



# NEWSLETTER

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## A WORD FROM THE PRESIDENT.....

Dear Members,

Time is marching on and summer is almost gone. I do hope you have had a nice one.

The August meeting (our 43rd Birthday) will be August 11th at Brunswick Town at 7:00 PM. Mr. Jim Bartley will be the speaker.

We need to go over our projects and decide which one or ones we would like to do.

The November meeting will be announced at the August meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you August 11th at Brunswick Town.

Your President,  
Lottie Ludlum

Editor's Note: Mrs. Ludlum has been quite ill. In fact, she was in the hospital during our last meeting and remained there for approximately three weeks. I'm glad to announce that she is better and planning on attending the next meeting.

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The Brunswick County Historical Society was organized in 1954 as a nonprofit organization and presently meets at various locations throughout the county. You are invited to attend our meetings which are informative and provide the opportunity to hear knowledgeable speakers on a wide variety of topics relating to Brunswick County. The meetings also provide the opportunity to meet people with similar interest in genealogy. Meetings are held four times a year on the second Monday in February, May, August and November. Meeting time is 7:00 PM. The Society's regular publication is the NEWSLETTER. There are four issues a year. Your dues of \$10.00 per year include a subscription to the NEWSLETTER. The editor welcomes all ideas and suggestions for articles. They must pertain to Brunswick County families or history.

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July 7, 1897---Mr. J.T. Bryant, last week, while cutting timber about a mile from Fort Anderson, found in the swamp a bombshell, 18 inches long and six inches in diameter. The shell had not been exploded.

3rd Company "G"  
36th Regiment North Carolina Troops  
(2nd Regiment North Carolina Artillery)

CLEMMONS, THOMAS, PRIVATE

Resided in Brunswick County where he enlisted at age 21, July 15, 1862 for the war. Present or accounted for through August 1864. Captured at Fort Fisher January 15, 1865 and confined at Elmira, New York, until released after taking Oath of Allegiance July 11, 1865.

This battery, known as "Lamb Artillery", enlisted in Brunswick County April 1862 and was mustered in at Fort Saint Phillip, Brunswick County, May 5, 1862, for the war, as "Captain Francis W. Potter's Company of the Cape Fear Artillery Regiment N. C. Volunteers". When Captain Potter was promoted on February 27, 1863, First Lieutenant Daniel L. Russell became Captain and the battery became known as "Russell's Battery". It was later officially designated Company "G", 36th Regiment, N. C. Troops (2nd Regiment N. C. Artillery). Being the 3rd battery to be so designated, it was referred to as 3rd Company "G".

The battery remained at Fort Saint Phillip until August 22, 1862 when it was transferred to Fort Caswell, Brunswick County. Here it remained until it was transferred to Fort Fisher in June 1864. On November 22, 1864 it was sent with four other batteries of the regiment to Augusta, Georgia. Here in December 1864 they were engaged at Harrison's Old Field, fourteen miles from Savannah. Returning to Fort Fisher on January 2, 1865, the battery was captured when the fort fell on January 15, 1865. The men were sent to Point Lookout, Maryland and Elmira, New York, while the officers were sent to Fort Columbus, New York Harbor. All were confined until paroled for exchange or released after the war.

Those who were not captured were united with the men from other batteries to form a detachment of the 36th Regiment N. C. Troops (2nd Regiment N. C. Artillery). This detachment was ordered to unite with the remnants of the 40th Regiment N. C. Troops (3rd Regiment N. C. Artillery) on January 21, 1865, and they were ordered to Fort Anderson, Brunswick County. After evacuating Fort Anderson on February 20 the units were engaged near Kinston on March 8 and Bentonville on March 19. Army returns dated March 31, 1865 carried them in General Johnson Hagood's Brigade, General Robert F. Hoke's Division, General William J. Hardee's Corp., Army of Tennessee. On April 9 they were reported in General Thomas L. Clingman's Brigade, Hoke's Division. Those who remained with the Army were surrendered on April 26, 1865.

N. C. Troops 1861-1865, Volume 1, Artillery, page 282  
Raleigh, N.C. State Department of Archives and History 1966.

**JAMES W. ALBRIGHT DIARY**  
**Southern Historical Collection #1008**  
**Chapel Hill**  
**(James Albright was from Greensboro)**

**(Part 2 of a 3 Part Series)**

**January 24:** Gregory and myself went off on an exploring expedition towards the coast. We passed a church called Mount Pisgah, where a few people were assembled and I asked if there was going to be preaching (it was Sunday) and a man said "no, but there would be meeting". I did not want to see what was meant after he told me it was a Baptist Church. The churches are very creditable when contrasted with the residences. On reaching the inlet we found all the boats on the beach so we amused ourselves by eating oysters and talking with the natives - who were very clever and communicative. A few hands are here making salt for the state - which sells for \$10.00 per bushel. Being curious to know the tradition of the inlet which is formed by a creek, I asked a gentleman - whence its name, he said: A great many years ago, when shipping was not so much a science as now, a man named Lockwood, living on the river, concluded to build a boat and turn merchantman. So he built a large vessel for that day and launched it in the river and started for the ocean - when he found there was not enough water on the bar for his vessel to get to sea. Thus his labor was lost and he saw his folly and to ridicule his skill and perpetuate his name the neighbors called the river and inlet Lockwood's Folly. The oysters are very fine and great abundance - the whole inlet being lined with large rocks or beds of them. This place is noted for the number of wrecks of vessels driven in here in times of gales - 3 now in sight, which were blockade runners. The Elizabeth, a wooden side wheel steamer, is nearest the inlet and has been partly burned by the Yanks. The fragments of the Yankee gunboat which was blown-up a short time since - and which was heard and felt in Wilmington, is also nearly opposite. She was beached while trying to get off the blockade runner - Bindigo - and finally finding it impossible to get her off - was abandoned and fired - when the fire reached the magazine it exploded and burst her asunder and now her 2 halves are some 100 yards apart. The Bindigo is an iron vessel - but too much injured to ever be of service again. Her cargo was very valuable and but little was

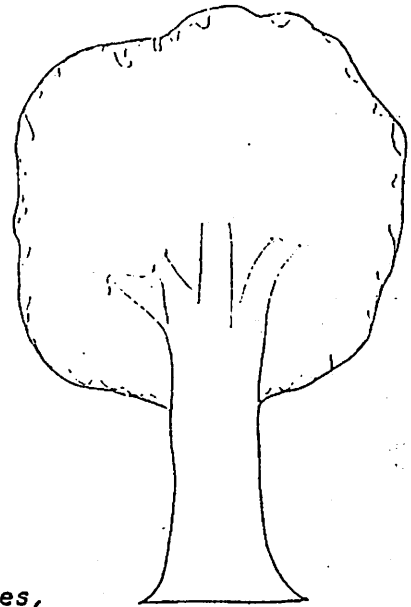
saved - mostly coffee and merchandise. The Ranger, another C. S. blockader, lies about 3/4 miles south and is worthless - as she has gone to pieces. The cargo was saved and was chiefly government stores - 7,000 fine Belgian rifles are now on shore awaiting transportation to Wilmington. There are also 2 guns - a 30 pound rifle and 12 pound boat howitzer on the beach - which were saved from the Yankee gunboat. This inlet makes into the ocean at the southern end of Oak Island, on which forts Caswell and Campbell are situated and the freight saved from the wrecks is placed on flats or small boats and carried to the Cape Fear through the water between the island and mainland. There is a small company of infantry on the beach, which acts as a coast guard and has frequently prevented the Yanks from landing to molest the wrecks. Our visit was pleasant and very interesting. Two Yankee blockade steamers are in sight and while we were eating oysters one passed in about a mile of us but were too busy to pay any attention to it. I love the seashore - there is always something new to see - and strange shells to gather. Here I met "the wreckers daughter", an ungainly red-haired lass with a tooth brush in her mouth - dipping snuff; but then, her mother gave us genuine coffee and good oysters until I felt like the girl did not look half as bad as at first sight. Didn't get home till night.

**January 29:** Dr. Thompson and all the rest of the staff have arrived. Young's battery ordered to Shallotte - 8 miles below here. We are out of forage and feeding the horses on unshelled rice - just as cut - like oats - but it is not good for them - the rice is too hard to digest. Ticks have arrived in good force.

**January 30:** Went to coast and got a wagon load of oysters. Yankees tried to reach us with shell from their boat, but could not do so. Got a fine specimen of sea wire - a species of vegetable - which was washed upon the beach. Had an oyster roast at night. Jess Wharton and myself each ate about 80 oysters - but they were small and we were hungry.

# *Under the Genealogy Tree*

by: Gwen Causey



## Genealogist 23rd Psalm

Genealogy is my pastime, I Shall not stray,  
It maketh me to lie down and examine tombstones,  
It leadeth me into still courthouses,  
It restoreth my Ancestral Knowledge,  
It leadeth me in the paths of census records, and  
ships' passenger lists for my surnames' sake,  
Yea, though I walk through the shadows of research  
libraries and microfilm readers, I shall fear no  
discouragement; for a strong urge is with me.  
The curiosity and motivation, they comforteth me.  
It demandeth preparation of storage space for the  
acquisition of countless documents,  
It anointest my head with burning midnight oil.  
My family group sheets runneth over.  
Surely birth, marriage and death dates shall follow me all  
the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of a  
family history-seeker forever.

OldEnglish  
University

Anonymous

## CIVIL WAR ANCESTORS

by Lois Hinson Hardison

Nathan Howard Edwards was born in Brunswick County, North Carolina in the small community of Exum. My mother, Selma Edwards Hinson's grandfather and my great grandfather was born April 24, 1846. He was in the Confederate Infantry of Company B, 66th Regiment in North Carolina. Nathan was suppose to surrender in Richmond, Virginia, but he and another soldier decided to walk all the way back to North Carolina in their uniforms, carrying their weapons. He was discharged on May 15, 1865 at Kinston, North Carolina. His Great Great Grandson, Nathan, now has his rifle and tells more about him than I today. He died November 20, 1920 in Brunswick County at the age of 74. Nathan Howard Edwards is buried in a family cemetery in a field located between Shallotte and Whiteville, off Highway 130.

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Nathaniel Bate McKeithan, my great great Uncle was born in Brunswick County, North Carolina, December 12, 1819. On August 10, 1863, he enlisted in Brunswick county at the age of 44 years. He served as a private in Company K, 36th Regiment of North Carolina 2nd Regiment, North Carolina, Artillery. Nathaniel was present and accounted for through August of 1864. He was then captured at Fort Fisher on January 15, 1865 and confined at Point Lookout, Maryland, until paroled. The exchange at Boulware's Wharf on the James River in Virginia took place February 20-21, 1865. He was detailed at Camp Lee, near Richmond, Virginia after the exchange. Nathaniel Bate McKeithan died March 24, 1903 at the age of 84.

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