

Wayne County HISTORICAL Association Newsletter



September 1990

WCHA Revolving Fund Purchased House

On May 10, 1990, the Wayne County Revolving Fund purchased the Lomax-Edwards House at 205 N. Virginia Street. Plans are to stabilize the home and offer it for resale subject to protective covenants.

This circa 1908 home was built on a lot purchased on September 9, 1908, by R. A. Lomax and his wife, Mary S. Lomax. They lived in the home until

August 1919 when it was sold to L. D. Edwards for \$6,800. In 1922 the house was conveyed to Annie B. Edwards who owned it until September 1946. From 1946 until the purchase by the Revolving Fund, owners of the house included Chester B. Keen, Alfonso McLamb who owned it from 1950 until 1969, Braxton H. and Joan Bell, George Griffin, Bud Griffin, George W. Sutton,

and John Risch.

The exterior of the home is in the Colonial revival architectural style. It has a slate roof and a single-storey, wrap-around front porch. The entrance leads into a paneled foyer with a turned staircase which rises to a landing and then on up to the second floor. The first floor also includes a back hall, enclosed back porch, family room, butler's pantry, and kitchen. Upstairs a long hall leads to a sleeping porch and sitting room. There are also three bedrooms. Most of the original doors, moldings and hardware survive in the house. Of special interest are many fine fireplaces, and distinctive mantel pieces which are found in almost all rooms.

This house is basically complete, but will require substantial rehabilitation. Once completed this fine home can easily be brought back to its earlier grandeur.

Matching Fund Grant Awarded

In May the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation notified the Wayne County Revolving Fund that the Foundation had approved a grant for "matching funds" in the amount of \$20,000. This grant is to be used to acquire and stabilize homes in Goldsboro's Historic District. The funds are to be used specifically to purchase, stabilize, and

offer for resale endangered homes. These homes which are historically and or architecturally significant will be resold with protective covenants. Plans are under way to raise funds to enable the Wayne County Historical Association to receive the "matching funds" and continue the work of saving endangered historic residences.

New Goldsboro Historic District Owners Welcomed

The Wayne County Historical Association would like to welcome the following families to Goldsboro Historic District: Scott Allen at c. 1889

Wayne County Historical Assoc. General Meeting

The next general meeting of the Wayne County Historical Association will be held at the Town Meeting Hall at 3 a.m., Sunday, September 23, 1990. The program will consist of a review/update of the Association's Revolving Fund presented by several members of the Revolving fund Committee. A tour of our properties at 201 and 205 N. Virginia Street will be included in the program. In addition the Peacock House which is under restoration at 203 N. Virginia St. will be open. A discussion of the matching grant of \$20,000. from the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation will be held and will include steps that have already been taken to raise most of the matching grant requirements. It should be an interesting and informative meeting.

Taylor-Grantham house, 409 Leslie Street, and D. A. and Brenda Stuart at the c. 1890 Hollowell house, 408 S. William Street.

Scott purchased his home in March 1989. Since then he has made extensive renovations. He painted the decorative patterned tin roof, modernize the kitchen, added a fireplace in the living room, and installed 2 archways between rooms.

The Stuarts purchased their home in October 1989.

Visitors Center at Waynesborough Park to be Dedicated

The Old Waynesborough Park Commission will dedicate the recently completed Visitor Center at Waynesborough Park at 11 a.m., Thursday, November 1, 1990. A plaque honoring Charles S. Norwood will be on display. Tours of the Visitor Center and historic buildings will be held. It is planned to have in place a log tobacco barn, pack barns circa 1850, Wiggs house circa 1840-50, the Judge Faircloth Law Office, an 1800's school building, and Bethany Meeting House.

Since they moved in, they have been working on the house themselves, sometimes thinking they bought the REAL money pit! They are pleased with the progress in their house. They have rented out two rooms and one apartment to freinds. These renters have also been helping in the restoration of the house. The 5240 square foot Hollowell house contains 24 rooms, and the Stuarts occupy all 9 of the downstairs. Their children are Brandy age 9, Jammie age 4, and Bruce age 1. D. A. is already a member of the Board of WCHA.

Old Dobbs Genealogical Society Meeting

The Old Dobbs County Genealogical Society general meeting will be held 11:30 a.m., Saturday, September 22, 1990. Charles B. Ellis will present a program on the Flowers and Kornegay families and will display an 1890 portrait of Margaret Kornegay Flowers. Members of the Association are invited to attend this dutch treat luncheon meeting at the Western Sizzling Streak House.

Revolving Fund Had a Busy Spring

The Historic Homes tour held on April 28 netted about \$1500. The five restored homes and one home in the process of being restored were well received by the people who attended the tour. Volunteers donated many hours of their time to make this a successful event. Ann and Tara Humphries were responsible for producing the beautiful brochure.

The committee would like to thank all those persons who helped organized the event, sold tickets, or "house sat" during the tour. In addition we are especially grateful to Belks for the \$100. donation which helped defer the costs, Parker Advertising

Flagpole Dedication at the Museum

There will be a ceremony at the Wayne County Museum at 4 p.m. Sunday, October 28, 1990 to dedicate a flagpole in memory of Murray Borden who was lost in Vietnam. Members of the Historical Association are encouraged to attend this dedication which will serve as our general meeting for October.

for the free airing of the tour on TV, and the businesses that sold tickets.

We are extremely grateful to the people that opened up their homes for the tour. Without them none

Dues Due

The annual membership dues for 1990 became due January 1. They are tax deductible and should be sent to: The WCHA,
P. O. Box 665,
Goldsboro, N. C. 27530.

Student	\$1.00
Individual	\$10.00
Family	\$15.00
Friend of the Assoc.	\$50.00

Help Recruit New Members

The work load is getting larger and the membership is getting smaller. Please help bring in new members by passing on your copies of the news letter to friends and ask them to join. Invite friends to our meetings for a first hand view of us in action.

Extra copies of the news letter can be obtained by phoning Charles B. Ellis at 242-4772.

of this would had been possible.

With renewed funds in the Revolving Fund Account, the Committee purchased the c. 1908 Lomax-Edwards house at 205 N. Virginia St. in May of 1990. Currently the house is having some stabilization work done on it so that it will be marketable.

House Donated to Revolving Fund

In May 1990 the Wayne County Revolving Fund received a Donation from John A. and Geraldine Risch. This donation consisted of a lot at 201 North Virginia Street. Under the direction of the Revolving Funds the skelton of a house that was not salvagable was removed and the lot was filled. The WCHA is thankful to the Risches for their donation.

Did You Know?

Over 2,500 men from Wayne County entered the military during the First World War. Sixty men were killed in action, died of disease or wounds.

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