

Reflections

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A Message from the President:

Thanks to the 217 current members who have donated their money and time to WCHA for a total of \$7275 and many hours. I still hope more individuals and families will join us. Our membership goal is 300 this year. We did not have a Board meeting in July and will not meet in August. The next meeting will be September 11th, 5:15 P.M. at the Waynesborough Visitor Center.

We still have approximately 600 copies of Glimpses, 1300 copies of Post Cards, 90 copies of Heritage and 30 copies of Inventory of Goldsboro for sale. See page three of this newsletter for prices.

Dennis Bell, Wayne County Historical Association

Events Calendar:

- August 14: WCHA Board Meeting, 5:15 PM at WVC (Wayne Visitor's Center)
- August 19: C.B. Aycock BPHS – Lore of the moon and role of the Almanac 2 PM
- August 24: Chamber Fest 2000 – SJ AFB Officer's Club 10-5 PM and
Business After Hours 5:30-7:30PM
- September 4: Labor Day, Federal Holiday – WVC OPEN
- September 5: Building & Grounds, OWC 4 PM at WVC
- September 11: WCHA Board Meeting, 5:15 PM at WVC

- October 3: Building & Grounds, OWC 4 PM at WVC
- October 9: Columbus Day, Federal Holiday, WVC OPEN
- October 9: WCHA Board Meeting, 5:15 PM at WVC
- October 14: Seniors Appreciation Day, 9-5 PM at WVC

- November 4: Northern Wayne County Bus Tour, 8-4:30 PM, \$20.00
- November 7: Election Day, Please vote
- November 7: Building & Grounds, OWC, 4 PM at WVC
- November 11: Veteran's Day, Tuscarora Powwow at Waynesborough Village
- November 13: WCHA Board Meeting, 5:15 PM at WVC
- November 23: Thanksgiving Day, Federal Holiday, WVC CLOSED

- December 3: Christmas at Waynesborough, 12-5 PM
- December 5: Building & Grounds, OWC 4 PM at WVC
- December 11: WCHA Board Meeting, 5:15 PM at WVC
- December 25: Christmas Day, Federal Holiday, WVC CLOSED

- January 1: Happy New Year! Merry Millennium! WVC CLOSED

WCHA Board Minutes, 12 June 2000:

The meeting was called to order by the President, Dennis Bell. There were 21 members present. The secretary's minutes from the May 8th meeting were approved. David Wilder read the Treasurer's report in Cheryl Alleman's stead. A motion to accept and approve the report was seconded. Membership stands at 191. David Wilder was asked to send another letter out and/or put information in the next Reflections.

Books on hand were reported: 95 Heritage, 600 Glimpses, 1500 Post Cards, and 35 Inventory of Goldsboro. The following component reports were given:

Waynesborough – Ed Kelly

Museum - Scott Chase

Old Dobbs – Charles Ellis

M.O.A.H.S. – Judy Parks

C.B. Aycock – Dennis Bell

Revolving Fund – David Wilder

The book, History of Wayne County, should be out next year. The first check for the Town Meeting Hall lease has been received. The Quaker Neck Community and the Elizabeth Ellis Fund were discussed. C.B. Aycock and WCHA will share a booth at the Chamber Fest 2000 at SJ AFB. The \$50 fee was approved. The Northern Wayne County Bus Tour will be Nov. 4th and will cost \$20. Future dates: 1 July 2001 Quilt Show at Pikeville. 22 June 2001 B.A.H. at the Pines

Wayne County Museum:

The staff at the Wayne County Museum is excited about the future. Changes are underway and we look for many exciting events to come. We would like to thank everyone that has helped to make our museum a success. We had a very prosperous membership drive and still have membership discount cards available. If interested in joining the museum please call us at 734-5023. The museum is always in need of volunteers. We have many projects that need your valuable experience. If interested please do not hesitate to call.

Charles B. Aycock Birthplace:

Gov. Hunt declared August 3rd the celebration date for the Centennial of Governor Aycock's Election. A ceremony was held at the site. The Charles B. Aycock High School Band played and Dr. Steven D. Taylor, School Superintendent, read the proclamation in the one-room schoolhouse. Another centennial celebration event will be held January 19th and 20th, 2001. A symposium entitled "Charles B. Aycock's North Carolina: Politics, Education, and Race Relations in the Progressive Era" will be hosted by the birthplace and Wayne Community College.

The site hosted a Beginner's Genealogy class on August 12th. The course was taught by Ed Morris, the new curator of education at historic sites.

On August 19th at 2 PM, Jack Pyle and Taylor Reese, authors of You and the Man in the Moon: A Guide to Using the Almanac and Raising with the Moon will explore the lore of the moon and the role of the almanac in rural life.

A paint analysis on the schoolhouse revealed two layers of paint. The original color was a medium blue-gray of which we'd like to paint the interior. This would lighten the room as well as restore it to its original appearance. Over the summer, the Historic Sites Craftsmen have completed the residing of the corn barn and stable.

Charlotte Brow

Revolving Fund

We have two houses for sale, 115 S. Virginia Street and 403 W. Mulberry Street. We need to raise \$25,000.00 in the hopes we can purchase and restore another house.

Nancy Delia

Old Waynesborough Commission:

We have just completed the Wayne County Brochure for a price of \$3400. This was not in our budget but strange circumstances left us holding the bag. It is a good product and will advertise us in visitor centers in the local area and along Interstate 95. The WCHA is getting some of the credit for its publication. We hope that the WCHA will also contribute to the price of this publication in the amount of \$1700.

Our first year budget was approximated and we are extremely close except for the large expenses due to the flooding. With no FEMA reimbursement, we are now running five thousand in the hole and will be down over seven when we start our new fiscal year in July. We need to examine staff hours and utility use as a possible means of cutting expenses.

I am hoping for a positive reply to funding support.

Ed Kelly, Chairman

Old Dobbs Genealogical Society:

In 1779 an act of the General Assembly held at Halifax, NC during the administration of Richard Caswell, the first governor of North Carolina, provided that Dobbs County should be divided into three new counties: Greene, Lenoir, and Wayne Counties. Dobbs County had been formed from Johnston County in 1758. This division enabled a man to ride his horse to the courthouse, transact his business, and return home the same day. Wayne County was named in honor of General Anthony Wayne, a distinguished officer in the Continental Army and one of General George Washington's most trusted officers.

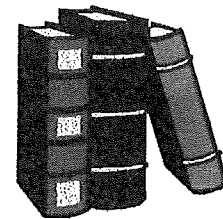
The early settlers to Wayne County lived along the Neuse River. The first settlers were the family of Col. William McKinne, Sr. He moved his family here in 1749 when he acquired 300 acres in the then Johnston County. The first settlers along the Neuse River were the Coxes, Whitfields, Saspers, Pikes, and Kennedy's. In 1755 John Sasser settled on the Little River and he left his plantation to his son, Josiah Sasser. Josiah Sasser's residence was the site of the first court held in Wayne County in 1780. Thomas Edgerton was the first known settler in the northern part of the county. He settled on Nahunta Swamp. Many of Wayne County's first settlers were located in the portion of Johnston County (Dobbs County) which became Wayne County.

Billy Herring and I are doing a cemetery survey in the areas of the northern townships. We are marking the ones we find using the G.P.S. Navigator. These locations are to be put on the tax maps of Wayne County. In our many hours of researching and discovery we have found that the Peacock Cemetery in Buck Swamp Township has been destroyed. If any of you have the names of persons in this cemetery, we would appreciate you sharing with us.

Elliott R. Futrell

Books For Sale at Waynesborough:

<u>Architectural Inventory</u>	\$10
<u>The Heritage of Wayne County</u>	\$35
<u>Post Cards of Wayne County</u>	\$12
<u>Glimpses of Wayne County</u>	\$30
<u>Post Cards and Glimpses Set</u>	\$35



Books needed at Waynesborough:

Waynesborough is currently trying to build a small research library. If you have any books, journals, letters, photographs or magazines on Historic Wayne County your contribution to this project would be greatly appreciated.

The entire page is decorated with various types of leaves, some falling from the top and others forming a dense pile at the bottom. The leaves are rendered in black and white, with some showing detailed vein patterns.

Seniors Appreciation Day

At Waynesborough Village

**Waynesborough State Park
801 S. US 117 Bypass, Goldsboro, NC
(919) 739-9989**

Saturday, October 14th, 9am-5pm

**Everyone is invited to Come and Enjoy:
Entertainment, Exhibits, Crafts, Food,
Flower Show.**

**Visit: Wiggins House, Grange Museum,
Doctors Office, Odd Fellows Museum,
Judge Faircloth's Office, Bethany Meeting
House, School, Blacksmith, General Store
& the Indian Village.**