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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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## MAY MEETING TO BE HELD AT BEMC IN SUPPLY, NC MAY 09, 2011 7:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the *Brunswick County Historical Society* will be held on May 09th 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 February 2011 issue of the *NEWSLETTER* began the 51st volume. Volume I, Number 1 was printed September 1961. A complete set of the Newsletter from September 1961 to May 2011 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).

Details for the May *BCHS* meeting were unavailable at printing time but as always you can expect a very informative program. Make your plans to attend.



From the biennial report of C.H. Mebane, Superintendent, Public Instruction, dated December 1, 1898. Letter written to Governor Daniel L. Russell. Transcribed as written.

## SHALLOTTE ACADEMY

Shallotte, NC  
August 18, 1898

Hon. C. H. Mebane  
State Superintendent Public Instruction  
Raleigh, N. C.

Dear Sir:

The Faculty is composed of the students. By charging low tuition, they willingly assist me, and I believe they learn more rapidly, and as the specialty of the school is to prepare young men and ladies to teach in the public schools, I teach them how, as well as what, to teach. I opened a private school here in 1855. The notice was, all children whose parents were not able to pay, were admitted free. During the Confederate war the same privilege, and also all children whose fathers were in the army were admitted free.

When the war ended there were many young men returned maimed, all of whom were admitted free, some here now doing well by accepting the offer.

In 1879 we erected a school building in the suburbs, known as Eureka School. In the year 1892 the present building was completed and well furnished with desk, blackboarding, globes, charts, wall maps, etc. It will comfortably seat 150 or 200 pupils.

The school is known as Shallotte Preparatory School.

The first session opened September 5th, 1892. The enrollment for the past six years has varied from 73 to 113 pupils. We have prepared 96 for teachers - 75 males, 21 females.

The difficulty with the female teachers is, they soon marry and have a little school of their own at home but I do not consider that lost labor; the greater loss is the males are forced to abandon teaching in self-defense; for \$20, or even \$25, as the price per month - as is now offered - and that for only two months in the year, cannot feed and clothe them, and keep them abreast with the times; so, the first opportunity, they accept other occupations, and the result is, that men with devilish religion, no Christian, not even gentlemen principles, come in, and the committee, being ignorant, employ them for \$10 or \$12 per month, and they, caring nothing for the welfare of the rising generation, get more meanness into the children than the best teacher can get out in several years, if ever.

The school is still run with all the foregoing privileges, and also young men preparing for the ministry, and all children of ministers in good standing of Christian denominations are admitted on half tuition.

You will please select from this such only as in your judgement will redound to the promotion of popular education.

With great respect, I am sincerely yours,

George Leonard

Minutes from the County Commissioners meeting, March 11, 1872

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF BRUNSWICK**

Be it remembered that the County Commissioners of and for Brunswick County met this 11th day of March A.D. and organized the Board of Education as prescribed in the School Laws of the State of North Carolina ratified the 12th day of February A.D. 1872.

Present: R.W. Woodsides, Chairman  
Thomas G. Drew  
Edward W. Taylor  
William Watters

The board then proceeded to transaction of business.

Ordered that F.W. Mills teacher at Town Creek be paid one hundred and twenty five dollars.

Ordered that E. Mears teacher at Shallotte be paid one hundred and sixty dollars.

Ordered that B.H. Piggott teacher at Shallotte be paid one hundred and twenty five dollars.

Ordered that B.L. Butler teacher at Waccamaw be paid one hundred dollars.

Ordered that M.N. Farmer teacher at North West be paid one hundred and twenty dollars.

Ordered that Miss Kate Stewart teacher at Smithville be paid one hundred dollars.

Ordered that Mrs. E. Morse teacher at Smithville be paid eighty dollars.

Ordered that A.A. Edwards teacher at Lockwood Folly be paid seventy five dollars.

**EARLY SUPERINTENDENTS OF BRUNSWICK COUNTY SCHOOLS**

George Leonard 1884 - 1886

John N. Bennett 1886 - 1888

George Leonard 1888

R.V. Leonard 1889

John N. Mintz 1901 - 1904

George Bellamy 1904

James H. Swain 1904

John L. Simmons 1904

John H. Swain 1905

George Bellamy 1905

Howard C. Curtis

George H. Bellamy 1910

M.C. Guthrie 1910 - 1922

B.R. Page 1922 - 1928

R.E. Sentelle 1928 - 1935

Annie Mae Woodside 1935 - 1947

J.T. Denning 1947 - 1953

Henry Stone 1953 - 1957

J.G. Long 1957

The **BRUNSWICK COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION** was formed on February 12, 1872. The members were R.W. Woodside, Thomas Dew, Edward Taylor and William Walters.

Minutes from early Board of Education meetings refer to building new schools, repairing existing schools and additions to schools. Also many references to both the colored/negro and white schools.

Some of the school districts were - **Leland, Phoenix, Malmo, Farmers, North West, Elpaso, Suburb.**

In July 1911, there was talk of a new High School to be built in Southport. The school was soon built and was the only High School in the county. Students could board at the school and then return home for the summer.

A law was enacted on June 14, 1917 that all students had to take **Physical Exercise**. Dr. J. Arthur Doshier did the proper physical examinations.

## **50th Anniversary of Calvary Baptist Church**

In the early 1960's, a small group of dedicated Christians left the north end of Shallotte to seek God's will in their lives.

After searching around the area for about a year, nineteen men and women met on a wintry day in the home of Shimer and Lydia Hewett on February 10, 1961. They met there to discuss the possibility of organizing and building a church in which to worship.

A decision was made to meet as a Sunday School in the old American Legion hut at McMilly on March 5. The first teachers were Mrs. Cora Frink, Mrs. Lydia Hewett and Mrs. Clara Holden. They began worshipping as "*The Shallotte Mission*" in a home owned by Mr. Starling and Mrs. Bessie Hewett.

They later purchased a small plot of land on Village Road, at the current location, from the family of Dr. Ben Ward. No debt was incurred as the very reasonable buying price was paid in full. Mr. W. D. (Waynsie) Evans, Mr. S. H. (Starling) Hewett and Mr. J. D. (Dawson) Lewis were elected for its trustees.

On October 11 that year, Calvary was chosen as the church's new name. On October 15, groundbreaking ceremonies were held with a service at the site. Moderator Dawson Lewis presided with scripture and prayer offered by Reverend Mark Owens. A message was given by Associational Missionary Margaret McRacken with additional remarks by Reverend Leo Cannon.

Shortly thereafter, on October 30th of that year, the foundation was poured for the first phase of the building and work was begun on a sanctuary, three classrooms, furnace room and two bathrooms. Much of the work done by volunteers among the group.

On December 10th, the first deacons were elected. They were Woodrow Russ, Shimer Hewett and Wilbur Holden. The charter was granted and the

doors of the church were opened to receive new members on December 13, 1961. It was resolved among those attending to allow the charter to remain open until the first Sunday in June, 1962. Reverend Mark Owens preached the sermon for this gathering and exhorted the members of the newly organized church to exercise faith in the ongoing ministry of the young mission's location.

By the end of the first Sunday in June, 1962, thirty-five members had signed their names, and this list was accepted as the official list of charter members at Calvary. Throughout the past fifty years, Calvary has ministered to hundreds of local folks and strangers alike. Calvary has had ten full time pastors, two interims, and one intentional interim to shepherd us throughout these years. It should be noted that, as of this writing, only four of the charter members are living. As far as we can determine, only three of the former pastors have gone on to be with their lord.

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### **Charter Members of Calvary Baptist Church**

Woodrow Russ	Hoyle Jackson Henson
Raymond Ellis Bellamy, Sr.	Lillian Octavia Campfield Hewett
Starling Hall Hewett	Joseph Lee Lassiter
Charles Shimer Hewett	Lina Ruth Phelps Lassiter
Gene Aaron Hewett	William King Usher, Sr.
Clara Manervia Bellamy	Daniel Owen Hewett
Daniel Wilbur Holden	Lillie (Lillie Tom) Hewett
Corbett Lloyd Holden	
Lydia Jane Fulford	
Lillie Hazel Sullivan Hewett	
Cora May Hamilton Frink	
Ethel White Evans	
Flora Bell Ammons Lindsey	
Ida Mae Blanton Holden	
Rosa Etta Fulford	
Bessie May Hewett	
Annie Layton Holmes Henson	
Harlee Hewett	
Sylvia Jo Lewis Tripp	
John Dawson Lewis	
Thomas Shelly Russ	
Wainsie D. Evans	
Otice Rebecca Holden Russ	
Brightie Gertha Holden	
Leslie Hazel Cumbee Chadwick	
Rhoda Constance Hawes Lewis	
Avis Lee Gore Watts Higdon	
Sylvia Ann Henson Bohanon	



Lt. William Watts Drew, Co. K, 36 Reg.  
 Capt. & Chaplain Alexander Davis Betts, 30 Reg.  
 Pvt. Jefferson Sellers, 3rd Co. G, 36 Reg.  
 Pvt. George Washington Rabon, 3rd Co. G. 36 Reg.  
 Matthew Long, Co. B, 7th Batt. Jr. Reserves  
 1st Lt. Allison V. Goodman, 3rd Co. G. 36 Reg.  
 Pvt. Lemuel Phelps, Galloway's Coast Guard Co.  
 Pvt. John Peter Cox, Galloway's Coast Guard Co.  
 Cpl. Alexander S. Robinson, Co C, 30 Reg.  
 Pvt. Samuel P. Phelps, Galloway's Coast Guard Co.  
 Pvt. William Henry Clemmons, Co. G, 20 Reg.  
 Pvt. Isham West Harrelson, 3rd Co. G, 30 Reg.  
 Cpl. Daniel G. Pierce, Co. H, 51 Reg.  
 Pvt. Thomas Clemmons, 3rd Co. G, 36 Reg.  
 Pvt. Alexander Simmons, Co. G, 20 Reg.  
 Pvt. William Phelps, Galloway's Coast Guard Co.  
 Pvt. Hosea H. Hewett, Co. K, 36 Reg.  
 Pvt. Joseph S. Clemmons, Galloway's Coast Guard Co.  
 Pvt. John W. Simmons, 2nd Co. I, 36 Reg.  
 Jonas Wilson  
 Pvt. Jonathan James Peadrick, Co. C, 1st Batt.  
 Pvt. John C Robbins, 3rd Co. G, 36 Reg.  
 Pvt. John Wescott, Galloway's Coast Guard Co.  
 Sgt. Benjamin E. Hewett, Co. K, 36 Reg.  
 1st Sgt. Isaac Milliken, Co. C, 30 Reg.  
 George Jasper Ross, co. K, 5 Reg.  
 Pvt. Jacob Austin Phelps, Galloway's Coast Guard Co.

This picture taken as part of the *Brunswick County Confederate Veterans* reunion, November 11, 1908 in Supply, NC.

The photo may also be viewed with the names imprinted on faces:

[www.ncgenweb.us/brunswick/reunion.html](http://www.ncgenweb.us/brunswick/reunion.html)

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### *Confederate Pension Records Online*

Confederate Pension Records are now available to the public via the online catalog, MARS. The records themselves are from the "Pension Bureau: Act of 1885 Pension Applications" found in the State Auditors Record Group and the total addition to the catalog includes 6000+ documents and 15,000+ images. All of this means that researchers can now search descriptions of the pensions down to the folder level and view images of the actual documents as well.

To search the Confederate Pension Records, go to the MARS Catalog (Manuscript and Archives Reference System, <http://mars.archives.ncdor.gov>)

**WILL of JOSEPH HEWETT, SR.**

Transcribed as written:

REFERENCE: North Carolina State Archives - Stack Reference: Brunswick County Wills, Book A, Page 281 - Last Will and Testament, Joseph HEWETT. Sr., dated June 16, 1794.

In the Name of God Amen - I Joseph HEWETT Sr. of the county of Brunswick and State of North Carolina being low and weak of body, but of sound mind and memory. Thanks be to God for it - do make and ordain this to be my last Will and Testament in manner and form following that is to say I recommend my soul into the hands of Almighty God. In Sure and certain hope of his reserexition unto Eternal through the alone merits of My Lord and Saviour - And as Concerning My Wordly goods and chattels Wherewith it has pleased God to bless me with I dispose of them in manner and form following that is to say in the First Place I gave and bequeath to my son Jacob HEWETT one hundred acres of land adjoining DUPRES line and known by the name of BOATRIGTH and running across to Little Shallotte, also I gave unto my son David HEWETT one hundred acres of land adjoining Jacob HEWET and running across to Little Shallotte. Also I gave unto My Son Joseph HEWETT Jr. one hundred acres of land and adjoining David HEWET and running across to Little Shallotte Also gave and Bequeath him the one half of the marsh known as Samuel WILLETS Marsh during his life if he should have children lawfully begotten in marriage then to be at his disposiel if not - then to return to the heirs of my body Also I gave unto My Son Phillip HEWET one hundred acres of land and - adjoining Joseph HEWET Jr. - and known by the name of BOONS and including where the house now stands and running across to Little Shallotte Also I give unto my son Robert HEWET one hundred acres of land adjoining Phillip HEWET including where POTTER lived Also fifty acres of land adjoining his own tract at the Green swamp one Negro fellow Named Cuff -Also I gave unto my son Samuel HEWETT one hundred acres of land adjoining Robert HEWETT- also I give and bequeath unto my sons Robert and Samuel HEWETT Baccons Island Also I give unto my son Thomas HEWETT the Plantation known by the Name of SIMMONS's and where he now lives- Also the one half of the Marsh known by the Name of Samuel WILLETS Marsh Also I give unto my son Samuel HEWETT three cows and calves for his young bay horse - Also I give unto my daughter Rachal IVEY five shillings to be paid her after my death- Also I give unto my daughter Ruth STANALAND Ten Pounds to be paid to her after my death- Also I gave unto my grand daughter Barkis HEWETT, daughter to Robert HEWETT one yearling heifer with a red head- Also I give unto my grand son Joseph HEWETT Son of Samuel HEWETT one yearling heifer- Also I give and bequeath unto Sarah HEWETT one hundred and fifty acres of land known by the name of the Turkey Trap during her life and after her death to be equally divided between Robert and Samuel HEWETT- Lastly all the remaining part of my estate and household furniture, except my bay horse that I had from my son Samuel HEWETT to be sold and the money to be equally divided between Jacob- David- Phillip- Joseph- Robert- Samuel and Thomas HEWETT- Lastly I give unto my well beloved friend James CHAIRS and the heirs of his body one bay pacing horse and likewise I do make and ordain my well beloved sons Phillip HEWETT- Robert HEWETT and James CHAIRS my whole and soul Executors of this my last Will and Testament.

Joseph HEWET Sr. (signature). June 16/ 1794.

Signed and Sealed and Delivered in the presents off,

James CHAIRES (signature) Robert HEWET (his mark) Samuel HEWET (his mark)

**Stranded Cargo Auction, 1795**

The Wilmington Chronicle, September 24, 1795

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA BRUNSWICK COUNTY**

NOTICE is hereby given, that the cargo of the schooner, "Mary and Helen," stranded on Tube's Beach near Shalott Inlet, consisting of 2,475 feet pine boards, 5 M. dressed R.O.H. staves; 38 BBLS; terpertine, 30 BBLS, varnish; and 50 BBLS. Of tar (more or less as it lies on the beach) will be sold there at public auction, at the hour of 12 o'clock on Thursday, the 25th inst. Conditions, cash.

JAMES ALLEN, Captain  
JNO. JOHNSON, Skipper

Transcribed as written:

**Brunswick County Planning Board Meeting**

On April 11, 2011 the Brunswick County Planning Board held their regularly scheduled meeting with Chairman Allen Lewis and all members in attendance. Several **BCHS** members were in attendance as well.

Glenn Kye, David Holden and Dave Lewis approached the Planning Board with their concerns about the preservation of cemeteries within the county.

The Planning Board has agreed to support the relocation of existing cemeteries only in instances where the overall public interest is served and confirmed notification to the **Brunswick County Historical Society** in accordance with State Statutes 65, 66 and 67.



**Membership Application ... Invite a Friend to Join Brunswick County Historical Society**

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

New: \_\_\_\_\_ or Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed \_\_\_\_\_

Mail this form with your check to: P.O. Box 874, Shallotte, NC 28459

Annual Dues: Individual \$15 Life Membership \$150