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MISSION STATEMENT

To collect, preserve, study, evaluate and publicize the history of Brunswick County, NC. To devote meetings to presentation of materials about Brunswick County and the Lower Cape Fear through lectures, slices, and discussion. To publish a newsletter which contains news of the Society's activities, research papers and articles that pertain to genealogy.

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FEBRUARY MEETING TO BE HELD AT BEMC IN SUPPLY, NC FEBRUARY 10, 2010 7:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the Brunswick County Historical Society will be held on February 08, 2010 at the Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation Building, 795 Ocean Highway West, Supply, NC. The meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. We always meet the 2nd Monday in February, May, August and November.

The Speaker will be Mr. Jack Travis, a professional re-enactor of the War Between the States and lecturer on artillery, cannoners and artillery tactics of the Civil War.

The February, 2010 issue of the NEWSLETTER begins the 50th Volume. Volume I, Number 1 was printed September 1961. A complete set of the Newsletter from September 1961 to November 2009 can be found in the Wilson Library at UNC-Chapel Hill, NC and at the New Hanover County Public Library North Carolina Room in Wilmington, NC. There were no publications of Volume 17, #3 & 4 (1977) and Volume 18, #1 (1978).

Dues!! Dues!! Dues!! for the new year were due January 1, 2010. They will be delinquent after March 31, 2010. Please respond to Sandra Ward or Annette Phelps.

IMPORTANT: BCHS Officer election will be held at the February meeting, please make your plans to attend this meeting.

Brunswick County Historical Architectural Survey is on schedule with Glenn Kye and Dan Pezzoni. Also, Glenn is working with Leslie Bell on developing green space around cemeteries.

A reenactment of the 145th anniversary of the Fall of Fort Anderson will be held February 20 and 21. And, there will be a reenactment marking the 145th anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville held March 20 and 21 in Johnston County, NC.

SOUTHERN CAMPAIGN AMERICAN REVOLUTION PENSION STATEMENT

Pension application of John R. Holmes R5173
State of North Carolina, County of Brunswick
Transcribed by Will Graves

On this fifth day of December personally appeared John R. Holmes a resident of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina aged 80 years who being first duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the provision made by the Act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he enlisted in the Army of the United States in the year 1777 and served at Fort Johnson under Captain Robert Elliss and Lieutenants James Smith and John DeVane; that said Fort Johnson (sic, Fort Johnston), as (it was) then called, was in the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina; that he enlisted for the term of two years and served 22 months of that time when a British brig and a large sloop came in from (the) sea and took the Fort and blocked up the (illegible words). There were about eighty nine men in Garrison. They all made their escape with the exception of Lieutenant DeVane, Sergeant Denny and three men who were taken prisoners and carried to sea and kept three or four days and put ashore on Piny Point. The greater part of the Company went to Wilmington, North Carolina and got their discharges. This Declarant got his discharge from Captain Elliss but has lost it. That he never entered the service afterwards. That he resided in Brunswick County, North Carolina at the time he entered the service. That he was not engaged in any Battles then that already mentioned.

He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to a pension or an annuity except the present and he declares that his name is not on the pension roll of any agency in any state or if any only on that of the agency of the state of North Carolina.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

S/John R. Holmes, X his mark.

To the first interrogatory required to be propounded by the department, he replies that he was born on Black River in Bladen County about the year 1758.

To the second interrogatory he says: I have no record of my age.

To the third interrogatory he says: I was living in Brunswick County, North Carolina when called into service and have been living in said County ever since.

To the fourth interrogatory he says: I enlisted at Fort Johnston already stated.

To the fifth interrogatory he says: I do not recollect the names of any other officers than those already mentioned.

To the sixth interrogatory he says: I did receive a written discharge from Captain Elliss and it is lost.

To the seventh interrogatory, he says: I am known to Nathaniel Potter and John Anderson who can testify for me; that he cannot procure the statement of a clergyman at present as no clergyman at the present

sion but finding himself reduced to great poverty and unable to live without assistance, rather than be placed upon the list of paupers in his own County, he has determined to ask for his pension.

Sworn to and subscribed the day and year aforesaid.

John R. Holmes, X his mark

Witness: S/Nathaniel Potter, Clerk

Personally appeared in open Court, Nathaniel Potter and John Anderson, who upon their oath state that they are acquainted with John R. Holmes, the applicant named in the foregoing declaration; that they believe he is about 80 years of age as he represents; that he is reputed and believed in the neighborhood to have been a Revolutionary soldier and they concur and that opinion.

S/Nathaniel Potter
S/John Anderson

And the said Court do hereby declare their opinion that the above named applicant was a Revolutionary soldier and served as he stated

I, Nathaniel Potter, Clerk of the Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions for the County of Brunswick do certify that the foregoing contains the original proceedings of the said Court in the matter of the application of John R. Holmes for a pension.

In testimony whereof I have here to set my hand and seal of office this fifth day of December 1838.

S/Nathaniel Potter {seal}

[Transcriber's Note: John R. Holmes MAY be the "man of colour" referred to in the pension application of Josiah Sykes (S7673). Sykes states that he served under Capt. John DeVane and that the only person he (Sykes) knows of who can verify his services is a "colored man by the name of Holmes living on Long Creek in New Hanover County {sic. Brunswick County?}

SHELL POINT BAPTIST CHURCH

Contributed by Gwen Causey

This church is the result of a prayer meeting...a prayer meeting under a tobacco barn shed. It began in 1959 when The Rev. J. D. Hales, Jr. and Archie W. Holden began to hold prayer meetings under a barn owned by Henry Williams. In August of that year Mr. Holden organized a Sunday School with 7 present. The first offering amounted to \$2.30. By the end of the month 24 were enrolled in the Sunday School and the offering had increased to \$9.55.

Mt. Pisgah sent several people to work at this new mission. They were Mrs. Berlyn Lancaster, her daughter Velma and Velma's son Harold and his wife Selene. Joining them were Archie Holden and Linwood and Nelva Brown. Mr. Brown served as Sunday School Superintendent and Mr. Holden conducted worship services.

Beginning in the new year 1960, Rev. A. B. Bennett came to preach and remained until after the

church was organized. A church building was dedicated on May 8, 1960 followed by dinner on the grounds. The Rev. W. R. Moorehead, Associational Missionary, preached that morning. The following week Rev. Leo Cannon of Conway, SC held a revival meeting. Old timers remember that "the house was packed at almost every service."

A self-supporting mission from the beginning, the members were able to buy literature, chairs and even paid off a piano in 3 months.

Shell Point was organized with 12 members on August 21, 1960 and then petitioned the Association for membership. The church received a certificate from the Baptist State Convention stating that they were a part of the 30,000 movement. Shell Point was received into the BBA at the annual meeting on October 19, 1961.

Since that time Shell Point is now in its 2nd building...takes pride in being self-supporting from the beginning...known for successful revivals and VBS...ordaining new preachers...and meeting the needs of those within the community and those in other countries through various mission projects.

Now, you see what a little prayer can do!!!

ONLINE PROJECTS, NORTH CAROLINA STATE ARCHIVES

An article in the June 8, 2009 Wilmington Star/News stated that the North Carolina State Archives and the State Library of North Carolina were seeking family Bible records to become part of their Family Records Online Project.

This Family Record Project is comprised of North Carolina family history materials from the holdings of the North Carolina State Archives and State Library of North Carolina. As of November 12, 2009 the online collection contained a selection of 478 Bible records (lists of birth, marriage, and death information written in North Carolina family Bibles) from the 2000+ copies of various donated family Bibles held by the State Archives. The State Library's six volume Marriage and Death Notices—indices of marriage and death announcements appearing in five North Carolina newspapers from 1799 to 1893—rounds out this collection. These newspapers include the Raleigh Register, North Carolina State Gazette, Daily Sentinel, Raleigh Observer, and News and Observer.

Check out this website at www.archives.ncdcr.gov/projects.htm

WHAT IS THE ORIGIN OF THE NAME OF LOCKWOODS FOLLY RIVER?

Ben Steelman
StarNews

The name goes way back — it appears on the Ogilby map of 1671, making the river possibly the oldest named in North Carolina.

As you might expect, with so much time passing, the real origin has been lost with time. Two legends predominate. William S. Powell, in *The North Carolina Gazetteer*, repeats the old story about a man named Lockwood who built a big, fine ship up the river — only to find it was too big to float through Lockwoods Folly Inlet (which separates Holden Beach and Oak Island where the river flows into the Long Bay of the Atlantic Ocean). The boat was supposedly left to rot in the river, where it was a landmark for many years.

A second version, told by John Hairr in "North Carolina Rivers," claims that Mr. Lockwood tried to plant a colony by the river but didn't provide enough supplies, ran afoul of the local Indians and had to abandon his attempt. Considering that the name was on maps as of 1671, this falls close to the time of the abortive "Charlestown" settlement of the 1660s.

Powell, however, suggests a third explanation: In the 1660s, the word "Folly" was often included in the name of English estates from the French "Folie," which means "delight" or "favorite abode," rather than "real big screw-up." In that sense, Lockwood Folly would mean "Lockwood's Delight."

In any case, nobody seems to know who Mr. Lockwood was.

In 1779, the county seat for Brunswick County was moved from Brunswick Town to Lockwood Folly. For a number of years, the semi-official seat of government was John Bell's plantation, near the early Lockwood Folly Bridge, until a courthouse could be built in 1786. A town called Walkersburg was incorporated nearby, at Deep Water Point, in 1784, which was supposed to become the county seat and the courthouse site, but nothing seems to have come of those plans, and the county seat was moved to Smithville (modern-day Southport) in 1808, where it would remain until 1977.

Lockwood Folly is one of Brunswick County's six historic townships, including the modern municipalities of Holden Beach, Varnamtown (on the banks of the Lockwood Folly River), Saint James and part of Shallotte. The 18-hole Lockwood Folly Country Club, with an adjoining gated residential community, is located near Holden Beach.

According to Powell, the Lockwood Folly River (referred to as a "creek" by some locals) is supposedly the second most beautiful in North Carolina. (The Waccamaw River is supposed to be No. 1.)

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BRUNSWICK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA—WILLS 1762—1800

The following data was extracted from "Abstract of North Carolina Wills 1760—1800"

A.

1797 ALLEN, DRURY, Margaret (wife); Eskandah; James Ranaldson, Drewy Allen Ranaldson; Mary Moore and Nancy Moore.

B.

1765 BERRY, DANIEL, Rebecca, Samuel.

1765 BOSHER, WILLIAM, Jean (wife).

1765 BRANTLEY, WILLIAM, Rachel (wife).

1767 BRADLEY, RACHEL, Hannah, Pariso and other children not named.

1789 BELL, JOHN, Phoebe (wife), Hannah, Robert; Eunice Bell; John Caine; Rebecca Gilbert.

1793 BELL, JAMES, Sarah (wife), James, Samuel, Nathaniel and Joseph; Janies Anderson; Sarah Gal-
loway; Alfred, Cornelius, Mary, Amelia, Rebecca, Brevard and Mary Caines.

1800 BROWN, CHARLES, David.

C.

1771 CHINS, MARY, John, Lois, Sarah and Richard; Margaret Moore.

1775 CRANDELL, LYDIA, Rebecca (wife), and others not named.

1781 CHARLES, JOHN, James; Mary Wale; Sarah Parker; Margaret Smith.

1792 CLARA, THOMAS, Hooper and William Clark, and others not named.

1800 CREEL, MARK, Daily and Willis.

D.

- 1763 DAVIS, JOHN, Sarah (wife), and others not named.
1766 DAVIS, JOHN, Thomas, and others not named.
1770 DALRYMPLE, MARTHA, Martha Lillington, and others not named.
1771 DANIEL, JOHN, Ann (wife), Albert, George, William, Stephen and Robert.
1771 DANIEL, JOHN, Ann (wife), and others not named.
1771 DANIEL, JOHN, JR., Elizabeth (wife), and others not named.
1775 DAVIS, JOHN, George and others not named.
1779 DRY, WILLIAM, William, Jr., and others not named.
1781 DENNING, STEPHEN, Martha (wife).
1781 DRY, WILLIAM, Virgil; Sarah Moore; Cornelius Harnett; Mary and Thomas Davis; Robert Ellis; Wm. Hill; Sarah Montain; Thomas McGuire; Mary Jane Dry; Sarah Smith; Wm. Dry (alias Wm. Moore); Rebecca, Jane, Sophia and Ann Davis.
1783 DAVIS, ROGER, SR., Roger.
1788 DANIEL, SARAH, Amelia (wife), Ann, Stephen, Robert and William.

E.

- 1767 ESPY, USHER, William Lord.
1772 ELLERY, WILLIAM, John Sheea.

F.

- 1772 FOWLER, ANN, June (wife), Ann and Mary.
1791 FRINK, SARAH, Needham, Samuel and Elizabeth Gause; Mitchell, Elizabeth, Mary, and Sarah Bellune.
1795 FRANK, SAMUEL, Sarah (wife) Samuel; heirs of Dennis Hankins and Thomas Frink (not named).
1796 FRINK, MARTHA, Samuel and Elizabeth Gause; Dennis and John Frink; Martin Hankins.

G.

- 1767 GODWIN, JOSEPH, Ann (wife).
1783 GAUSE, JOHN, Charlotte (wife), Elizabeth, Benjamin, Charles, John, Hannah and Needham.
1788 GRANGE, JOHN, SR., John P. Grange.
1791 GRANGE, JOHN, Mary, and others not named.
1793 GOODMAN, WILLIAM, Amy (wife), Sarah, William, Henry, Luke and Job; Catherine Bell; Martha Rutland; Sam Potter.
1794 GAUSS, NEEDHAM, Hannah (wife), Needham, William, John, Bryan, and Elizabeth.
1795 GALLOWAY, JOHN, Alfred, Cornelius, Mary, Amelis and Nathaniel.
1800 GOODMAN, ANNE, Lydia Caines; Sarah Goodman; Mary Wingate; Robert and Samuel Potter; Amelia Russ.

H.

- 1768 HOWE, ROBERT, wife (not named).
1772 HALL, THOMAS, Thomas, John, William, Susie, Frances and Roger.
1778 HOLDEN, BENJAMIN, Alfred, and others not named.
1780 HALL, ELIZABETH, William Watters; William Hall.
1780 HALL, ELIZABETH, William, and others not named.
1781 HARLESTON, JOHN, Isaac Harleston, and others not named.
1793 HANKINS, DENNIS, Elizabeth (wife), Thomas, William, Mark, Samuel, and Dennis.
1794 HEWETT, JOSEPH, SR, Dorcas (wife); John, David, Joseph, Thomas and Samuel; Philip and Ra-

chel Ivey; Ruth Standard.
1796 HOWE, SARAH, Robert; Mary Moore.

J.

1762 JENNERET, ELIAS, Margaret (wife); children (not named).
1767 JEANS, WILLIAM, John Truett; James McIlhenny; Joseph, Hester, Sarah, David, Abel, and Isaac
Jeans (children).

L.

1769 LORING, JoSIAH, Mary (wife).
1769 LUDLUM, ISAAC, Nehemiah, and others not named.
1770 LUDLUM, SARAH, Crawford.
1772 LEONARD, HENRY, Hannah (wife); Joseph Hewett; Crawford Ludlum; Job Holden; Henry and
John Willitts; Abigail Holder); Ann Willitts, Ruth and Lydia Hewett.
1782 LEONARD, SAMUEL, Samuel and others not named.
1782 LUDLUM, CRAWFORD, Harriet Laspeyre, and others not named.
1798 LORD, WILLIAM E., Lord, William (nephew).

M.

1763 MCCORMICK, MARGARET, Peter Lord.
1764 MUNRO, REVELS, Rachel (wife), and others not named.
1789 MCALISTER, ARCHIBALD, Mary (wife), and others not named.
1795 MCALISTER, MARY, James, and others not named.

N.

1774 NEALE, SAMUEL, Henry, and others not named.
1777 NASH, FRANCIS, Sarah (wife), and others not named.
1781 NEAL, HENRY, Elizabeth (wife); Thomas Neal; John Swain.
1790 NEAL, NANCY, Lucy Brown; Selena Vernon; John Mills; John, Nancy and Elizabeth Vernon.
1790 NEAL, THOMAS, JR., Wife, and others not named.
1796 NEAL, THOMAS, Eleanor (wife).

P.

1764 PINSON, THOMAS, Arthur and Amelia Spear.
1798 POTTER, MILES, SR., Robert, Miles, John and Joseph; Abraham Skipper; Margaret McMurray.

R.

1765 ROSS, CHARLES, Hannah (wife), and others not named.
1771 ROWAN, JOHN, Ann (wife), and others not named.
1786 ROOTS, ROGER, Elizabeth (wife), Henry, Roger, Samuel, Sarah and Hannah.
1788 ROBERTS, AARON, Martha (wife), and others not named.
1796 READ, JAMES, John Haywood.

S.

1775 STANLAND, PATRICK, Thomas, and others not named.
1779 SIMMONS, JOHN, Sarah (wife).
1787 SMITH, HENRY, Thomas, Joseph and Alexander.
1787 SMITH, MARY, Sophia Grange; Thomas Smith; James Glass.
1794 SMITH, JOHN, SR; JOHN, JR., James, Mary and Memory; Spicy Reaves.

T.
1786 TAYLOR, THOMAS, wife (not named).
1799 TAYLOR, HENRY, Mary (wife), children (not named).

V.
1781 VERNON, JOHN, Lucy Jones; Sarah Robinson; William Jones; Henrietta White; William, and
Susannah Vernon.

W.
1761 WILLITTS, HOPE, Samuel, Mary, Lydia, Amy, Joseph and Hope.
1772 WILKINSON, JOHN, Elizabeth and Thomas; Watt, Anna and John; Wood, Honors.
1775 WALKER, JOHN, Mary (wife).
1776 WALKER, JOHN, devisees, Mary (wife), Ann and Jean.
1779 WATTERS, SAMUEL, devisees, Martha (wife), and children not named.
1789 WINGATE, EDWARD, Sarah wife).

Source: Abstract of North Carolina Wills 1760-1800

Brunswick Town

To roam the streets of Brunswick Town
To dream of days of old
To know that great men walked these paths,
With tales that go untold

Gives my mind a rapt escape
From an all too complex world
Back to a time when history
Had yet to be unfurled

I stand outside Saint Phillip's Church
As I listen to the songs
That praise the Lord for all His help
In the winter months bygone

Mr. Harnett stops me in the street
He bids me please attend
A meeting in the old town square
To plan the stamp Act's end

A tailor steps outside his shop
For a breath of fresh spring air
He smiles and has a friendly word
For all who passes there

I must go visit Russellborough
For the governor said to me
"Please stop by when you are in town
And have some English tea"

Beneath an Oak with budding leaves
I pause to rest a while
To watch the ships on old Cape Fear
Sail out in single file

My mind awakes to the present time
I fear that I must go
Soon! Oh soon! I shall come again
Where the golden memories flow

Author: Barbara Kennedy

Submitted by Tammy Sellers

HISTORY OF BRUNSWICK TOWN

The first seat of Colonial government in the Cape Fear area was at the ancient town of Brunswick. It was laid out in 1726 as a shipping center and grew into a major port for exporting to England. The North Carolina Assembly met often in the Courthouse at Brunswick. Brunswick was named after Brunswick, Germany, birthplace of King George.

In 1748 Brunswick was captured and held for three days by Spanish privateers. In 1765 a group of Brunswick citizens surrounded the home of Governor Tryon protesting the Stamp Act, placing the Governor under house arrest. The use of arms by this group was one of the first incidents of armed resistance to British authority in America. At the outbreak of the revolution in 1775, the citizens moved due to the threat of the British warships. In 1776 Brunswick was burned by the British troops. After the war only two or three families returned.

Many of the 60 foundations, artifacts, and historical interests have been found by archaeologists. Also, located there are the ruins of St. Phillips Church, believed built of British brick, completed for worship service in 1768. It was burned during the Revolution.