



Shaw House Sketches

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Even though it has been a quiet year due to the continuing, but lessening, effects of the pandemic, MCHA has managed to hold a few events, but outside.

Our Members Meeting at the Bryant House was successful and proved to the Board that it needs some sort of portable speaker system so that our members and friends can actually hear what your Board is babbling on about. Thanks to all of you who participated and provided refreshments.

The Shaw House Fair was a wonderful success, with almost all the vendors planning to return next year. A very "Big Thank You" goes out to all the volunteers and helpers who worked hard to bring about that success! The High School eats and drinks tent was a great new addition to the day and we plan to have them back next year.

MCHA is pleased to be able to make a \$500 donation to the Southern Pines Land and Housing Trust going towards their work on the old Southern Pines Elementary School. The donation will be applied towards a history display.

The Board has met with the developer on site of the Kenneth Black Family Cemetery. It will be preserved and maintained in its present location, but will be higher than its present placement after new site grading. A careful survey will be undertaken to locate all the markers and slabs. They will be carefully placed in storage, and will be reset in the exact layout they're now in when grading and early-stage landscape work is complete. Of course, the Board will be keeping a close eye on its progress.

A plan is being worked for a couple of clean-up days at the old Scot's Burying Ground near Carthage. We will send out announcements of the dates and times; expect sometime in late January or early February. Volunteers will be greatly appreciated.

The Board is looking into restarting the day tours of historical and interesting sites sometime in the coming year. More to follow.

Finally, because of the crowded conditions at our Shaw House Christmas Party, we will not be holding that event this year. But lookout next Christmas!

Wishing everyone a healthy, successful and happy coming year!

Steady Meares and Gene Schoenfelder, Co-Presidents

NEWS

The Grinch Strikes Again

A number of social events of the MCHA have been canceled the past year due to the pandemic. That included Christmas open houses at the



Shaw and Bryant homes. Unfortunately, the Board has decided to again cancel this year's Christmas open houses and members' Christmas party for the same reasons. Since only 65% of the county's residents have been fully vaccinated or partially vaccinated, the Board felt that close, unmasked, indoor gatherings presented an undue risk at this time. Future events in the late winter still remain uncertain. The Board regrets this decision.

Malcolm Blue Festival

The Malcolm Blue Festival this year took place on Saturday, September 18th and it did not disappoint with over 2,300 attendees. Thank you to the MCHA board members who volunteered!

They did a phenomenal job at keeping up with all the attention and steady stream of new families and children who visited our tent throughout the day. Our "What Is It?" tent, staffed by Gene Schoenfelder and Jim Jones, satisfied the masses with their Confederate money and antique tools. Especially popular was the quill pen with children who stopped and scribbled.

Thanks to Carla Butler for her gracious presence and wonderful energy. Grace Jones, whose enthusiasm gets everyone motivated, thankfully was there to help set-up. We can never thank Sue Pockmire enough; she provided and displayed the Kenneth Black Cemetery banner which encouraged visitors to engage with our Association, especially in light of the new shopping center planned around the cemetery. Many discussions took place about the Alston House/House in the Horseshoe because of Kenneth Black's storied demise.

John Jackson's Civil War Camp served pinto beans, link sausages, fat back, cornbread, and cabbage with corned beef. The most memorable part of the day was the children's reactions to trying fat back for the first time.



Association Supports Trust

In an effort to continue our support in the preservation of historical places in Moore County, the Moore County Historical Association donated \$500 to the Southern Pines Land and Housing Trust on October 25th. The Trust was formed in 2009, and led by Fred Walden (1937-2018) and today, continues his vision to maintain community-based traditions and to create opportunities for economic growth for the citizens of West Southern Pines and surrounding areas. Current efforts by the Trust have been in a contentious battle with the Moore County Board of Education to acquire the 17-acre Southern Pines Primary School site.

The MCHA's donation is designated to go toward an educational or community-based display on the grounds of the proposed "West Southern Pines Center for African American History, Cultural Arts & Business." The campus will be a Black Heritage cultural destination with educational and entrepreneurial opportunities as well as a safe place for meetings and gatherings. If you would like more information on both the Moore County Historical Association & the



Welcome New Members!

Mrs. Chris McDonald
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Holt
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The MCHA tent at the Malcolm Blue Farm Festival. Top: Gene Schoenfelder. Below, Jim Jones.



MCHA co-presidents Gene Schoenfelder (left) and Steady Meares (center) presenting the \$500 donation to SPLAHT's Project Manager Fenton Wilkinson

Southern Pines Land and Housing Trust, or to donate to these community-focused organizations, please go to moorehistory.com or splandandhousingtrust.org.

Holiday Vintage Soaps and Gift Sets

The Moore County Historical Association is the oldest historical association in continuous operation in North Carolina, and our replica vintage, hand-wrapped soaps are sold all over the country, which broadcasts our non-profit name and historical relevance nationally. We have these soaps available in our gift shop on an ongoing basis throughout the year. However, this time of year we have a wide-variety of holiday designs which can also be personalized at no additional cost. Visit vintagesoapworks.com to browse the soaps and designs. The cost is \$3.50 a bar with a member discount of 15%. If you have a special occasion and need 24 bars or more, you can purchase them at wholesale price of \$1.75 plus tax. Custom photos can be placed on the wrapper at no charge. For more information or to place an order, call Sarah at the Shaw House at (910) 692-2051.

Loss of Former Board Member

Johnny Burns (October 1, 1947 – October 24, 2021) was a dedicated and loyal volunteer and supporter of the MCHA. He served on the Board of Directors and held the positions of treasurer, vice-president and president. Johnny was an organizer and saw the completion of a number of important projects while on the Board. Even after retiring from the Board he continued to support the MCHA in many ways. Because of his love for MCHA and people, just two weeks before he passed away he was volunteering at the Shaw House Heritage Fair, greeting people and spreading his own special humor and goodwill. His ancestral roots run deep in the Aberdeen area. Johnny will be greatly missed by all.

Donation

Thank you to the "Sandhills Investment Group" for their generous donation to the Association on Monday, November 8th in memory of the late Johnny Burns of Aberdeen. The gift was sent by their treasurer, Dan Pate, and the funds will be allocated to the MCHA endowment.

Fowler Returns to Board

We are delighted and grateful to welcome back to the Board of Directors, Janet Fowler. Jan grew up in Southern Pines visiting her grandparents who moved here in 1949. Her grandfather was a horse trainer for Dwight Winkelman and she and her family lived on his farm, fox hunted and showed Thoroughbred

horses. Jan was enrolled at the Sandhills Community College the first year the school was in the original building, and then she transferred to East Carolina University. She started "Sandhills Feed Supply" in 1976, which is located diagonally behind the Shaw House on Bennett St. She became familiar with the Moore County Historical Association through Sarah Mathews and Susan Pockmire and years ago served on the Board as the Secretary. She is proud to be volunteering again in support of the "good work" that the MCHA does.

Classical Conversations© Visits Shaw House Grounds

On Thursday, November 4th, the home-schooled children and parents from Classical Conversations© visited the Shaw House Grounds. The Classical Conversations© company is a Classical Christian education community started twenty years ago, and designed to help homeschooled families with lesson planning and provide some local in-school sessions. Their organized field trip to the Shaw House grounds included about 50 people ranging from age six to twelve, parents, and younger siblings. The group was eager to learn about the Shaw House and cabins which included historical enrichment conversations with the docents and a weaving demonstration.

We could not have hosted the children and their families without the help from our volunteer docent-team organized by Beverly Offutt; Jim Jones worked at the tobacco barn museum, Cindy Novacel worked in the Sanders Cabin with her weaving skills, Rachel Ray Weber in the Garner House, and Board Member Carley Sutton in the Shaw House. Also, thanks to Steve Gaydica.

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Day Tours and Field Trips

In the past, the MCHA has hosted and organized historically-based local day trips for its members. Over the years, the committee responsible for the day tours and field trips has dissolved due to the position being vacant and the pandemic. We have now reached a point where people want more adventures and we're restarting our day tour offerings for our members. We're in need of a person or persons who will fill this volunteer role for the Association. If you have experience finding great historical places and would be interested in coordinating and scheduling day trips for the MCHA, please contact Sarah Mathews at 910-692-2051.

Kenneth Black Cemetery Update

The developer of the proposed shopping center on the land that surrounds the cemetery has had discussions with members of the Board of the MCHA. A public park area is proposed near the cemetery, but the area around the cemetery will be raised 15 feet higher than the cemetery. The developer proposed documenting the GPS positioning of each stone, removing the stones, bringing the level of the cemetery by 15 feet, then restoring the stones to the previous GPS positions.

The cemetery is not an Association property, but the Association has provided signage and care of the plot. Maintenance would be the responsibility of the developer.

13th Shaw House Heritage Fair & Moore Treasures Sale

The 13th annual Shaw House Heritage Fair & Moore Treasures, held on October 9th, generated a great amount of funds for the Historical Association this year. This lucrative day could not have been accomplished without every person's commitment and help. There were about 1,000+ people who shopped and enjoyed the music, vendors, and reenactors this year. Thank you to Dorothy Kicklighter for coordinating all the vendors, Grace Jones and Heather Jackson for being the committee's co-chairs, and Kate and Bob Curtin for getting the Pinecrest wrestling team to provide hotdogs and hamburgers.

This year's reenactors were of the Revolutionary War. There was food being cooked over fire and other demonstrations from blacksmithing to our very own Trent Carter impersonating his finest red-coated General. The temporary fenced-in area with goats from Rye Family Farms was a huge hit with both kids and adults. The music throughout the day was fabulous; thank you to Hammer and Song, South Ridge Bluegrass Band, Tom Compa, and Pate Hill Bluegrass for their talents. Most especially we are so grateful to the following for tirelessly organizing and pricing items: Grace Jones, Heather Jackson, Dorothy Shankle, Carolyn Burns, Beverly Offutt, and Joyce White, whose collaboration was priceless.



Shaw House Tag Sale

The Shaw House Tag Sale, which was held on Saturday October 16th, following the Heritage Fair, sold many of the remaining items from the Moore Treasures Sale. The items that did not sell that day were then donated across Moore County by our volunteers filling up their vehicles and delivering them to the Moore County Coalition, among others.

Thank you for your donated items and time. We could not have had the success we had without all your contributions and help. We give a special thanks to those who worked for weeks at organizing and pricing items, especially Grace Jones, Heather Jackson, Dorothy Shankle, Carolyn Burns, Beverly Offutt, and Joyce White. It was a collaborative effort that greatly benefitted the Association.



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U.S. ROUTE 1 AND MOORE COUNTY PT2



A Slice of History

U.S. Route 1 is a major north-south U.S. Highway that serves the East Coast of the United States. It runs 2,390 miles from Key West, Florida, north to Fort Kent, Maine, at the Canadian border. US-1 generally parallels I-95, though it is significantly farther west (inland) between Jacksonville, FL and Petersburg VA. The direct predecessor to US-1 was the Atlantic Highway, an auto trail established in 1911 as the Quebec-Miami International Highway. In 1915 it was renamed the Atlantic Highway, and the northern terminus was changed to Calais, Maine. Due to the overlapping of auto trail designations, portions of the route had other names that remain in common use, such as the Boston Post Road between Boston and New York, the Lincoln Highway between New York and Philadelphia, Baltimore Pike between Philadelphia and Baltimore and the Dixie Highway in and south of eastern Georgia.

When the New England road numbering system was established in 1922, the Atlantic Highway within New England was posted as Route 1. New York extended the number to New York City in 1924 with its own Route 1. Other states adopted their numbering systems, and by 1926 all states had posted the Atlantic Highway as various routes, usually changing numbers at the state line.

In states that had numbered their state highways, Route 1 followed only one or two numbers across the state. The only significant deviation from the Atlantic Highway was north of Jacksonville, FL, where Route 1 was assigned to a more inland route to Augusta, GA rather than following the Atlantic Highway to Savannah, GA. North of Augusta, GA, the highway generally followed the Fall Line, rather than a more easterly route through the swamps of the Atlantic Coastal Plain. (The Atlantic Seaboard Fall Line is a 900-mile geological escarpment where the Piedmont and Atlantic Coastal Plain meet in the eastern United States.) The inland route returned to the Atlantic Highway near Petersburg, VA.

On the 1930 road map of North Carolina, the state still designated Route 50 (NC-50) as the inland route along the Fall Line. It entered the state from Virginia into Warren County near the town of Wise, NC and passed through Henderson in Vance County. It roughly paralleled today's I-85. From Henderson, NC-50 passed south to Franklinton, Wake Forest and Raleigh. It then passed southwest to Cary and Apex. It entered Moore County at Cameron and passed through Vass, Lakeview, Manley, Southern Pines, Aberdeen and Pine Bluff. NC-50 then entered Richmond County to Hoffman and Rockingham, and then on into South Carolina.

In order to understand the evolution of other roads in southern Moore County, think of the tri-village region (Pinehurst, Southern Pines, Aberdeen) as the three points of a triangle. The lines connecting those points are roads that have evolved from small, county dirt roads to state routes to national routes. In 1930, NC-75 started in Durham County and passed through Chapel Hill and Pittsboro. It joined NC-50 north of Sanford, and separated from 50 south of Sanford, and then passed to Carthage and Eastwood, and ended in Pinehurst. Pinehurst was also linked to Southern Pines by the horse trolley in the early 1900s. This became NC-702 in 1930.

Also passing west to east in Moore County was State Route 70 (NC-70) which



passed through Eagle Springs, West End and Pinehurst. It then turned south to Aberdeen, then east to Raeford and Hoke County. A small county route (NC-241) also started in Aberdeen and passed south to Laurinburg in Scotland County.

By 1936, NC-50 was now designated US-1 with its shield designation. It paralleled the railroad at Manley and entered Southern Pines via May Street. South of the town it crossed the tracks and headed south to Aberdeen via Poplar Ave and zig-zagged through downtown Aberdeen. US-15/501 replaced NC-75 from Durham County to Pinehurst, the segment of NC-70 from Pinehurst to Aberdeen, and NC-241 to Laurinburg. NC-70 west of Pinehurst and NC-702 between Pinehurst and Southern Pines became NC-2. And finally NC-70 from Aberdeen to Raeford became NC-211.

By 1944, there were more changes in road designations. NC-2 west of Pinehurst was designated NC-211. In Pinehurst it joined US-15/501 to Aberdeen, and then separated as NC-211 to Raeford.

Skipping ahead about ten years, the 1953 county road map brought more roads. US-1 still entered Southern Pines via May Street but now there was a bridge over the railroad tracks at the south end of town. A new wider section of US-1 was added south of Southern Pines to Aberdeen. This now bypassed Poplar Ave. and the zig-zag in downtown Aberdeen.

The most dramatic changes occurred by 1957. The Pinehurst traffic circle appeared and US 15/501 was realigned to its present location as a 4-lane highway from south of the circle to join with US-1 at its present location. The US-1 by-pass of Southern Pines now was a 4-lane highway. The old US-1 through Southern Pines (May St.) was designated US-1A (alternate or business). The new by-pass required overpasses at Midland Rd., Pennsylvania Ave. and Morganton Rd. For the first time NC-5 appeared on the map as a loop, starting at the merge point of the US-1 by-pass with US-1A south of Southern Pines, and looping to the east into Aberdeen.

On the 1962 map, the western end of NC-211 was now aligned through Pinehurst to join US-15/501 at the circle, and ran with 15/501 to Aberdeen where it branched off to Raeford. The former part of 211 between Pinehurst and Aberdeen was now designated NC-5. It passed through Aberdeen to unite with its eastern loop. By 1980, the populations of Pinehurst was 1,056, Aberdeen, 1,596 and Southern Pines, 5,937. US-1 was now a 4-lane highway from outside Rockingham up to Lakeview, north of Southern Pines. The 1990 map was similar, except now the population of Pinehurst had increased to 5,100.

By 2000, Pinehurst had been discovered! The population had soared to 10,500. US-1 remained a two-lane road from Lakeview, through Vass and Cameron to Lee County. On the 2010 map, US-1 was now 4-lanes throughout the county, bypassing Vass and Cameron which now had US-1 Business passing through them. Pinehurst had grown to 14,743. Since 2010, NC-211 has been enlarged to a divided 4-lane highway from the circle to West End.

Some population data has been included in this article because one frequently hears or reads about traffic congestion in our area. NCDOT has proposed various options to relieve congestion, but many are concerned over these proposals. Many wish for the "good, old days" when fewer people lived in our area. But it should be noted, those days were only some thirty odd years ago. In the decade from 1990 to 2000, the tri-village area grew by 42%; from 2000 to 2010, by 39%; and from 2010 to 2020, by 25%. The history of roads in Moore County has been one of change, and it undoubtedly will continue.

