

REFLECTIONS

Newsletter of the Wayne County Historical Association
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Museum Events 2010

January-February

Exhibit: Black History with a focus on the Underground Railroad

Military Round Table

January 19th 7:00

Speaker/Book Signing

By Stacey Jones

*The Goldsborough Rifles
1859-2009*

February 16th 7:00 Speaker TBA

Wayne County Reads

February 15 7:00 p.m.

Speaker

John Whittington Franklin

February 26th 7:00

March-April

Exhibit: Early Religions of Wayne County

Speaker/Book Signing

March 9th 5:30

Emily Weil will present her new book *Cornwallis' Campaign: From Wilmington to Yorktown*

Upcoming Board Meetings

January 12th 5:30

March 9th 5:30

The WCHA will now be holding board meetings every other month.

Please make a note of it.

We are also scheduling several speakers and events. Please note that the exhibit schedule is subject to change. For more details call the museum at;

(919) 734-5023

From the President

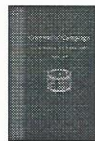
Your Wayne County Historical Association is looking forward to a busy new year! "Reflections" on the past year are positive, despite all the economic challenges our community is meeting. It is gratifying to note that the programming offered and the displays mounted are drawing ever larger number of attendees. Last year 2,750 visits to the Museum were made. Comparing this to some 2,000 visits in 2007, the past two years has seen an attendance increase over 37%. Kudos to Johnna Nelson and Chris Lawson, our dedicated staff, for all their efforts to create exhibits and present programs that celebrate our local history.

Also impressive in 2009 were the individual efforts made on behalf of the Association and Museum. We owe special thanks to Bill Bryan for his generous donation toward defraying some of the extraordinary building maintenance costs we are facing. And what a nice surprise it was to receive some monetary support from the Goldsboro Sail & Power Squadron. Jim Vinson kindly contributed his legal expertise to WCHA. Charles and Betty Ellis donated the use of their lovely home for our festive holiday party. And, very significantly, Emily Weil completed the authorship of her new book on the Cornwallis Campaign March through North Carolina. All proceeds are being donated to the WCHA. You will be hearing much more about this exciting publication. Our members responded generously to the special appeal for funding for "Preservation NC", a show of appreciation for all the good work PNC has done right here in Wayne County. These are just some of the thoughtful and very much appreciated gestures of support that made 2009 a special year.

Sadly, Mary Johnstone passed away in 2009. Her indomitable spirit stays with us though. Contributions in her memory were made to Historical Association and we learned of a bequest she left to us. The WCHA Board is determined that we will use this funding to create a suitable memorial to Mary and we are working now to accomplish this.

For 2010, please check out the varied and interesting events listed in this and future newsletters. Be sure to take advantage of these local opportunities for knowledge and enlightenment. Of particular note at this time are the activities celebrating Black History. We are particularly honored to present John Whittington Franklin, son of John Hope Franklin, who will speak on February 26th. He will speak of growing up in Goldsboro and his current work at the Smithsonian Museum. Also, WCHA is a partner in "Wayne County Reads". The book this year is *Fahrenheit 451* and the Museum will be the site for a panel discussion on censorship on February 15th.

Coming Soon!



**Cornwallis' Campaign:
From Wilmington to Yorktown**
By Emily Weil

Pre-pay by January 15 and receive your copy for \$19.95 plus tax, over a 20% discount!

*Price does not include tax or shipping costs.
All proceeds go to the Wayne County Historical Association.

The Wayne County Historical Association is pleased to be carrying three new books available in our gift shop. Pick up a copy today!

*Cornwallis' Campaign:
From Wilmington to Yorktown*
By Emily Weil
Available in February

The Goldsboro Rifles
By Stacey Jones

Scheherazade
By Margaret Baddour

What's been happening down at the Museum

Its hard to believe the holidays have come and gone! The *Taverns, Saloons and Moonshine Madness* exhibit was a lot of fun and with over 600 visitors we hated to tear it down. Many of you got a kick out of the old 1952 Buick parked out front. Chris and I enjoyed hearing people chuckle at the humorous stories and displays. We really appreciate all who helped to make it such a great success!

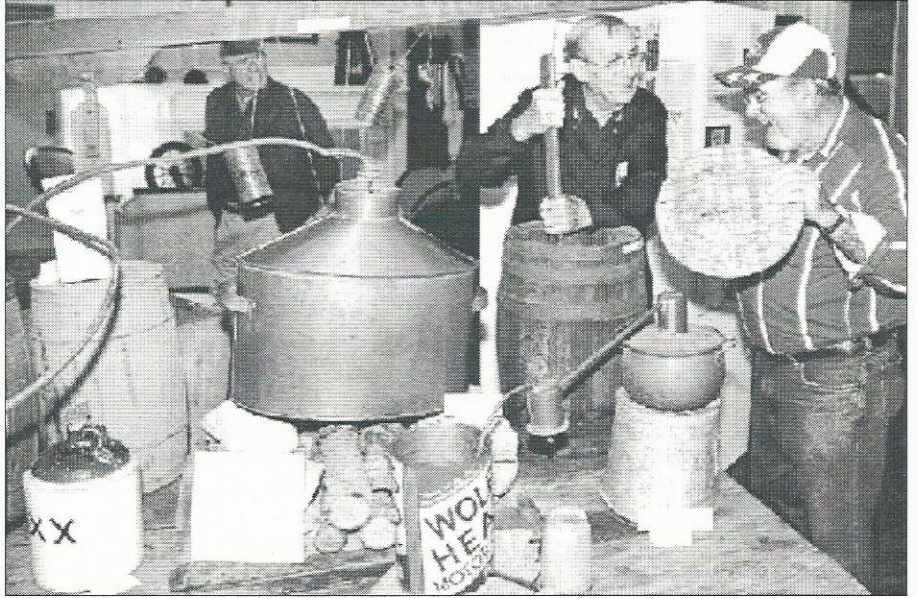
In October we were pleased to hear from Bob Powell, Sr. who drove all the way out from Wilkesboro, NC to share his experiences as a Revenuer during the Prohibition era. He put on a great program and we feel everyone walked away with a smile on their lips.

We also hosted another Old Goldsborough Ghost Walk sponsored by the Eastern Carolina Paranormal Investigators. There were over 200 attendees and we received many compliments on how much fun it was. If you missed out have no fear. Another ghost walk will be scheduled later this fall.

December 1st was an enjoyable evening at the home of Charles and Betty Ellis where we held our annual holiday get together. The food and company were excellent and we appreciate our wonderful hosts for the evening.

We have a great year planned for 2010 and hope you get a chance to come and see the many interesting things happening at The Wayne County Museum! Have a happy and prosperous New Year!

~Museum Staff



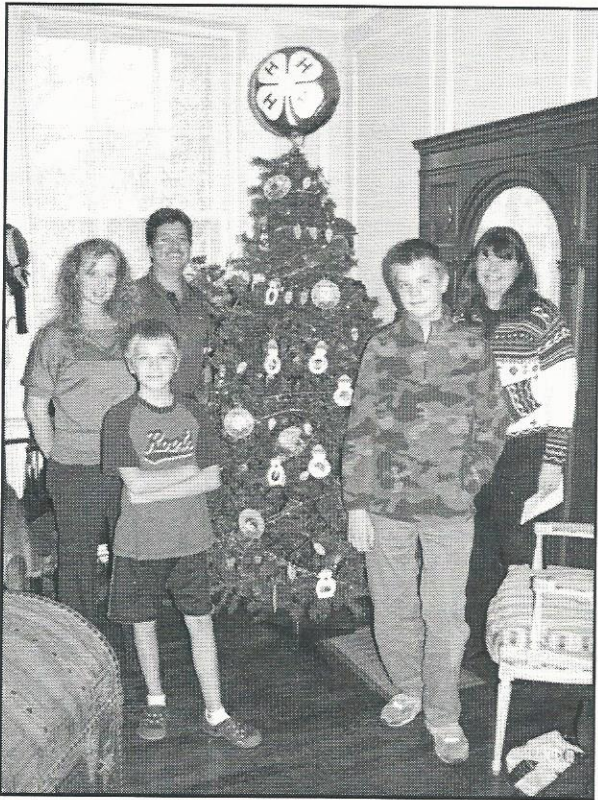
Bob Powell, Sr. and Marvin E. Underwood talk Moonshine during our Moonshine Madness Exhibit. Stills on display provided by Jim Bender and James N. Thornton, both residents of Wayne County

Photo Courtesy of the Goldsboro News Argus



Top: Chris and Anna Lawson along with Andy Anderson and Lynn Williams enjoying each other's company.
Center: Johnna Nelson and Chris Lawson breathing a sigh of relief that another year has come and gone.

Bottom left: Betty and Charles Ellis in front of their fabulous Christmas tree.



Wallace Simmons, Wayne County 4-H agent, Summer Young, Program associate, Stephen and Christopher Finch, 4-H club members and their mother Anne Finch, Volunteer Club Leader pose for a picture after decorating the tree

The 4-H Club-Celebrating 100 Years!

The Wayne County Museum had the pleasure of displaying a tree full of memories. Members of our local 4-H club came down to decorate the tree in honor of the 100th anniversary of the 4-H club. Each ornament has a photo of various activities that took place this year through the 4-H program.

The seeds for 4-H were planted in the late 1890's when several states responded to their charge under the 1862 Morrill Act to expand their extension activities to include youth programs. To that end, one-acre corn contests were organized for boys, ostensibly to teach farming practices and to demonstrate 'scientific' farming. The first 4-H program as we know it today began in Holmes County, Mississippi, in 1907 when a school superintendent organized 120 boys in a corn contest sponsored by the Mississippi State College of Agriculture. From this first joint venture of youth and university, 4-H work has become an important part of nationwide land-grant college extension programs.

If you'd like information on becoming a 4-H Club member please contact Wallace Simmons at 919-731-1527.

Brief history quoted from *Green and Growing Website*

North Carolina's First Nursing Home

Whispering Cedars Nursing Home—that was the name of North Carolina's first nursing home. Established by Mary L. Casey in 1933, the home was located at 1113 East Mulberry Street and ran successfully until 1946. Mary L. Casey was born September 25, 1888 to Benjamin and Hannah Casey. She married Charles H. Thompson September 25, 1916. She graduated from Robert McDaniel Memorial Hospital in Kinston, NC on May 20, 1915. She worked for Dr. William Smith as nurse and opened the nursing home with the encouragement of Dr. Grover Dail, Dr. DeLeon Best, Dr. Jack Harrell, and Dr. Ivey, all of whom attended their patients at Whispering Cedars.

Family members of the late Mrs. Casey called the Wayne County Museum several months ago in hopes of erecting a historical marker. Upon contacting the owner of the former nursing home, Mr. Ralph Gable, permission was given to move ahead. Plans are now in the works for the marker, purchased by the family, to be erected. Look for more details in the Goldsboro News Argus over the coming weeks.



Photo: Harriet Tubman
Don't miss our new exhibit. Black History runs now through the end of February with a special focus on the Underground Railroad!

In an effort to save time, money and paper future newsletters will be available online. Should you prefer to receive your newsletter via email please contact the Wayne County Museum @ 919-734-5023. If we do not receive a request we will continue to mail the newsletter each quarter. Thank you for your support!

Publications for Sale

Quantity

Title and Price

_____	<i>After Sherman's March: Goldsboro at the End of the Civil War</i> —by Emily Weil—\$25.00
_____	<i>Glimpses of Wayne County, North Carolina: An Architectural History</i> —edited by J. Pezzoni—\$20.00
_____	<i>The Heritage of Wayne County</i> —compiled by Mary Johnstone—\$50.00
_____	<i>History of Wayne County</i> —edited by Bob Johnson and Charles Norwood—\$35.00
_____	<i>A Place for Theodore</i> —by L.G. Williams—\$12.00
_____	<i>Postcards of Wayne County</i> —by Sarah Manning and Emily Weil—\$10.00
_____	<i>Wayne County Cemeteries Volume II</i> — Old Dobbs Genealogical Society—\$55.00

_____	- Subtotal
_____	- 7.75% Tax (NC residents)
_____	- Shipping — \$5.00 per book
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Make checks payable to: WCHA, PO Box 665, Goldsboro, NC 27533-0665.

To purchase Wayne County Cemeteries Volume II, please make checks payable to Old Dobbs Genealogical Society.

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