



NEWS

MCHA LATEST PROJECT: WRITTEN IN TREE RINGS

Since the Southern Pines Golf Club has come under new management by the company that owns and operates Pine Needles and Mid Pines, there have been many changes on the grounds. Kelly Miller, a Moore County Historical Association member and supporter is the president of Pine Needles and Mid Pines and is leading the changes. Recently, some large trees were felled on the SP Golf Club property as the restoration process began. Fortunately, we have been given one of the cookie-cuts from one of these very old oak trees. The Historical Association's plan is to display the slab for visitors and enthusiasts of our area as a Slice of History exhibit. Our slice of oak is estimated to be 121 years old. Therefore, by marking the rings as they correspond to significant Moore County and other historical events creates a timeline.

The tree slab/cookie was mechanically placed onto co-president Steady Meares' truck and then driven home to the Shaw House grounds, Wayne Almas and Chris Ingram also helped. The slab has been reconditioned by Mr. Almas by sanding and shellacking. It has a good coating of polyurethane and is on display in the Graham Corn Crib's shed, for now. The MCHA is currently working on a Southern Pines timeline so that the appropriate rings can be labeled. This slab is about 8" thick and 4' in diameter! We are thrilled to have this new feature to share with visitors and the community, mainly to establish a great visual representation of our local history displayed at a significant historical location.



SANDERS GARDEN

I would like to thank the following for all their donations and volunteered help, whether advisory or physically, with reviving the Sanders Herb Garden: Matt Farina for his last minute tilling with his tiller; Dorothy Shankle for recommending we apply for a grant from the Botanical Garden Club. Thank you to the Botanical Garden Club for awarding us the extra funds; they will certainly not go to waste as we maintain and add to the garden in the near future. Thank you to Sarah Matthews for submitting the grant application and getting me in touch with Alice Romans-Hess, Master Gardener of the Botanical Garden Club, who provided great advice. Thank you to the unstoppable Grace Jones for donating lamb's ear, Jerusalem artichoke, and Castor bean. Thank you to the always helpful Jesse Wimberley for the procurement of some of the boards as well as trucking in the compost to fill the boxes. Thank you to John Jackson and the Friends of the Bryant House for donating some old boards for the garden boxes and bringing them



to the Sanders Garden, and Jan Fowler at Sandhills Feed for her enthusiasm and interest and donation of tansy. Also, a big thanks to Carley Sutton for helping with the watering from here forward. - Angela Gaskell, Co-Director

NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED 2020 / 2021

Carla Butler was born in NC, but lived in Washington D.C. until her early teens when she moved to Wilmington, NC. She studied art history and studio arts at East Carolina University. She also attended Campbell College to continue her studies in textiles and this is where she met her husband, J. Alan Butler. They moved to D.C. in 1965 where Carla worked at the Federal Reserve Board. Then, her husband and two children moved to Southern Pines from 1976 to 1983, her husband's home town, where she sold accessories and antiques at an interior design store. In 1983 they moved to Durham where she became an appraiser of tangible personal property and became a member of both the American Society of Appraisers and the International Society of Appraisers. Carla founded Butler & Associates in 1985, retiring in 2016. She lives in Southern Pines, again, and has four grandchildren.

Trent Carter is a native son of Fayetteville NC and graduated from Campbell University with a BS in Social Science as well as earning a Masters in History from Appalachian State University, and a Masters in Education Administration and Public Administration from East Carolina University. He also attended school at Oxford University, England. He joined the US Army in 1970 and served for 26 years ending his career as a LTC. Trent has taught History at Fayetteville Tech, Fayetteville State University, Campbell University and Geography at St. Andrews University. He also taught History and Civics at Pinecrest High School. He has been a re-enactor of the Revolutionary War for over 50 years and his latest portrayal is that of General Cornwallis. Trent is an active member of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church and is a 32nd degree Mason.

Robert (Bob) Ferro was born in Chicago and joined the Army in 1968, and after 25 years of service retired in 1993 with a ranking of Colonel, the highest field-grade officer. Bob attended the University of Southern California after his service and opened his own tax and accounting business with his degree. He moved to NC five years ago where he still runs a small business for completing taxes. Bob likes to collect military items and do research on military topics.

Dorothy Caddell Kicklighter is a Moore County native who grew up on a farm in West End, adjoining what is now 7 Lakes. Dorothy graduated from West End High School, then from SCC with an AAS in Medical Technology, and then from NC State with a B.S. in Health Occupations Education. She is a mother of three and is now retired from Moore Regional/FirstHealth of the Carolinas after 47 years serving in Clinical Lab and IT positions. Since retirement, she has been a member of the FirstHealth Patient Family Advisory Council. Dorothy grew up within a couple of miles from the Bryant House, and the families knew each other. She's always been interested in the history and joined Friends of the Bryant House in 2015, serving as their secretary. Dorothy joined MCHA in



Welcome New Members!

Dale Moegling
John Cameron
Casey Seagroves

Contributions

Ms. Julia Bambauer
Ms. Beverly Bizzell
Ms. Lucinda Boyd
Ms. Bebe Briggs
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brown
Mr. and Mrs. John Brown
Mr. and Mrs. James Brown
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Mr. Bud Wallen
Mr. and Mrs. David Young



Sanders Garden, (L) before and (R) in progress



2020 New Board Members (L): Bob Ferro, Carla Butler, Hugh Shepard, Carley Sutton, Dorothy Kicklighter



2021 New Board Members (Far Left) Trent Carter (Far Right) Dale Moegling, (Middle starting at left) Co-Presidents Steady Meares and Gene Schoenfelder



A Slice of History project based on a 120 year old tree slice. L/R Chris Ingram, Wayne Almas and Steady Meares.

2017 and is grateful John Jackson asked her to serve on the MCHA Board.

Dale Moegling is originally from Texas. He and his wife Lynda have been married for 44 years. Since they've moved to the area, his interest in the local history has grown, especially through the lens of his camera. Dale graduated from the University of Texas with a degree in History, and worked at IBM for 35 years, both nationally and internationally. His hobbies include (in order) photography, travel, and a bit of golf. Lynda and he have two children, and between them, they have five grandchildren.

Hugh Shepard grew up in the NC Sandhills and can trace his ancestors back seven generations, all within a 35 mile radius of his home. He is a service technician of almost 47 years. When he's not working full-time he works on his Longleaf tree farm. Hugh's hobbies include hunting, fishing and looking for artifacts. He belongs to several heritage organizations where he enjoys living history and recreates how our ancestors lived. Hugh has a gift of being able to dowse, thanks to Steady Meares who shared his dowsing rods with him at the Kenneth Black Cemetery. Finding unmarked graves around the fringes of old cemeteries, home-places, and native burial grounds is on Hugh's most current list of accomplishments. Hugh looks forward to belonging to the Moore County Historical Association for as long as he is able.

Carley Sutton is a Southern Pines native and massage therapist with a passion for history. She is a regular docent at the Shaw House, Volunteer Coordinator for the Southern Pines Welcome Center, and runs tours of the historic downtown as A Step In Time Walking Tours.

EVENT RECAP

MCHA Annual Meeting

This year's annual meeting was instead held in June because of lingering regulations based around the pandemic and the state reopening. The board members had already approved that it take place at the Bryant House and McLendon Cabin grounds on Mount Carmel Church Rd. Although temperatures were hotter than would be in the Spring, the meeting was short and sweet, especially because there was a delicious homemade vanilla cake with strawberries made by member Marshall Caddell's wife, Linda.

The known history of the McLendon Cabin, built (c.1760), lived-in, and sold by its original owner Joel McLendon, was

confidently read by Debbie Williams, whose relatives were neighbors to the McLendons. The historical significance of the family and the cabin is fascinating, mostly because thirteen children were born and raised in the cabin.

Kaye Brown then shared with us her extensive research, knowledge, and history about her family's Bryant House (c.1820). In between streams of passing traffic from the road and Kaye's quick wit and humor, the presentation was most interesting. Updates to the Bryant House grounds were reported and Kaye announced that the Bryant House is now reopened for tours through October, on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of every month, 2-4 pm.

The meeting continued and we voted in two new board members Trent Carter, and Dale Moegling with a resounding, "Aye!" Members who are stepping down from the Board are Paula Caddell, Eileen Malan, Katie Chisholm, and Sue McCain, who were thanked for their service and encouraged to continue to volunteer. John Jackson, stepping down as co-president, was gifted a wooden-framed reprint of the Second Battle of Fort Fisher (1865), where several of John's relatives were captured.

The meeting adjourned with some of the scrumptious vanilla cake with vanilla frosting and fresh strawberries and cold lemonade. Refreshments were provided by Dorothy Kicklighter and Friends of Bryant House. Members were able to catch up, exchange gratitude, and finally talk in person. Thank you to Grace Jones for procuring the very necessary golf carts and drivers.

2021 – 2022

Directors

Carla Butler

Trent Carter

Kate Curtin

Matt Farina

Robert Ferro

Angela Gaskell

John Jackson

Grace Jones

Dorothy Kicklighter

Steady Mearns

Dale Moegling

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Upcoming Events

Malcolm Blue Festival

*Saturday, September, 18, 2021 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, Free admission
Malcolm Blue Farm, 1177 Bethesda Rd, Aberdeen, NC*

The Malcolm Blue Festival is a celebration of Moore County history and the Malcolm Blue Farm. There will be artisan work of all kinds: blacksmithing, honey making, handcrafted jewelry, soap, lotion, cheese, and more. Children can ride in a horse drawn wagon, pet farm animals, and ride on a pony. Live music from Cumberland County Line Bluegrass is scheduled for 3:30pm. Also, there will be live demonstrations scheduled throughout the day. The Moore County Historical Association will have a table and be participating as a vendor for the day. We will have an interactive display and membership sign-ups. If you would like to help us and take a shift at the event, please call us 910-692-2051 and let us know; we'd love to have you. If you are interested in getting information about being a vendor at the festival, please contact kphillips@townofaberdeen.net. For more information about the festival, in general, contact the Aberdeen Parks & Recreation (910) 944-1119. Admission is free.

Day Tours

We are very excited to reintroduce our Day Tours to our members. There are tentative plans being arranged for a trip to Hillsborough, NC, which include the Colonial Inn and other historical sites. This will be a simple and enjoyable outing to multiple places, and the Inn is a delightful place to have lunch. Be on the lookout for additional information in either our next newsletter or on our website www.moorehistory.com.

13th Shaw House Heritage Fair & Moore Treasures Sale

*Saturday, October 9, 2021 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, free admission
The Shaw House, 110 W. Morganton Rd, Southern Pines*

The 13th annual Shaw House Heritage Fair & Moore Treasures Sale is October 9th, from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. This FREE all-day event is a major fundraiser for the non-profit Moore County Historical Association (MCHA) who own and maintain five historical Moore County houses. The Heritage Fair offers unique vendors, baked goods, live music, and demonstrations of old-time crafts, treasure sales and farm animals for petting. There will be reenactors from the American Revolution also. The Shaw House (c. 1820), Sanders Cabin (c. 1770), and Garner House (c. late 1790s) will be open for tours. The recently restored tobacco barn and museum is a must see, as well. This event is rain or shine.

In conjunction with the Shaw House Heritage Fair is the highly anticipated Moore Treasures Sale. Come experience this unique event. There will be collectibles, pottery, jewelry, art, antiques, vintage books, toys, and more, all at great prices. All proceeds benefit the continued efforts of the Moore County Historical Association; a non-profit who collects, preserves, and shares the rich historical legacy of our towns, cities, and surrounding areas of Moore County. Cash preferred. This



event is free and open to the public.

Although October seems a long way off, volunteers for various committees are needed to sign up now. Committees include vendors, docents, entertainment, and children's events, set up, and treasure sale management. If you'd like to be a vendor or help out, please call the Shaw House at 910-692-2051 to leave your information, vendor type, interest, and phone number. Someone will be back in touch with you. If you have items to donate for the treasure sale, please call to make arrangements for pick-up or come to the Shaw House Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. to drop off your items.



ABOVE: Scenes from past Shaw House Heritage Fairs and Moore Treasures Tag Sales.

U.S. ROUTE 1 AND MOORE COUNTY



A Slice of History

While few of us think about it, our federal highway system in the U.S. is less than 100 years old. This article was prompted by a letter from a gentleman who was planning to drive US Route 1 this summer from Maine to Key West. He wrote to MCHA because he found that the road's history in parts of North Carolina was confusing. For most of us, route 1 is a busy through-fare around noon on weekdays, with long lights at crossroads, a suicide lane that has its share of fender-benders, and the threat by NCDOT to put in a median to prevent us from getting to our favorite eatery without making a U-turn. But first, let's go back to the days of the mule cart and horse and buggy.

Looking at old road maps, Moore County begins to appear on the 1795 maps of Samuel Lewis. Fayetteville in Cumberland County is a hub with six roads radiating outward with Chapel Hill to the north, Raleigh to the northeast, Sampson County to the east, Wilmington to the southeast, Lumberton to the southwest and Montgomery County to the west. A branch off the Chapel Hill Road is designated the Cape Fear River Road to the northwest. It passes through Moore County.

On an 1814 map, Moore appears as a triangular county with boundaries that include Deep River, Upper Little River and Lower Little River. On that map, now Fayetteville and Pittsboro are noted. On Carey's 1822 map, Rockingham is noted. Triangular-shaped Moore County has Moore Court House marked in the middle of the county, but not much else. On Finley's 1827 map, Carthage is noted for the first time. A road running from Rockingham to Raleigh passes through the county just south of Carthage. It appears to be the Cape Fear River Road, one of the roads that radiated out from Fayetteville on the 1795 map. On Tanner's 1836 map, mileages begin to appear. Four roads radiate from Carthage, one to Asheboro.

By 1845, more roads are noted on Morse's map, with five radiating from Carthage. Solemn Grove, Jackson Springs, Mount Gilead and Crane's Creek settlements appear. On an 1878 map of the pine lands owned by Dr. W.J. Hawkins and another 7500 acres of pine lands held by A.B. Andrews, both in Moore County, the more familiar Old Morganton Road, Yadkin Road and Bethesda Church Road are marked, along with the Augusta-Raleigh Rail Road Line passing through Manly Station. A 1909 fire map of the bustling village of Southern Pines shows most of the familiar streets with the railroad track down the middle of Broad Street. A color-code marks buildings of different composition for the fire department.

A 1911 rural delivery map shows the many small lanes around the county with family homes marked. The village of Pinehurst has the railroad tracks we presently know, but the Norfolk Southern RR Line runs south from Carthage and joins the present day tracks roughly where present-day Morganton Road meets NC-5. For the golfers, the tracks appear to run along the edge of Pinehurst #2 and straight through the new par 3 course. A spur runs down present-day Midland Road to a terminus where fields may have been. The Seaboard RR has now purchased the Augusta-Raleigh; it runs through Manly into Southern Pines. Present-day Midland Road is depicted running to Manly. There are networks of unnamed farm roads that connect Southern Pines with Aberdeen to the south, and Manly, Niagara and Lakeview to Vass in the north. The railroads are the most direct links to towns. In the 1920 map of Pinehurst, we



can honestly say that “the railroad tracks run right through the middle of the house.” In addition to the main line and the spur to Midland farms, there is a new spur to the coal-fired power plant.

Roads Begin to Take Over

In 1903, Horatio Nelson Jackson became the first documented person to drive an automobile from San Francisco to New York using only a connection of dirt roads, cow paths, and railroad beds. His journey, covered by the press, became a national sensation and called for a system of long distance roads. In the early 1910s, auto trail organizations—most prominently the Lincoln Highway—began to spring up, marking and promoting routes for the new recreation of long-distance automobile travel. While many of these organizations worked with towns and states along the route to improve the roadways, others simply chose a route based on towns that were willing to pay dues, put up signs, and did little else.

Wisconsin was the first state in the U.S. to number its highways, erecting signs in 1918. Other states soon followed. In 1922 the New England states got together to establish the six-state New England Interstate Routes. The passage of the Federal Aid Road Act of 1916 provided monetary support from the federal government for improvement of major roads. The Federal Aid Highway Act of 1921 required 3 in every 7 roads to be “interstate in character.” Identification of these main roads was completed in 1923.

The Joint Board on Interstate Highways was composed of 21 state highway officials and three federal Bureau of Public Roads officials. At the first meeting in April 1925, the group chose the name “U.S. Highway” as the designation for the routes. They decided that the system would not be limited to the federal-aid network; if the best route did not receive federal funds, it would still be included. The tentative design for the U.S. Highway shield was also chosen, based on the shield found on the Great Seal of the United States.

Discussion was then held over the appropriate density of roads. Many states agreed in general with the scope of the system, but believed the Midwest to have added too many routes to the system. The group made the decision to number rather than name the routes. A preliminary numbering system, with eight major east–west (generally even numbers) and ten major north–south routes (generally odd numbers), was deferred to a numbering committee.

Much of the early criticism of the U.S. Highway System focused on the choice of numbers to designate the highways, rather than names. Some thought a numbered highway system to be cold compared to the more colorful names and historic value of the auto trail systems. The New York Times wrote, “The traveler may shed tears as he drives the Lincoln Highway or dream dreams as he speeds over the Jefferson Highway, but how can he get a ‘kick’ out of 46, 55 or 33 or 21?” He did however get his kicks on Route 66.

(Article to be continued in next newsletter)

