

# Brunswick County Historical Society

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President - Gwen Causey  
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              Johnsie Holden  
Newsletter Editor - Frank Galloway

The next meeting of the society will be held on November 12, 1990 at the Town Creek Community Park. It begins at 8:00 p.m.

## Church Records Are Microfilmed

Records of three Brunswick County Baptist churches have recently been microfilmed by the N.C. Baptist Historical Collection at the Z. Smith Reynolds Library at Wake Forest University in Winston-Salem.

Security copies of the Women's Missionary Union (WMU) records for 1899-1911 from Antioch Baptist Church; records of Mount Pisgah Baptist Church for the years 1899-1990; and Prospect Baptist Church records for the years 1891 through 1989 have been catalogued.

Positive copies of the film are available to researchers who visit the collection's search room at the library.

These records join those of Bethel, Goshen, Mill Creek, Old Shallotte, Soldier Bay and Southport that were filmed earlier, said John R. Woodard, director of the collection. He also invites those Missionary, Primitive and Black Baptist churches that have not had their records filmed to do so.

The filming is a free service of the collection.

"What they do is clean, microfilm and return the records," said Gwen Clemmons Causey. She is willing to transport other local church records to Wake Forest University for filming, especially since the Brunswick Historical Society plans as its next project to buy copies of all the local church records on microfilm for the local history and genealogy collection at the Brunswick Community College Library. The organization has already purchased all Brunswick County records that exist on microfilm.

## Three History Writers Earn Statewide Awards

Three publications written by members of the Brunswick County Historical Society won awards of special merit Saturday at the 49th annual meeting of the North Carolina Society of Historians in Raleigh.

Accepting awards were Mr. and Mrs. John F. Holden of Holden Beach and Frank E. Galloway of Bolivia.

Gwen Causey, president of the Brunswick County Historical Society, said this is the first time that a member/writer has earned recognition from the state Society.

Johnsie Holden was recognized for her work, *Heartening Heritage On A Carolina Crescent*, a resource covering the early religious history of the area from Cape Fear in North Carolina to Winyah Point in South Carolina. The book won the award, for Eastern North Carolina, for the best in-depth historical account of the founding, growth and development of religious movements, houses of worship or religious institutions within the state.

Her husband, John Holden, won the Willie Parker Peace History Book Award—Eastern North Carolina, for local and regional histories. His work *Holden Beach History*, was a personal account of the development of the island and of the many happenings of the Holden family, visitors and residents.

"We're flabbergasted," said Mrs.

Holden. "We had just never dreamed it was possible (for both to receive awards).

Galloway edits the award-winning *Newsletter*, a quarterly publication of the Brunswick County Historical Society. Judging was based on the publication's effectiveness in keeping members informed and making an important contribution toward the accomplishments of the organization's goals, as well as on appropriateness of content, originality, neatness and readability, said Joe M. McLaurin, president of the state organization.

All three entries were nominated by Lottie Ludlum, secretary of the Brunswick County Historical Society.

The non-profit Society was organized in 1954. The 45-member group collects, preserves, studies, evaluates and publicizes the history of Brunswick County; presents programs at its quarterly meetings that relate to the area's history; and publishes the *Newsletter*, which includes research papers and articles relating to the organization's purpose and activities.

The Society, which welcomes new members, also supports the Local History/Genealogical section of the Brunswick Community Library. Available resources include books on local history, genealogy aids and a complete set of N.C. census records on microfilm.