres. Mrs. Graves is a noted genealogist and author.

You will not want to miss this meeting.....our last until September.



Old New Hanover Genealogical Society  
P. O. Box 2536  
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FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

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#### Membership

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

#### Queries

All queries should be mailed to:

P. O. Box 2536  
Wilmington, N. C. 28402  
Attn: Van A. Stilley,  
Queries Editor

Permission is granted to quote if the appropriate credit is given to the ONHGS NEWSLETTER and Author.

The season is at hand when people will be taking vacations, going to family reunions, and seeing folks they do not often visit. If you plan these trips to include research, it would be a good idea to do a bit of planning in advance. Consider the following tips:

- (1) Be sure that you have done your homework and exhausted the records in your local repositories, (N. C. Archives, local library and court-houses). Do not waste vacation time on research that can be done in your home county.
- (2) When visiting a courthouse, archives or library, be sure to check in advance on hours of operation.
- (3) Before you start your research project, be sure to make a research calendar, or at least know what it is you plan to look for. Pedigree charts and family group sheets, completed with the information you already know, will be most helpful. Your visit will be much more productive if you plan it well and follow through.
- (4) Take a camera and tape recorder, if you can. These two items are so helpful when looking for ancestors in cemeteries and talking with folks in person whom you do not often see.
- (5) Last but not least - DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT, DOCUMENT !!! Have a happy and safe summer, and good hunting!

#### DEADLINE FOR NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS

All material submitted for publication in this newsletter MUST be received by the editor no later than the 5th of the month. This will allow enough time for typing and editing. The editor reserves the right to include or exclude material as space allows.



GENEALOGY NOTES FROM THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library volunteers have been busy over the past few years abstracting, typing and indexing valuable Lower Cape Fear records. Unfortunately the following volumes are only available in the Local History Room of the Library. ONHGS is looking into the possibility of publishing these volumes, therefore making them available to a wider audience. The target date for publication is Fall 1989. Information regarding these records will be forthcoming in the Courier.

New Hanover County 1865 tax list / abstracted by Delmas D. Haskett; typed by Lenore C. Gordon

New Hanover County 1840 census / abstracted by Delmas D. Haskett; compiled by Lenore C. Gordon; indexed by William M. Reaves

New Hanover County 1830 census / abstracted by Delmas D. Haskett; compiled by Lenore C. Gordon; indexed by William M. Reaves

New Hanover County 1870 census / abstracted by Delmas D. Haskett; compiled and typed by Lenore C. Gordon

New Hanover County 1836 tax list / abstracted by Delmas D. Haskett; typed by Lenore C. Gordon; indexed by Helen Moore Sammons

Brunswick County 1810 census / abstracted by Delmas D. Haskett; typed by Lenore C. Gordon; indexed by William M. Reaves

New Hanover County 1815 and 1845 tax lists / abstracted by Delmas D. Haskett; typed by Lenore C. Gordon; indexed by William M. Reaves

New Hanover County 1800 census / abstracted by Delmas D. Haskett; typed by Lenore C. Gordon; indexed by William M. Reaves

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Marriage and death notices from Wilmington, North Carolina newspapers, 1860-1865 / compiled and indexed by Helen Moore Sammons

QUERIES

The Clarendon Courier will publish members' queries, subject to editing, of eighty words or less each, as space permits. Queries should be typed or printed on separate sheets, each with the submitter's name, address and membership number. Each should state some connection to southeastern North Carolina or northeastern South Carolina.

From Harriet Stapleton - Cap? Carteret, N. C.

Coastal Genealogical Society  
c/o Elizabeth Baggs, President  
P. O. Box 1421  
Swansboro, N. C. 28584

Meetings: 4th Monday, Feb.-May  
Aug. -Nov. - evenings

Society started in 1981 by Tucker Littleton, includes Onslow, Carteret and Jones counties.

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Onslow County Genealogical Society  
c/o Joan Dillemath, Corresponding Sec.  
58 Doris Ave. Ext.  
Jacksonville, N. C. 28540

Meetings: 4th Wednesday,  
monthly, 7-9 p.m.

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Carteret County Historical Society, Inc.  
P. O. Box 481  
Morehead City, N. C. 28557

Meetings: 1st Tuesday in each  
month, luncheon mtg.

CCHS publishes queries in it's newsletter The Researcher.

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From Sonny Sikes - Duplin County

Duplin County Historical Society  
P. O. Box 130  
Rose Hill, N. C. 28458

Meetings: Quarterly meetings,  
1st Sat. in Feb.,  
May, Aug. and Nov.

Meetings are luncheons at the Rose Hill Restaurant, 12 noon; public invited. Dues \$10.00 per year; Footnotes published quarterly. Duplin County Historical Foundation maintains genealogical & historical research library, containing approximately 2,000 books and other materials, in the residence of Dr. Dallas Herring in Rose Hill. A complete index of the library is in the works.

Publications of DCHS number about 17, including court minutes, cemetery records, 1850 census, deeds, wills and Minutes of the Regimental Courts-Martial, Duplin County Militia 1784-1853. A complete list will be furnished upon request.

Editor's Note: Sonny Sikes, of Rose Hill has recently been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Moore's Creek Battleground Association. He will also chair the Membership Committee. Our congratulations to Sonny!

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Ruth Walker

s . Ruth Walker, an honorary member of ONHGS, recently died after a brief illness. Mrs. Walker was a noted historian in our area. She was especially an expert on our Southeaster. North Carolina cemeteries. Some of you may recall that Mrs. Walker was an instructor for our seminars taught this spring. She will be missed.

NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES

The North Carolina State Archives has devised a system to easily identify all existing and former counties in the state. This system assigns each county a three digit number by which it is identified. Please save this record of the county identification for your future research.

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|------------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 001 - Alamance   | 037 - Edgecombe   | 073 - Orange       |
| 002 - Albemarle  | 038 - Forsyth     | 074 - Pamlico      |
| 003 - Alexander  | 039 - Franklin    | 075 - Pasquotank   |
| 004 - Alleghany  | 040 - Gaston      | 076 - Pender       |
| 005 - Anson      | 041 - Gates       | 077 - Perquimans   |
| 006 - Ashe       | 042 - Glasgow     | 078 - Person       |
| 007 - Avery      | 043 - Graham      | 079 - Pitt         |
| 008 - Bath       | 044 - Granville   | 080 - Polk         |
| 009 - Beaufort   | 045 - Greene      | 081 - Randolph     |
| 010 - Bertie     | 046 - Guilford    | 082 - Richmond     |
| 011 - Bladen     | 047 - Halifax     | 083 - Robeson      |
| 012 - Brunswick  | 048 - Harnett     | 084 - Rockingham   |
| 013 - Buncombe   | 049 - Haywood     | 085 - Rowan        |
| 014 - Burke      | 050 - Henderson   | 086 - Rutherford   |
| 015 - Bute       | 051 - Hertford    | 087 - Sampson      |
| 016 - Cabarrus   | 052 - Hoke        | 088 - Scotland     |
| 017 - Caldwell   | 053 - Hyde        | 089 - Stanly       |
| 018 - Camden     | 054 - Iredell     | 090 - Stokes       |
| 019 - Carteret   | 055 - Jackson     | 091 - Swain        |
| 020 - Caswell    | 056 - Johnston    | 092 - Surry        |
| 021 - Catawba    | 057 - Jones       | 093 - Transylvania |
| 022 - Chatham    | 058 - Lee         | 094 - Tryon        |
| 023 - Cherokee   | 059 - Lenoir      | 095 - Not assigned |
| 024 - Chowan     | 060 - Lincoln     | 096 - Tyrrell      |
| 025 - Clay       | 061 - Maccn       | 097 - Union        |
| 026 - Cleveland  | 062 - Madison     | 098 - Vance        |
| 027 - Columbus   | 063 - Martin      | 099 - Wake         |
| 028 - Craven     | 064 - McDowell    | 100 - Warren       |
| 029 - Cumberland | 065 - Mecklenburg | 101 - Washington   |
| 030 - Currituck  | 066 - Mitchell    | 102 - Watauga      |
| 031 - Dare       | 067 - Montgomery  | 103 - Wayne        |
| 032 - Davidson   | 068 - Moore       | 104 - Wilkes       |
| 033 - Davie      | 069 - Nash        | 105 - Wilson       |
| 034 - Dobbs      | 070 - New Hanover | 106 - Yadkin       |
| 035 - Duplin     | 071 - Northampton | 107 - Yancey       |
| 036 - Durham     | 072 - Onslow      |                    |

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ONHGS ON TELEVISION

Dean Jarrett, President and Randy Cary, Vice President of Old New Hanovsr Genealogical Society will appear on the Jim Burns Show, May 22 at 10:00 a.m. The Jim Burns Show is broadcasted on WJKA, channel 26. Those of you with cable television please check a television listing for the correct channel on your set. Tune in and see the latest news about our organization.

The Wilmington Messenger, 10 March 1888, page 5

A LIFE CRUSHED OUT

An Old Man Killed by a Passenger Train

Mr. Thomas Southerland, an old white man about seventy-five years of age, was killed at Smith's Creek about two miles north of the city by train No. 66 which left this city yesterday afternoon at 3:45 o'clock bound North on the Wilmington & Weldon Railroad. The conductor in charge of the train was Mr. W. T. Pittway and the engineer was Mr. Jack Bissett.

Mr. Southerland was walking on the bridge when he met his tragic death and it is supposed he did not hex the train upon its approach, as he was hard of hearing. The train was behind time and was running at the rate of about thirty miles an hour when the accident occurred. When the locomotive struck the old man he was facing the train and was walking with his head bent down, carrying a walking stick in his right hand and basket on his left arm. Four boys from the city who were gathering moss near the bridge, observed the peril of his position and exclaimed to the old man to get off the bridge. It is presumed he did not hear them, as he walked on with his head down..... The deceased had twenty five cents, a knife, some tobacco and a memorandum book in his pocket.....It is learned that the deceased resided near Hallsville, Duplin County, and that he left home yesterday morning to walk to the city.....Messrs. T. J. Southerland and C. H. Southerland, who are distant relatives of the deceased, learned of his death last night and had the remains removed to the establishment of Mr. J. H. Woolvin, the undertaker.....The deceased leaves a wife and three sons.

Note: Dean Southerland Jarrett, newly elected President of the Old New Hanover Genealogical Society, is the Great-Granddaughter of Thomas Jefferson Southerland, (15 Nov 1814 - 9 Mar 1888). He was married to Emily Williams of Onslow County, N. C. The children were: Cooper, Mary, Rebecca C., Nancy, William A., Daniel W., Gaston W. and Elizabeth. (Cooper, the oldest son, was killed in the Civil War in 1862; thus the mention of three sons in the newspaper. The daughters were not noted.)

This case was in litigation for more than a year and numerous articles were in The Wilmington Messenger through 18 April 1889.

Wilmington Morning Star, 10 March 1888

Miss Jessie Ione Biggs

Miss Jessie Ione Biggs, 96, died Tuesday at Davis Health Care Center. Miss Biggs was born in Scotland County, N. C., on May 5, 1891, the daughter of the late John Calvin and Lenora Gibson Biggs. She was a retired school teacher of the New Hanover County School System, having taught at Tileston School for many years. She was a member of Grace United Methodist Church.

Miss Biggs' only sister, Mrs. Louise Biggs Foard predeceased her in May 1980. Survivors include cousins, Mrs. Warren McNeill and Mrs. Sam Snead both of Red Springs, N. C. Graveside services will be conducted at 11:00 a.m. Friday in Oakdale Cemetery by the Rev. Francis Bradshaw.

Andrews Market Street Chapel



# COMPUTER INTEREST GROUP



by  
Silly L. Davis, Jr.

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## ELEMENTS OF GOOD GENEALOGY COMPUTER PROGRAMS

What are the elements that should be within Genealogy Software Programs? First, of all the program should not restrict the organization or documentation of research data. There should be room for unlimited notes. Also, the program should allow individual referencing of every fact that appears on the group sheet or record card.

Second, the program should allow the user to make linkages between family members and also allow the user to tell if a linkage is positive or probable, adoptive or step, or any other type of link.

Third, the program should allow the user the ability to enter full documentation of the individual at the time the individual is entered into the program, rather than having to leave the Genealogy program and enter a separate stand alone Word Processing program to document the data.

Fourth, the program should allow the user the option of printing to a disk as well as the option of printing to the printer.

Fifth, the program should have a variety indexing options available.

Sixth, the ability to mark and move blocks of data from one report format to another should also exist.

Seventh, there should be a minimum amount of moving around within the program to get a individual entered in the system and also link the individual to his or her parents, brothers, sisters, etc.

These are some of the things we should think about as we use and/or review different Genealogy programs in the coming months.

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Just a note. If you are a computer owner and have not filled out a Computer Interest Group Survey Sheet please contact Dean Jarrert and she will gladly give you a form. Fill it out and return it to Old New Hanover Genealogical Society, PO Box 2536, Wilmington, NC 28402.

SCOTTISH WORKSHOP - 22 and 23 Sep 1989

Centenary United Methodist Church  
Old New Hanover Genealogical Society  
Cumberland County Genealogical Society

Lord A. I. B. Stewart from Campbeltown, Argyll, will **open** the workshop at 2:15 p.m. on 22 Sep 1989 with a lecture titled Who Are the Scots?

Estella Yule **Pryor**, C. G. will present the second lecture (4:00-5:00 p.m.) on 22 Sep 1989, titled Scotland in General, Its History and Genealogical Sources.

Lord A. I. B. **Stewart**, after dinner lecture (7:15-8:15 p.m.) titled Migration of Scots to America.

Estella Yule **Pryor**, C. G., fourth lecture (9:15-10:15 a.m.) 23 Sep 1989 is titled How to do Scottish Research at an L. D. S. Family History Center.

Bob Martin or **Scotty Thompson**, fifth lecture (10:45-11:45 a.m.) titled The Highland Tartan Fabric of a Nation.

Estella Yule **Pryor**, C. G., sixty and last lecture (2:30-3:30 p.m.) is titled Scottish Clan History - from Scottish Viewpoint.

Editor's Note: **Members** will **receive** brochures in July containing **more** details of the workshop

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