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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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AUGUST MEETING TO BE HELD AT THE BCCC Bolivia, NC AUGUST 13, 2012 7:30 P.M.

The next meeting of the *Brunswick County Historical Society* will be held on August 13, at the Brunswick Community College Teaching Auditorium. Located in Building A, Second Floor. The meeting begins at 7:30 P.M. We always meet the 2nd Monday in February, May, August and November.

The February 2012 issue of the *NEWSLETTER* begins the 52nd 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).

NOTICE: Because of renovation to the Brunswick Electric facility the May, August and November 2012 meetings for the BCHS will be held in the Teaching Auditorium at the Brunswick County Community College. The Auditorium is located in Building A, Second Floor across from the Library. There is an elevator just inside the building entrance for those in need of assistance.

Details for the August program are unavailable at time of printing, but it is sure to be informative and interesting as always.

BCHS Officer nomination and selection will be held at the November meeting. Please be thinking who you would like to be selected as officers. Your input, services and participation are vital to the health of our Historical Society.

Pictures and Documents

BCHS's project to scan, record and preserve old historical pictures and documents will continue at the next BCHS's meeting to be held on Monday night August 13, 2012. You may bring any old pictures and or documents to be scanned between 5:30 and 7:30. Your information will not leave your sight and you will be able to take them home with you.



In preparation for this project, make a list of the people or objects in the photos with dates and or information to be included with the scanned object. Please help us to preserve Brunswick County's history.

The BCHS members have contributed approximately 210 pictures and documents to date. Thank you. These have been forwarded to MdM Historical Consultants for possible use in the upcoming Brunswick County Historical Manuscript.

Honor Roll of the Lower Cape Fear River Pilots

By Harry Hayden, July 1965

These men went down to the sea in ships, those who did not return marked with stars.

Adkins, Brooke
 Adkins, Hawley
 Anderson, John William
 Arnold, Joseph (Hero on the "Timmons")
 *Bensell, Joseph H. (Lost from "Sea Dory",
 Dec. 1872)
 Bensell, Richard
 Bowen, George
 Brendel, R.L.
 *Brinkman, Thos. W. (Lost from "Sprunt",
 April 12, 1877)
 Burris, Alfred
 Burris, Dun
 Burris, Gray

Burris, Jake
 Burris, James
 Burris, Joseph
 Burris, B.M. (Piloted the Battleship "USS North Carolina" up the Cape Fear River to Wilmington and it's memorial berth.)
 Bussels, Bonner
 Bussels, Joseph (Rescued Grover Cleveland)
 Corlette, Harry
 Craig, James (Jim Billy or Sky Pilot) Blockade Runner)
 Craig, James Newton
 Craig, Melvin T. (Mel)
 Craig, Sterling
 Daniels, Ed
 Daniels, Joseph
 Davis, Isaac, Sr.
 Davis, Isaac, Jr.
 *Doshier, Charles (Lost from "Sprunt", April 1877)
 Doshier, Julius
 Doshier, Richard E.
 Durant, J.W.
 Fox, Joseph B. (Master, Steamer "Wilmington")
 Gause, Ephrim (Father of late Charles E. Gause)
 *Gillespie, Lawrence (Lost from "Sprunt", April 1877)
 Grissom, Billy
 Grissom, Edgar
 *Grissom, Thomas B. (Lost from "Sprunt" April 1877)
 *Guthrie, Archie (Lost off Hatteras, Schooner "J.D. Long")
 Keil, John
 Loughlin, J.D. (Died aboard tanker, "Atlantic Trader". President Wilmington-Cape Fear Pilots Association)
 Mintz, Warren (Also Town Marshal of Southport)
 Morse, Christopher C. (Kit)
 Morse, Thomas M. (Tom)
 Newton, Benjamin
 Newton, Calendar
 Newton, John
 Newton, Samuel
 Newton, Walker
 (The above five Newton's were Brothers.
 Newton, Joe (Moved to Fernandina, Florida)
 Newton, Julius (Dollie)
 Pepper, Louis J. (Part owner of Combination Store)
 *Pinner, Christopher (Lost from Pilot Boat "Sprunt")

Pinner, Joe
 Potter, Julius (Father of Capt. Leita D. Potter)
 Potter, Leita D.
 Sanders, William (Master of Tug "Alexander Jones")
 Savage, Thomas
 Sellers, John
 *Sellers, James R. (Lost from "Sea Dory", December 1872)
 Sellers, Thomas (Tom)
 Sellers, William (Bill)
 St. George, Charles
 St. George, Donald
 St. George, H.T. (1964 Pilots Association Member)
 St. George, Newton
 *St. George, Robert (Lost in "Sea Dory" tragedy off Bald Hear Island)
 St. George, Thomas (Tommy)
 St. George, William (Pilots bought the tug "Alexander Jones" under his leadership as President of Wilmington-Cape Fear Pilots Association)
 Smith, Cornelius
 Smith, R.E. (1964 member Pilots Association)
 Styron, W.L. (1964 member Pilots Association)
 Swan, J.A. (1964 member Pilots Association)
 Thompson, John J.
 Thompson, Joseph (Joe) Blockade Runner
 Thompson, R.B. (1964 member Pilots Association)
 Thompson, Thomas Mann (Blockade Runner)
 *Trout, John D. (Lost in "Sea Dory" tragedy)
 *Walker, Robert S. (Lost in "Mary K. Sprunt" tragedy)
 Weeks, Harry (Late Pilot boat engineer for years)
 Weeks, Julius (Hero on "Uriah P. Timmons")
 Willing, F.L. (1964 member Pilots Association)
 Wescott, John (Jack)

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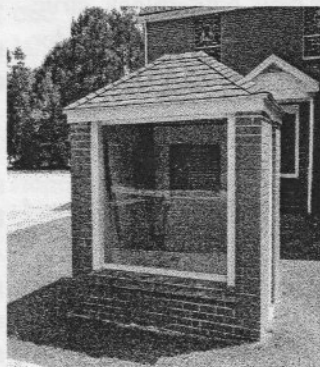
Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church

During March 2011, members of Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church celebrated their 139th anniversary.

Written by: Mrs. Annie R. Bryant
 Updated 2011 by: Mrs. Vonnie Grissett Fulwood

Cedar Grove history began in the year of our lord 1872, just after the Civil War ending the dark days of slavery, a group of Negro brothers and sisters who were worshipping at the Mount Pisgah Baptist Church (white) of Supply, North Carolina decided that they would rather have a church, pastor and officers of their own. They did not feel that they had the freedom that rightfully belonged to them in Mount Pisgah Church. They were restricted to a special area which had been fenced off in the church for them to worship. Realizing that this action was against Bible teachings, they started getting together making plans to establish a church of their own. They continued to worship at Mount Pisgah while making plans for their church. They held meetings under a large oak tree which they called the Committee Tree. It was under the shade of this tree, with faith in God and under the leadership of the late Rev. Moses Louder, the Church was organized.

The First Church The first Church was a log structure which was erected between the Stone Chimney Road and a place called Sand Hill. The Church was built under a large cedar tree with other cedars growing nearby. From these trees the Church obtained its name, **CEDAR GROVE MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH**. Through the years trees have grown on it. The first Church had seventeen Charter Members. The first Deacons were Brothers Wade Bryant and Riley Hewett. The



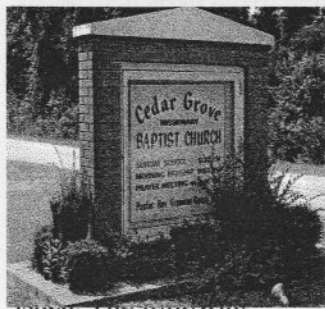
first Trustees were Brothers James Bryant, Jackson Clemmons, S.R. Eagles and Joseph Gore. In the year of our Lord 1958, the cedar stump under which the first church stood was taken up for preservation. It had decayed but there was enough to preserve. The stump was cleaned, varnished, and put in a small building on the church grounds to serve as a memorial to the founders of the first Church.

The Second Church The site for the second Church was purchased from Deacon Wade Bryant and a new log structure was built. As time passed, the members became dissatisfied with the log structure and again made plans to erect a new building. A new structure was constructed, and the members worshipped in this Church until the year 1910.

The Third Church In the year 1910 another framed building was erected on the same site. This site was approximately one quarter mile from the present site. This building was used until the year 1951. The final week of services was held in the old building with inspiring sermons preached each night. On Friday night before the third Sunday in May 1951, the late Rev. Bennie Price Stevenson gave the final message.

(Somewhere between the Third and Fourth Church, another group of Christian brothers and sisters who worshiped at Cheerful Hope Baptist Church (black) closed their doors and united with the Cedar Grove Missionary Baptist Church family. The exact location of the Cheerful Hope Church is not known, (somewhere near the present site of the Oak Grove Missionary Baptist Church off Holden Beach Road). The members included the Johnson's who lived in what is called Johnstontown. The merging of these two Churches increased the membership and the Church continued to grow in size and in Christian fellowship.)

The Fourth Church The members moved into the



new cinderblock structure under the leadership of the late Rev. Dr. William Henry David Flowers on the third Sunday in May 1951. Rev. Flowers delivered the morning message, and the late Dr. I. Irving Boone, accompanied by the late H.T. Hopkins, brought the afternoon message. Dinner for this memorable occasion was served in the canning house which was located near the Church. The new structure had a larger sanctuary, two classrooms, a pastor's study and a room for the ushers and choir.

As time passed Rev. Flowers, the Deacons and members felt the need of improving the Church with additional rooms and other facilities. In the year 1965 the foundation for the additional rooms to the building was poured. The addition included classrooms, kitchen and dining room, assembly room, dressing rooms and baptistery and the bricking of the entire structure. In the latter part of 1971 and the beginning of 1972 improvements were made on the yard, and in 1999 the entire parking lot was paved and parking spaces marked off. In 1986, windows were replaced in the entire church with stained glass windows. In 1995 ground was broken for a new dining room and on the first Sunday in February 1999 the new dining room was dedicated and dinner was served immediately following the dedication service. The cornerstone for the new dining hall was laid and dedicated on September 11, 2005. Under the leadership of God fearing men and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, the Church has grown in size, membership.

The Ministers The Church has progressed under the devoted leadership of the following God fearing ministers: Rev. Moses Louder, Rev. Bennie P. Stevenson, Rev. John Crowling, Rev. Sam J. Bryant, Rev. Jackson Eagles, and Rev. W.J. Stevenson, Rev. J.R. Holmes, Rev. Thomas Brown, Rev. H.A. Robinson, Rev. Willie Pugh, Rev. Dr. W.H.D. Flowers and our current pastor who has been with us since 1983, Rev. Freeman L. Gause, DD.

First Post Road

The road from New England to Charleston, over which mail was first carried regularly in North Carolina, 1738-39.

The first post road in North Carolina was constructed in 1738-1739, extending a road network that ran from Philadelphia to Williamsburg. In April 1738, the *Virginia Gazette* reported that Virginia Governor Alexander Spotswood had ordered a road to be cut from Williamsburg to Edenton in accordance with the wishes of North Carolina's post-master Abraham Blacknall.

A year later, in April 1739, the *South Carolina Gazette* recorded the establishment of a postal route from Charleston to "Georgetown, Cape Fear,

Edenton, and so through the Northern Colonies" that would run on the 20th day of every month. In May 1739, the Gazette reported that the road running from Edenton to Charleston had been finished. The following month the paper noted that a continuous route was then in existence from Boston to Charleston.

The exact route of the road through North Carolina remains something of a mystery. However, it is known to have passed near or through the present-day towns of Corapeake, Edenton, Bath, New Bern, and Belgrade, and through Brunswick County before entering South Carolina. The route apparently fell into disrepair in the 1740's and 1750's. As the British colonies were drawn into the War of Jenkins's Ear and the French and Indian War, colonial legislatures could scarcely afford to support the post road. Furthermore, oftentimes it was quicker and more efficient to simply mail letters by ship for delivery along the coastal trading routes.

In 1765, when William Tryon succeeded Arthur Dobbs as royal governor, North Carolina was the only colony that did not have an official post system, leaving a gap in communications between the northern colonies, South Carolina and Georgia. Tryon attempted to ameliorate the situation by funding the rebuilding and maintenance of the route, but by 1774 the post road was only partially operable. That same year the first east-west route in North Carolina was established between Wilmington and Cross Creek.

References:

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(Charleston) *South Carolina Gazette*, April 26, 1739

Will of Needham Gause

In the name of God Amen. I Needham Gause, being in a low state of health but of sound mind and memory, blessed be God for it, but calling to mind

the mortality of the body, and that it is appointed for all persons once to die, do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say, after all my just debts be paid, then I give and bequeath unto my loving wife, Hannah Gause, one negro wench named Lucy during her life and no longer, also all my stock of cattle which is in my own mark - except what cattle is known by my sons to be given to my daughter Elizabeth, also one horse, Selim, one mare and colt, mare named Light with all my stock of hogs, sheep, and goats. One two year old mare named Dailey and all my house hold furniture, except four beds with some furniture.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Nedham Gause one negro fellow named Andrew, also one half or morty of any land which I now live on, beginning at the mouth of the Indigo Branch, running up the same to the head thereof, thense a paralleled line to the back line, thense to the Eastermost corner, thense down to the marsh, thense to the mouth of the Indigo Branch the beginning, also one half of my beach tract, and one half of all my tide marsh and islands, also one feather bed and furniture with my wearing apparel.

Item, I give and bequeath to my son William Gause, one negro wench named Sylvia, also 150 acres of land that is to say the lower half of my cowpen place on Cow- Caw Swamp, one horse called Redhead with his cattle.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son John Gause, one negro fellow called Esaw, also 150 acres of land on Caw - Caw Swamp, the upper part of my cowpen place, also one bed and furniture, with cattle in his mark and brand.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my daughter Elizabeth Gause one negro wench named Chloe, one feather bed and furniture, one mare named Pigin, with all the cattle in my mark which is called hers and known by her brothers.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my son Bryan Gause one negro named Cain, also at the death of his mother one negro wench named Lucy with her increase, also one half of my lands wheron I now live which is the remaining half or mority of the

lands I gave my son Needham, also one half of my Beach tract with one half of my tide marsh and Islands, one two year old horse called Elmoder with his stock of cattle with his brand, also one feather bed and furniture. Also my will and desire is that the above negroes given to my different children should be kept on the Plantation with my wife Hannah until she should marry or move away or if any of my children should marry, then their negroes to be given up to them, also my will is my wife Hannah, son Needham, and son Bryant shall pay all the just debts that I owe, and I do nominate and appoint my loving wife Hannah Gause Executrix and my son Needham Gause Executor to this my last will and testament, revoking all other wills - do acknowledge this to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the 23rd day of September, 1794.

Witnesses:

Needham Gause (Seal)
William Gause
Jeremiah Vereen, Jr.

Recorded agreeable to an act of Genl. Assembly, Special Session 1908. Ratified Feby. 1st. 1908. Copied from old Records, Book A - (1) p. 22 and 23.

*Ref. Brunswick County Register of Deeds
Deeds Book B, age 65*

Transcribed as written.

Craven County, South Carolina
Book LL page 448 and examined.

John Bell personally appeared and being duly sworn sayeth that he saw Needham Gaus pay to his father Wm. Gause, Senr. the sum of six hundred pounds agreeable to the within Sworn to the 30th day of Jany 1762. Jos Britton, Secretary's Office.

John Murray Dept. of Sect.

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Editors Notes: The above is proof that William

Gause of Prince George Parish, Craven County, South Carolina was the father of Needham Gause, (born 1755, died September 3, 1794) of Brunswick County, North Carolina.

It has been reported that Needham's second wife was Hannah Frink, daughter of Nicholas and Deborah Pendleton Frink, who came to the Little River section of South Carolina from Connecticut before 1735. Nicholas and Deborah Frink had two children after arriving in South Carolina, Hannah and Jabesh.

Per Bessie Mae S. Frink

Will of Mathias Hewett

A paper writing purporting to be The Last Will and Testament of Mathias Hewett is exhibited in open Court by Elizabeth Hewett which said paper writing is in the following words and figures, to wit:

In the Name of God Amen!

I, Mathias Hewett, of the County of Brunswick and State of North Carolina, being of sound and disposing Mind and Memory, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof, do make this my last Will and Testament.

First. My will is that my Wife Elizabeth shall have the plantation on which I now live containing 200 acres, one cow and calf, one horse and cart, one sow and pigs, her choice of the horses, cows, sows and pigs, one bed, bedstead and furniture and enough money to finish a dwelling house now started on the said 200 acres of land, and my negro Henry - to have and to hold during her lifetime, provided she does not Marry after my decease if she should Marry again then all the aforesaid property shall be divided equally among all my children.

Secondly. I give and bequeath to my beloved daughter Anzy, wife of Isaiah Fulford, one hundred and six acres of land whereon she now lives already patented.

Thirdly. My will is futher that after all my just debts and burial expenses are paid which it is my

will shall be done by my Executors that all the rest and residue of my estate real and personal and Mixed be equally divided among my six children, Frances, Enoch, Rufus, Sarah and Anzy - except that Anzy shall not be but half as much as the rest.

Witness my hand and seal, Decr. 14, 1861.

Mathias Hewett (Seal)
(his mark)

Signed, Sealed, Published and declared to be his last Will and Testament in presence of us, who at his request and in his presence signed our names as witnesses.

Washington Holden
Joseph J. Bell

Recorded agreeably to an Act of the Genl. Assembly Special Session, 1908. Ratified Feby 1st, 1908.

Copied from Old Record, Book B(3) Page 182.

Reference: Microfilm C.012.80001. North Carolina State Archives, Raleigh, North Carolina Register of Deeds, Bolivia, Brunswick County, North Carolina, Will Book B, Page 40.

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The Bicentennial of The War of 1812 in North Carolina

Americas Second War for Independence

The North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources has set up a web site with information about the role North Carolina played in the *War of 1812*, and information on symposiums and events being held throughout the year at various location within our state.

Web site of interest on the War of 1812:

<http://nc1812.wordpress.com/category/news-history/>

Famous North Carolinians who contributed to the nation's defense include Dolly Madison, General Andrew Jackson, Otway Burns, and Captain Johnston Blakely.

Events scheduled at Southport on **October 18, 19, and 20** include symposium lectures and living history and are co-sponsored by **Brunswick Town / Fort Anderson and Fort Fisher.**

Start times are: **Thursday, Oct. 18th @ 3:00; Friday, Oct. 19th @ 11:00; Saturday Oct. 20th @ 10:00.** To be held at the Fort Johnston Garrison Community Center. Some events are free, others require pre-registration and fees, check the web site for details.

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