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UPCOMING EVENTS

The calendar has been revised to accommodate the North Carolina Genealogical Society, which has pledged to do an in depth program on how to do genealogical research. The program is scheduled for 28 April 1990. It is our chance to learn from the experts and show a little Southeastern hospitality. Mark your calendars for this important event.

Beverly Tetterton is filling in on March 31, 1990 (notice that the date of the March meeting has been changed from the 24th to the 31st.) She will give the same slide presentation that she gave at the annual meeting of the North Carolina Genealogical Society last October.

The church records workshop has been rescheduled for the Fall of 1990.

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| 31 March 1990 | Beverly Tetterton, Local History Librarian and Coastal Director, N. C. Genealogical Society; Slide presentation on "How to do genealogical research in New Hanover County." 2:00 p.m., Fifth Avenue Methodist Church |
| 26 April 1990 | All day Genealogy Workshop, Co-sponsored by the N. C. Genealogical Society: Local, State and Nationally known Genealogists, New Hanover County Library (Additional information on page five) |
| 19 May 1990 | Annual picnic; 12:00 noon picnic lunch, 2:00 p.m. meeting, Franklin Square Park, Southport, N. C. (Additional information on page six) |

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR AN INFORMATIVE AND FUN YEAH

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Annual membership in ONHGS is \$15.00 for individuals and institutions, \$20.00 for a family, and \$100.00 for life.

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

The ONHGS Computer Interest Group will meet Tuesday, 27 March, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., in the large meeting room of the New Hanover County Public Library. The meeting is open to all **members** who are using computers in genealogical research or are planning to purchase computers.

We will discuss types of hardware needed to handle genealogical software. Examples of reports printed from various genealogy programs will on display.

A number of out-of-town **members** have written with questions about **computer** genealogy. We will attempt to answer these questions at our next meeting and send replies. Also we will discuss the answers members have written in response to our questions.

William Doshier, from Cincinnati, Ohio has written that he has just purchased an Apple **McIntosh SE/20 Meg** computer and needs some advice on choice of software that is compatible with his computer for researching in the genealogical field. If you can advise him please use your membership roster to look up his name and address and write him.

We know many of our members have expertise in various genealogical programs. We'd love to hear from all of you. If you have questions, answers, or requests, please write us. You may address your correspondence to the following address.

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BITS AND PIECES

We encourage each of you to join the National and North Carolina Genealogical Societies. The benefits of membership are too numerous to list here. Please write to the addresses below for information.

National Genealogical Society
4527 Seventeenth St. North
Arlington, VA 22207-2363

North Carolina Genealogical Society
P. O. Box 1492
fialeigh, NC 27602

We were pleased to see the review of ONHGS publications in the February issue of the NCGS Journal.

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To obtain past issues of the Clarendon Courier, send a written request and include \$1.50 for each copy requested. Send your request to the ONHGS on the back of the newsletter.

Please refer to the December issue of the Courier for books available. If you need another price list and order form, send your request to the Book Dept.

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The Ancestor Roster is nearing completion and will be out before September. It has been a mammoth job. Money for publication has been scarce but light can be seen at the end of the tunnel. Ancestors included will be those listed upto and including Member #254.

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The Brunswick Community College Continuing Education Dept. will sponsor a 12 week course of instruction entitled "How to Trace Your Family History, Basic Genealogical Research Techniques." The classes will be held on Konday nights, 14 Karch, at the Lord Street Annex in Southport. The course fee is \$20.00, with special consideration given to Senior Citizens. Abbie Bitney, a Genealogical Records Searcher certified by the National Board for Certification of Genealogists, will be the instructoz. Anyone interested may contact the college or the instructor. No registration will be accepted after the second night of classes.

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The Learning Resource Center of the Brunswick Community College on Route 17, Supply, NC, has a growing collection of copied materials fron: Family Bibles. This project makes two copies of any written material in Bibles brought to the Learning Center. Copies are made on Acid Free paper, guaranteed to last 300 years. One copy is given to the owner of the Bible and one copy is placed on file in the Learning Resource Center for research purposes. For more information on this project you may phone the Library Director, Sharon Smith, 919-754-6919, or our Brunswick County reporter, Abbie Bitney, 919-457-9466.

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One of our members, Artelia W. Dale, died Monday, February 5. We extend to her family our deepest sympathy.

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Mark your calendar now for Saturday, 28 April 1990

The North Carolina Genealogical Society and ONHGS will jointly sponsor a workshop entitled "GENEALOGY - A HOW TO WORKSHOP" at the New Hanover County Public Library.

Speakers will include Mrs. Jane S. Hill, President of the NCGS, and Mrs. Helen F. M. Leary, CG, past President of the NCGS and currently Chairman of the Board for Certification of Genealogists. We are fortunate to have such dynamic speakers in our midst.

Registration will be limited to the first 100 people who apply. The fee for Non-members will be \$20, and \$17 for Members of ONHGS. Registration forms will be mailed soon.

Parking is available in the Library parking lot.

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As reported earlier, St. James Church in Wilmington has given the Society many copies of The History of St. James Parish, 1729-1979. It was compiled and written by the late Leora Hiatt McEachern in 1982 and was brought to publication in 1985 by Bill Reaves.

We have offered this book for sale at \$10.00 per copy. It is an excellent companion to the three volumes of the St. James Historical Records.

As a Special "Dividend", your Board has authorized the issuance of one copy of History of St. James Parish to each member of the Society gratis, if you **will send** a check in the amount of \$2.00 to the **Book Dept.** to cover the cost of shipping and handling. PUT YOUR MEMBERSHIP NUMBER ON YOUR CHECK.

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NEW TITLES WILL BE AVAILABLE SOON

The following new texts should be available for purchase by **midsummer** at the latest:

1. New Hanover County, NC, 1890 Tax List, Wilmington Township
2. New Hanover County, NC, 1830 Census
3. New Hanover County, NC, Record of Marriage Licenses, 1843-1863
4. Brunswick County, NC, 1800 Census
5. New Hanover County, NC, 1815 and 1845 Tax Lists

You will be advised as soon as these are ready for publication.

ONHGS QUERIES

February 1990

1-90. Seek parents of Rebecca RIGSBY, b Aug 1818, d after 1900, who m Henry BOYETTE 1840 in Duplin Co., NC ; moved to New Hanover Co. 1850-1860. Her grandparents were Elizabeth RIGNOR and William RIGSBY. Olive Lee BENSON, 2701 Billy Francis Dr., Apt. E, Goldsboro, NC 27534.

2-90. Wish to exchange on family of Solomon and Nary (HARGRAVES) SESSIONS, 1768-1840; he thought to be son of Thomas and Martha (WINGATE) SESSIONS. Mrs. Jean LARSON, 4086 Jan Way, San Jose, CA 95124.

3-90. Seek information, burial site, etc., on Thomas M. THOMPSON, who enlisted in the Confederate Army at age 70, and wife Rebecca, whose dau Rebecca m Charles GAUSE 1850 on Oak Island, Brunswick Co., NC. Cecil N. THOMPSON, 2229 Silver Pines Pl., Orlando, FL 32808.

4-90. Seek origins of Evan JONES, will pr 1756, and wife Ann, in New Hanover Co., NC, by 1736. Ch: Evan, Jr.; William m Sarah (WATTS), wid of James PRICE; Rebecca m1 Richard JAMES, Jr., m2 Mr. BEVAN; Elizabeth m Jeremiah HAND; Ann m Patrick BOYLAND; and Margaret. Barbara A. SHOW, 10203 Tioga Drive, San Antonio, TX 78230.

5-90. Want info on proposed publication Heritage of New Hanover County. Family lines, picture, & check advanced for one copy in 1975; lost all contact with publication sponsors. Harriet W. FRANK, 326 Westview Dr., Biloxi, MS 39531.

6-90. Biographer of Mary BAKER GLOVER EDDY seeks her poems published in the Wilmington Messenger, edited by William J. PRICE, May 1843-May 1844. Merle CHAMBERLAIN, 8117 Blue Heron Drive East, Wilmington, NC 28405.

7-90. Seek information about John A. WADE and wife Margaret BLANEY of Brunswick Co., NC, who lived in Wilmington mid-1800s. Margaret K. Dodd, 55 North Summit Ave., Chatham, NJ 07928.

8-90. Exchange on any BIRD/BURD/BYRD, FORD, HARPER, SPENCER, and SUGG in Anson & Bladen Cos., NC, mid-1700s. Van A. STILLEY, 3812 Sweetbriar Road, Wilmington, NC 28403; tel. (919)392-6604.

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Due to the high cost of printing and mailing the Clarendon Courier, we are forced to increase our annual membership dues. The dues for 1990 are \$15.00 for individuals and institutions; \$20.00 for family; and \$100.00 for life. We appreciate your understanding in this matter.

Please check your address label. It contains your membership number and month of renewal. This is the only notice you will receive about renewing your membership.

Please send us your address changes as soon as possible. The Post Office charges \$.25 to return a newsletter to us and at the cost to remail it is \$.45.

The following is part of a series of Coroner's 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. I, 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

Part 2 in a Series

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 an "X" or whether a distinctive mark was used. Occasionally part of a juror's name has been torn away; in these instances an effort has been made to confirm the name 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.

BLADEN COUNTY

SMITE, George. Accidental death. Inquest held in Bladen Co. on 22 Sep 1753. John RUTHERFURD, justice. Jury: Dn. MacNEILL, Jr.; J. LOOCKERMAN; James McKIETHAN; Archibald McNEILL; William (x) WILLIAM written [i.e., made his mark]; James GRAVES; Thos. ARMSTRONG; Robt. HOWARD; Jnc. CRANDY [?]; Mich[ae]l (x) FERGUSON; Richard BURGESS; Christopher ARMSTRONG.

MCMULLAN, James. Murdered. Shot five times (once under left arm, four times in the breast) and killed by James ROBERTS on 29 Jan 1754 in Bladen Co. Inquest held in St. Martin's Parish, Bladen Co. on 1 Feb 1754. Ralph HILLER, coroner. Jury: Daniel (x) SHIPMAN; John MITCHELL; Richard RABON; Jeremiah (x) ALLEN; Samuel THORNTON; David (x) CLARK; John (x) DUNN; Thomas (x) LIVENS; Thos. SANDERS; Thomas (x) DAVIS; William (x) DAVIS; William (x) ADKINS; John WILLIAMS; Benjamin (x) SHELLEY.

GRAY, John. Accidentally drowned on 23 Jan 1754 after his canoe upset. Inquest held in St. Martin's Parish, Bladen Co. on 11 Feb 1754. Ralph MILLER, coroner. Jury: Willm. BARTRAM [Esq.]; Robt. DOWEY; Juren ROOTS; John BOYD; Francis PARKER; George THOMAS; David SMEETH; Drury ALLEN; Anthony GOLBEY [called GULLEY in the report of inquisition]; Gidion PRICKETT; John LUCAS; Jacob MESSICK; John BAULDWIN; Thomas SIMSON; William HALL.

DUNCAN, John. Accidentally drowned by falling from Mr. TURNBULL's Tumbling Dam about 7:00 p.m. on an unspecified date. Inquest held in St. Martin's Parish, Bladen Co. on 2 Dec 1755. Issac JONES, justice and acting coroner. Jury: Richard MULLINGTON, foreman; John SMITH [Esq.]; Donald McKEITHEN; Alexr. MacKEITHEN; Duncan McKEITHEN; John SCRIVEN; David LOCK; David FOWLER; Peter EVANS; Jnc. SEAMORE; Allen (x) McDUGAL; Wm. WHITE; Robt. EDWARDS; Andw. McCLELLAND.

HAMILTON, William. Accidentally drowned on 24 Mar 1756 after falling from his canoe into the river just above Thomas VINCE's at Capt. Thos. FINNEY's tar landing. Thomas FINNEY, coroner on this occasion. Jury: James SIMS, Sr., foreman; John (x) SMITH; William CARVER, James McDANIEL; Richard (x) Dunn; David (x) MILES; Joseph CORBETT; James (x) SIMS, Jr.; Danl. WILLIS; Richd. SEMS; Samuel PORTER; Francis (x) MILES; Jonathan EVANS, Jr. [NOTE: Depositions of Abel (x) CORBETT and Samuel PORTER on reverse.]

McALLISTER, Hector. Accidentally drowned after falling from a raft of logs in a pond of water between Mr. TURNBULL's mill and Mr. McKETHAN's mill. William BARTRAM, coroner. Jury: Isaac JONES, forman; John WHITE; John SMITH; Rd. MULLINGTON; Wm. McRee; Donald McCEITHEN; Da[nie]ll WILLIAMSON; Dun. Makeithen; Frans. THOMAS; Joshua VAUGHAN; George SMITH; Dan. MELLVIN; Daniel McFATTAR; Archbide WHYT [called Archibald WHITE in the body of the inquisition]; William WHITE.

GREADY, Robert. Perished with cold on 17 Dec 1757. Inquest held in Bladen Co. on 19 Dec 1757. William BARTRAM, coroner. Jury: James KERR, foreman; Wm. CLEMM; Jurnn ROTt; John LUCAS; Jacob MESICK; John (x) STUBBS; Charles (x) BEMBOW; Richard BEMBOW; Stephen SHEPHD [called SHIPERD in the body of the inquisition]; Richard CHEASSON; Abram SANDERS [called Abraham in the inquisition]; Cyprian SHEPHERD; Jonathn. BROWN; Wm. WILLIAMS; John ROWLEY.

CAMPBELL, John. Drowned on 14 Aug 1758 while bathing in Northwest Branch of Cape Fear River. Inquest held in Bladen Co. on 15 Aug 1758. William BARTRAM, coroner. Jury: John SMITH, foreman; Thos. RUSS; Donal McKITHEN; Neill SHAW; Jonadab RUSS; Joseph RUSS; Benj. SINGLETARY; Thos. MacKAY; McFATARS; Jos. SINGLETARY [sic]; John SINGLETARY; Edmd. FOGARTIE; Benj. SINGLETARY; John WHITE.*

* This inquest was held at a place called Mr. Howe's Landing.

AN ALPHRBETICAL LIST OF TAXABLES IN THE COUNTY OF NEW HANOVER

FOR THE YEAR 1762

Part Two in a 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 were 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 Parish
of New Hanover . . . St. Philip's Parish
for the year 1762*

	<i>St. Philip</i>			
	<i>1762</i>	<i>1761</i>	<i>1760</i>	<i>1759</i>
<i>Aderman Daniel</i>	2	-	-	-
<i>Alexander Mary</i>	2	3	2	1
<i>Alexander Elizabeth</i>	-	1	-	-
<i>Alexander M Alexander</i>	1	-	-	-
<i>Alexander Joseph</i>	2	-	-	-
<i>Alexander Gabriel</i>	2	-	-	-
<i>Alex John</i>	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
Parishee

	White Men	Negro Men	Negro Women	Negro Boys	White Men	Negro Men	Negro Women	Negro Boys
GAVINS, John	1							
GREGG, Frederick	2	6	4	1				
GREEN, Samuel	2	7	6					
GOUGH, Magdalen			1					
GOSS, William					1			1
GROOM, john					1	1		1
GENERATT, Elias					1	1		1
GIBBS, John					1			
GRISSET, William					1	2		3
GRISYT, George					1	1		1
GARDNER, Dupree Josiah					1	11		8
HUST, Solomon	1							
HOWE, Job	1	5	8	2				
HOWE, Thomas	1	5	5	1				
HOWE, Arthur	1	5	4					
HENESEY, John	2							
HENESEY, Widow	2							
HAWS, John	1							
HUFFOM, Solomon, Jun ^r	2							
HUFFOM, Solomon, Sen ^r	4							
HERRING, John	1	1	1					
HOLLAND, Daniel	1							
HERRING, Richard	1	1						
HUFFOM, John	1							
HUDSON, Job	1							
HARKER, Henry	2							
HARISON, Charles	1	15	19					
HOLLINSWORTH, John	3							

HOWARD, James	2	1		
HAND, Jeremiah	1		1	
HERON, Benjamin	3	14	14	2
HYRNE, Henry	2	7	4	2
HYRNE, Benjamin	1	8	9	1
HUTCHINGS, Thomas	1	1		
HELLIER, Ann	1		1	
HARNETT, Cornelius	1	9	7	1
HENOERSON, James Constable	2			
HENOERSON, Thomas	2			
HUNTER, Robert	1			
HAMILTON, Malatiah	1			
HOLT, Obadiah	1	1		
HICKMAN, John				1 1
HARNAGE, Jacob				1
HARISON, Joseph				1 1
HENEGAN, Darby				1
HART, William				1 1 1
HILL, John				2
HOWARD, Simon				1 1
HOWARD, Joseph				1 7 3
HEWET, Randolph, Sen ^r				4
HASELL, James, Sen ^r				2 11 11
HASE, Jack				1 2
HASELL, James, Jun ^r				4 5 10
HILL, William				1 2 4
HEWET, Joseph				3
JACOBS, Zachariah	1	2		
JAMES, John	1	2	3	
JAMES, Benjamin	1			
JOHNSTON, William	2			
JOHNSTON, Ezekiel	1			
JONES, Widow Sound		1		
JOHNSTON, Stephen	1			
JONES, Abraham	2			
JENNINGS, Thomas	1			
JACOB, James	1	3	2	

JAMES, Jacob	1			
JONES, Thomas	2	14	8	3
JOHNSTON, Henry	1	1	2	
JACOBS, Mathew	1		2	
JACOBS, John	1		1	

INGER, John	1			
JEWELL, William	1			
IRBY, Henry	1			
JONES, John	1	3	1	
JAMES, Thomas		3	3	
JONES, Evan		1	1	
JONES, Maj (unable to read)			6	

KETTER, Charles	1			
KELLY, John	1			
KEENAN, Jeremiah	2			
KIMBER, Ann Mary				1

LEWIS, Jacob	2			
LEE, Joshua	1			
LEE, Bryan	1			
LILLINGTON, Alexander	1	11	7	2
LOPER, Thomas	1	1		
LAINÉ, Samuel	1			
LANE, Benjamin	1		1	
LOPER, Michael	1	1		
LOPER, John	1	1		
LARKINS, John	2	4	1	
LARKINS, William	1	4	1	
LARKINS, James	1		1	
LAMB, Peter	2			

LYNAUGH, Francis	2			
LEE, William	1	1		
LYON, John	1	2	1	
LEONARD, Samuel, Sen ^r				4
LOGAN, George				1 2 1
LORD, William				2 2 1
LUOLAM, Isaac, Sen ^r				2
LUDLAM, Jeremiah				1
LAY, John				3
LAY, John, Jun ^r				1
LAURENCE, Cornelius				1

MC GOWAN, William	3			
MOTT, John	2	3		
MEARS, George	1	5	5	
MARSHALL, John	1	1	2	
MOORE, Dennis	1		1	
MURPHY, William	1			
MORPIS, Widow	2			
MOTT, Joseph	1	1		
MORGAN, James Sound	1			
MERRICK, Thomas	1	10	11	
MORRIS, Elizabeth	1	6	4	1
MORRIS, William	2	9	7	3
MC QUILLIN, William	1			
MC CLARNY, William	1			
MORRIS, Solomon Patrole	2	2	1	
MILLER, Jacob	2			
MC CLARNY, Thomas	5	2	1	
MOSLEY, Sampson	1	4	3	
MORRIS, Thomas	1	1	2	1
MOORE, Margaret		3		
MERRICK, George	2	12	4	
MABSON, Arthur	3	21	12	
MORGAN, Benjamin	1	2		

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We are now at the first anniversary and ONHGS membership stands at 254.

This past year has been a busy one with much growth and activity. It has also been a learning experience for many of us. The renewals are now beginning to come in and we expect our membership to grow.

In our first year ONHGS has:

- placed 17 publications of genealogical materials in the marketplace
- published a Society Brochure
- placed and maintain an ancestral roster in the North Carolina Room of the New Hanover County Public Library
- published a quarterly newsletter
- answered many, many research questions

We have from fifteen to twenty volunteers working from time to time. Without these folks and their talents we would not have made such strides in our first year.

Our membership is beginning to share its computer experience; it is increasing its use of computer applications in genealogy. Our computer group would like to receive more input from distant members.

At the February meeting ONHGS made its first grants from the proceeds of publication sales. Randy Cary heads this committee and is doing an outstanding job. He will fill you in on more details further in this newsletter. I am sure he can always use more volunteers.

After the publication of this issue of the newsletter Janice Cavanaugh will no longer serve as Editor. We are sorry to lose Janice in this capacity, but do wish her well. At the same time, we welcome Jane Bailey as the incoming Newsletter Editor and know she will be giving the Society a top-drawer publication. Jane and her husband, Russ, have been on the Editorial Staff all along and have done much of the work.

You will note that in this issue there is a notice of the change in annual dues. This is one of the bitter lessons learned; that we cannot produce a quarterly newsletter of its present size on the original dues. Please continue your support by renewing your membership as it becomes due. See your mailing label for month of renewal.

I look forward to good things in the ensuing year and thank each of you for your support in 1989. Let us hear from you. This is your society and we want it to reflect your desires and needs in genealogy.

Be sure to mark your calendar for the coming events, especially the workshop in April when we will host the NCGS. ONHGS looks forward to sharing some down east hospitality with the folks from NCGS.

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ONHGS is a Non-Profit organization. Donations are gratefully accepted. Remember that your donations to ONHGS are tax deductible.



'HELPFUL HINTS FOR PRESERVING
FAMILY COLLECTIONS

Libraries and historical organizations are often asked for advice on preservation by their patrons and members. To help meet this need, the Northeast Document Conservation Center (NEDCC), in Andover, Massachusetts has developed a list of helpful **hints** for preserving family documents and memorabilia. NEDCC encourages librarians and staff of historical societies to copy this list and distribute it to their patrons. Or they may reprint it in their newsletters, acknowledging NEDCC as the source.

Preserving Family Documents: Helpful Hints
from the Northeast Document
Conservation Center

1. The **best** protection for your books, papers, photographs, and prints is a "safe" environment: moderate temperature and relative humidity; clean air and good air circulation; no natural or fluorescent light; and good housekeeping.
2. Avoid powerful sources of heat, damp, and pollution; don't store your valuable books, photos, and paper in attics or basements, or near water sources like washing machines or bathrooms. Think about what's in the room **above** your heirlooms, too.
3. Heat causes damage. Don't hang valuable objects over radiators, heat-producing appliances, or the fireplace. Books you want to read twenty years from now should not be shelved on the mantel, the window sill, or the radiator.
4. Light causes fading and other damages. Keep photos and art (prints, watercolors, and other works on paper) in the dark as much as possible. Don't put valuable books and paper where they'll get direct sun or bright light of any kind. Hallways or other rooms without windows are best. Install and use shades and heavy curtains where you can't avoid windows.
5. Use a museum-quality (fully "acid-free" mat and frame to display any valuable photo or artwork -- even children's drawings. Indoor pollution is a growing problem in energy-conscious spaces with good insulation, and causes rapid damage to paper. The glass or plastic glazing of a frame will keep pollutants and dirt away, and edges will not be damaged by handling or tacks.
6. **If** you want your wedding pictures (or photos of any event) to last for your grandchildren, have the photographer take a roll of black-and-white photos. Video, color slides, and most color prints have a limited life-expectancy.
7. **If you** want to keep a clipping from the newspaper for the long term, have it photocopied onto buffered paper (e.g. Xerox XXV Century Bond or Howard Permalife). The copy will last far longer than the original.
8. Letters, clippings, and other documents you want to preserve should be stored unfolded in buffered folders. Folding and unfolding breaks envelopes and can cause damage as items are removed and replaced. **If** you can't find **buffered** folders, use a sheet of buffered paper (e.g. Xerox XXV Century Bond or Howard Permalife) at the front and back of a folder.
9. When storing **photos** in an album, use "photo" or "archival" mounting **corners** (available from photography suppliers or stamp dealers), **not glued** or self-sealing plastic (which can stick to or react with your pictures).
10. To remove the musty smell from old books, make sure they are dry. Put them in a **cool, dry space** for a couple of days, or **put them** outside on a table in the sun on a **dry, breezy** day for a couple of hours. **If** the musty smell remains, put them in an open container (e.g. polyethylene pail, box) inside a larger, closed container (e.g. **clean, dry** garbage pail, box) with an open box of baking soda, or a pot-pourri. Do not allow the de-odorizer to touch the books. Leave for a few days in a cool place, checking once a day to make sure no mold is growing. Remove to a safe storage environment.
11. To remove staples or **old** paperclips from documents (especially **if** they're rusty) slide a piece of stiff plastic (e.g. polyester, polypropylene) under the fastener on both sides of the document. Slide the paperclip off the **plastic**, or use a **pair** of tweezers or use a thin knife to bend **the edges** of the staple up and pry **it** out. The plastic will protect the paper from abrasion and your tools. Staple pullers tear the paper.

We continue to ask for volunteers, especially in the southeastern NC area. We need proofreaders and typists, also volunteers with computers to help in typing manuscripts for publications.

Volunteers to help with the shipping of books are essential. This involves recording orders, completing invoices, packaging the books, and getting them to the Post Office. Charlotte Fetterman has done a great job handling the money, but we URGENTLY need help with the mechanics of processing the book orders.

To volunteer, just send a postcard to ONHGS with your name, address and phone number, and what you want to do. Don't be bashful!

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ONHGS was pleased to make a grant to the Friends of the New Hanover County Public Library for the purpose of enhancing the collection of the North Carolina Room. At the same time, a check was given to the Friends of the Library pursuant to a Memorandum of Understanding as part of the profit derived from the sale of publications made available to ONHGS by the North Carolina Room volunteers. This money is to be used exclusively for the purchase of genealogical materials for the North Carolina Room.

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Book sales are increasing weekly. In calendar year 1989 two hundred texts were purchased by members and libraries across the country. As of 12 February some 64 texts have been ordered and shipped. You should be excited and proud of this for ONHGS is placing vital data into the mainstream of the genealogical world.

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