



Shaw House Sketches

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENT

I would like to inform the membership of the Moore County Historical Association in its 71st year that the association is alive and doing well. With new co-president Johnny Burns, we are excited to see the ongoing improvements to the MCHA house museums, out-buildings and grounds. Last year's improvements included period-correct cedar shake roofs, that were finalized on the Bryant House, Shaw House porch and Graham corn crib. Shaw House interior lighting was greatly improved with new floodlights. Outdoor lights were overhauled, updated and now functional. Additional paving rocks were added to Shaw properties' driveway improving function and appearance. A note of thanks to Steady Meares and the building and grounds committee for completing the improvements.

Not to rest on last year's laurels, upcoming projects include low voltage lighting for the McLendon Cabin and the Bryant House. Work is ongoing to stabilize the Page tobacco barn logs. The goal of improvements to the tobacco barn is to make a children's museum with agricultural exhibits. Scott Samuel, a member of the MCHA, is assisting with this project. Repairs to the Sanders Cabin will be completed and new professional looking signage for all buildings will be installed emphasizing history and education. Ongoing prudent tree trimming and debris removal will enhance the property as period-correct trees and shrubs can be added.

An exciting new endeavor of the MCHA is an oral history program. The first oral history recording was by Bob Davis of Carthage, interviewed by member Robert Brown. Our goal is to increase documentation of oral histories from residents of Moore County. Great work is being accomplished with archivists Paula Caddell, Becky Keith and other volunteers. Hundreds of historical documents, vintage post cards and pictures are regularly scanned and placed in the MCHA archives. This ongoing project will enable generations to come to appreciate their local history.

I would be remiss if I did not mention the ongoing soap sales. With the help of Sarah Mathews along with many volunteers, soap sales are strong. A great debt is owed to these tireless individuals who make our soap sales possible. Profits from soap sales, along with generous donations of members, enable the MCHA to function.

Work is ongoing for the upcoming Shaw House Fair on Oct. 14. We were unlucky the last two years with bad weather, but optimism is in the air with plans for a great fair this year.

Finally I appreciate you the members for your support with dues, donations, time and energy. I look forward to serving you along with the other board members this term to ensure a productive year that will make us all proud!

Thanks for your support,

Jim Jones, co-president



UPCOMING EVENTS

AUTUMNFEST October 7, 9am to 4 pm

The Moore County Historical Association is hosting a table with objects on it asking visitors to guess "What is It?" This popular event last year at the downtown Southern Pines Park resulted in new members and friendships from people who dropped by the table. The table will be in the same place as in 2016 Autumnfest, on the side next to the Broad Street sidewalk.

SHAW HOUSE FAIR October 14, 9am to 4pm

The 9th annual Shaw House Fair of Collectibles and Antiques Fair will be held the following weekend at the Shaw House. Free admission and fun, food, live music and many vintage items to browse among are among the features that make it successful. A new feature will be having visitors pose for old-timey photographs dressed in old-fashion apparel. Clothing will be provided for men, ladies and children.

Docents will be available to answer questions about the preserved house museums at the Shaw House (1821), Garner House and Sanders Cabin (mid-to-late 1700s). Planning is underway for such popular offerings as demonstrations of heritage crafts.

Donate your collectibles for the Moore Treasures sale. Pottery, jewelry, art, dolls, antiques, china, linens, furniture, etc. – any item of value! Drop off at Shaw House Mon.-Fri. 1 to 4 pm or call 692-2051 for pick up. A donation receipt will be provided for your tax records, All proceeds benefit the MCHA.

HARNETT VILLAGE TOUR October 26

A day trip is planned to Lee/Harnett County. Kirk Tours will provide transportation to the Edwin Patterson property where he's assembled an old village. He has collected 15 structures from surrounding counties for an unusual display of old construction techniques. He will personally give us a two-hour tour, then it's Sanford for a dutch treat luncheon, tour of the Railroad House Museum and Park, and a driving tour of the town mural. Postcards will go out with prices and schedules. Payment to Kirk Tours - (910) 295-2257.

PINEHURST VILLAGE LECTURE November 5, 2pm

Given Library Executive Director, Audrey Moriarty, will give a program on the rich culture and history of things Pinehurst and Southern Moore County. The program begins at 2 p.m. and will be at the Southern Pines Civic Club, corner of Broad Street and E. Pennsylvania Ave. in Southern Pines.

HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES

Customary open houses in five decorated house museums owned by the MCHA this year start Sunday, Dec. 3 1-4 at the Bryant House. Friends of the Bryant House are busy preparing to put up Yule decorations made from natural items found in nature, similar to the material that settlers used to decorate for Christmas. The Bryant House and McLendon Cabin are on one property at 3361 Mt. Carmel Road near Carthage. Everyone is invited and admission is free. Live music, refreshments and tours of the historic dwellings (the cabin is ca 1760, and the Bryant House, 1821).

The Shaw House Open House is the next weekend, Dec. 8-10, 1-4 daily. The annual Christmas party for members and guests kicks it off Thursday night, Dec. 7, with party, fellowship and refreshments from 5:30-7:30 p.m.



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Lara Bagwell with the Shaw House mirror she found at a local antiques store. Lara brought it back home!



Frank Pierce and Dorothy Shankle welcoming guests at the April luncheon.



David Young and Steady Meares unloading treasures salvaged at the Fitanides building in Southern Pines. The sign was painted by MCHA member, Bill Wilson's father in 1953.



New building signs on the houses.



There is always good music and great times at Clenny Creek Day!



Bob Davis, here with his daughter Kaye, was the first person to be interviewed by Bob Brown for our oral history program.

UPCOMING TOURS

Canada's Marine and Coastal Wonders tour departs Sept. 11 for an 11-day trip guided by Collette.

South Africa Tour February 21, 2018

Travelers will depart with Collette Tours for a colorful trip to South Africa, returning on March 6. For information call (910) 639-3823 or visit: liz.whitmore@sanfordnc.net.

NEWS

Volunteers Needed - docents and volunteers are needed for the Shaw House Fair and other activities at the Shaw House Homestead throughout the year with 1,600 visitors yearly. We need volunteers for weekend events and weekday afternoons. Call Beverly Offutt at 692-6142 to schedule a review of the tour basics and to obtain a handbook. We are happy to have volunteers weekly, monthly or as available.

Photo Archives Update - preserving history from ages 20 to 97. The association made great progress this summer cataloging historic documents in its archives. From early 1700s to 1800s deeds and land grants cataloged by Becky Keith, to a Moore County postcard collection under the care of Paula Caddell, to the Humphrey photo collection, now over 10,000 photos have been cataloged by Caroline Collins, Dorothy Pockmire and Glenn Dickerson. What a treasure to have these documents preserved forever.

THANK YOU TO -

Dave Freeman of Pinebluff Peddler loaned Southern Pines historical documents to be scanned for MCHA's archives.

Peter Kaufman who gave time and machinery to relocate a huge Hercules brand stump puller to the Shaw House.

Hugh Sheppard manned the MCHA tent at the Aug. 5 and 6 reenactment of a Revolutionary war fight at the House-in-the-Horseshoe.

Lara Bagwell who found a Shaw House mirror at a local antiques shop and donated it back to the Historical Association.

Scott Samuel who helped salvage door hardware at the Southern Pines Fitanides building before it was burned, and his never-ending delivery of soap boxes to the post office.

EVENT RECAP

Matt Farina lectured March 19 on Dr. Mary Edwards Walker, a lone female surgeon to the Union Army in the American Civil War.

March 20, Historic Shaw House luncheon. For the second year

MCHA hosted people who tasted a popular creamed chicken and waffles luncheon served there years ago.

March 29, Twenty-six MCHA members and guests took a day trip to Durham County. It was a beautiful spring day with fine weather. They visited Stagville Plantation, one of the largest in the state. The next stop was Bennett Plantation where General Johnson surrendered to General Sherman in 1865. Interestingly, these well preserved historic locations are just a short drive from Moore County. The day trip concluded with lunch at Bullock's Bar-b-q.

Clenny Creek Day, April 15 offered fun and beautiful spring surroundings in its 13th year. The annual event is at the (1821) Bryant House and (1760) McLendon Cabin near Carthage. Free admission, food, music, vendors, tours, demonstrations and reenactments are offered.

Springfest at the Shaw House, April 29, an exhibit of historic coverlets from many areas, followed on Sunday, April 30 with an informative talk by Linda Hardison, local expert and coverlet maker herself.

May 21, annual meeting and tour of Lighterwood Farm, an 1870 historic property now occupied by Jesse Wimberley, a descendant of the original builder. Wimberley described different qualities of wood used to build things in the Sandhills in the late 1800s and early 1900s.

June 25, Jesse Wimberley spoke at Southern Pines Civic Club about the natural surroundings of the Sandhills' influence on culture and lifestyle of the people.

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Paul Brill with Co-President, Jim Jones in the Shaw House Reception Room. Paul's mother, Delcine Kuszmaul, settled first in Southern Pines in 1962 where she lived until 2010. She was an active volunteer for the Moore County Historical Association and a good friend of MCHA founder Elizabeth (Buffie) Ives.

A cache of Confederate money discovered at the Shaw House, worth \$592 face value during the Civil War more than 150 years ago is now worth a retail value of \$3,800 to \$4,200 in today's market.

Southern Pines antique dealer and Civil War relics collector, Paul Brill, recently analyzed more than 100 bank notes of various denominations (\$100 to .05 cents) and conditions ranging from "high grade" condition valued as high as \$100 to \$200 per note and others in "very poor to rag condition".

The large quantity of 105 Confederate and North Carolina State paper currency printed during the Civil War was found at the Shaw House in Southern Pines in a bundle donated by Mrs. Claude Hayes in the 1960s or 1970s. There were 31 notes in "high grade" almost uncirculated to uncirculated condition; 21 of "medium grade" fine to extra fine condition; and 52 "low-grade" fair to very good condition, with another 13 that were in "very poor to rag condition" and were not graded. A second small group of four southern notes were also donated in 2015 were evaluated at retail value of \$80.

Brill generously donated his time helping to analyze various "finds" for the Moore County Historical Association, whose "homestead" location is where the donated Confederate currency was found. He



uses books, internet sources and fellow collectors to do his research and evaluations. He has published two articles in *North South Trader Civil War*, a national magazine discussing Civil War artifacts, many of which have provenance to specific people or events of that time. A quick first pass verification technique he learned to analyze if any old Confederate note is “real” is to use the heat of your hand palm to cause one or both ends of the paper note to begin to “curl up”.

As for the re-discovered Confederate bills, “They’ll be kept under lock and key” said Jim Jones, MCHA co-chairman and a friend of Paul Brill owing to both men’s interest in the Civil War history through their membership to the Civil War Roundtable of Southern Pines. The organization is “educational and non partisan”. The members are pursuing scholarly programs and information, and do not “take sides” in understanding and reinterpreting the Civil War. Members come from all areas of the country.

It all began for Brill when as a boy of eight years old, he visited his great grandparents in western upstate New York and was fascinated to find at their home a book published in 1911 commemorating the 50th anniversary of the start of the Civil War in 1861 with Mathew Brady photographs and artists paintings of various battles.

“I used to try to copy and draw the paintings I saw in the book” says Brill today. When in his 20s he began to “seriously” study that time in American history.

Majoring in chemistry, Brill transferred from Rutgers University in New Jersey to this area in 1962 to finish his bachelor’s degree in 1965 from Methodist College in Fayetteville. Brill remained in North Carolina to earn his master’s in organic chemistry in 1968 from North Carolina State University.



After a 35-year career in chemistry and management with both Dow Corning Corporation and Abbott Laboratories, Brill went back to his first love, history and antiques when he and his wife began an antique business in 1995. He gives Earl Dugan, a WW II bomber pilot and retired career Air Force colonel much credit for “educating me” about antiques and Civil War relics over many years of a close friendship. Dugan owned Crown and Griffin - a longtime Pinehurst iconic antique store, and was a neighbor of his mother.

Brill’s antique and collectibles business is called Journey’s End Antiques, and he operates the Town and Country Antique Mall on U.S # 1 in Aberdeen, open three days per week or by appointment.

Brill attends as a dealer/collector eight or nine Civil War Military shows along the east coast states. Recently he purchased a Harpers Ferry musket for a client at a show, and subsequently bought a proper bayonet for the musket, borrowing it back from the owner and taking it to a show to be sure the bayonet properly fit. Quality and authenticity help to sell any relic and antique.

Brill and Jones agree the Civil War Roundtable is a rich and interesting club for Civil War enthusiasts. There are about 55 members, meeting at the Southern Pines Civil Club nine months out of the year.

