



# Shaw House Sketches

## PRESIDENTS LETTER

Since our last newsletter in August, much has been happening at the Moore County Historical Association (MCHA). The October weather cooperated, and the annual Shaw House Fair was a huge success. Over 900 people attended. The Moore Treasures sale held in conjunction with the Fair also posted record sales, said Joyce White. Thank you to all who gave time, energy, products and funds, helping to make the Fair so successful.

Soap sales continue to grow with much credit to Sue Pockmire and Sarah Mathews, and the many volunteers who make our soap business "go." The MCHA is now responsible for transporting our soap from Raleigh to Southern Pines. If anyone has a SUV or truck and would like to help, please leave your e-mail address with Sarah. I will add that no lifting is required. Thanks to John and Heather Jackson, Dorothy Shankle, Kaye Brown, and Gene Schoenfelder who have assisted in transporting soap.

Steady Meares, head of buildings and grounds, reports that the McLendon Cabin received a new chimney cap and weather stripping to its porch. At the Garner House, roofing was replaced on the side and back door cover. Lighting has been installed in the corncrib and tobacco barn as work continues to enhance these two structures for agricultural displays.

I would like to report a joint venture with the N.C. Museum of History, the Rufus Barringer Civil War Round Table, and other local groups to document Civil War-era materials. Staff from the Museum will be at the Shaw House April 28th between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. Through many media outlets, people will be encouraged to bring in Civil War era photographs, documents and other papers to be scanned. All original material will be returned to owners along with a digital copy. Dr. Matt Farina is organizing this endeavor and the MCHA is proud to be part of this project. More details on this project will be announced later.

I will close now with the hope that Co-President Johnny Burns and I share that 2018 will be a successful year for the MCHA. We will work together with fellow board members to find ways to enhance our organization. If you, the members, have any ideas or suggestions to improve your MCHA, please let us know.

Many thanks,

Jim Jones, Co-President



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Scottish Emigration Lecture

March 11, 2018

"The 1884 Failed Highland Emigration to the Sandhills" is the subject of a free lecture to be presented by an honored professor and descendant of Highland Scots, William Caudill, on Sunday, March 11 at 2 p.m. at the Civic Club, corner of East Pennsylvania Ave. and South Ashe Street. The MCHA is sponsoring the program. The huge influx of Highland Scots (and some Lowland Scots) to the Sandhills Region began in 1739 and continued in waves through the early 1800s, but an effort to get more of them in 1884



ultimately failed as the 300 who did come did not stay. Still, the Sandhills is home to the largest community of Highland Scots second only to Scotland itself. Caudill explores the whys of why they were targeted to attract, why it failed and the long range effect on the Sandhills region. Caudill holds a master's degree in folklore from UNC-Chapel Hill and a Bachelor's with honors in History from St. Andrews Presbyterian College (now University). Among his accomplishments is mastery of the bagpipe, professional class, solo bagpiper, competing and performing as well as lecturing through out America.

He teaches workshops and judges competitions currently. Caudill is founder and director of the Scottish Highland Center at St. Andrews and has performed and given programs in Scotland itself.

### **Chicken and Waffles Luncheon at the Shaw House**

*March 19, 2018*

On March 19 at the Shaw House, the third annual historic luncheon will be held with two servings at 11:30 a.m. and another at 1:00 p.m. The delicious meals are \$20 per person. This year we are also offering take-out service, with the meals to be picked up between 11:45 and 12:45 that day. Reservations are required and your place will be saved only after payment is received. We cheerfully accept credit cards. The historic Shaw House luncheon started several decades ago and continued daily during "busy" seasons in spring and fall. The original meal of chicken a la king, creamed and covering a waffle with syrup to be drizzled over your treat if you wish, plus the prune cake dessert are on offer. Table service will be provided by volunteers from the Moore County Historical Association and proceeds will go to support our non-profit organization and the need to repair and maintain our five house museums. Call 281-5417 for reservations.

### **Clenny Creek Day**

*April 21, 2018*

The 13th annual Clenny Creek Day will be held Saturday, April 21, from 10-4 p.m. at the site of the historic Bryant House (1820) and McLendon Cabin (1760s). They are located at 3361 Mt. Carmel Road in Carthage. Customarily, the Friends of the Bryant House have had live music, vendors, historical interpretation, Civil War encampments, raffles, plant sales, children's activities such as face painting, period costumes, food sales, and more. (A favorite is pinto beans with cornbread cooked on site.) The Friends of the Bryant House use all proceeds from this free event for maintenance and repair of both houses. For updates, visit [www.moorehistory.com](http://www.moorehistory.com) or the Facebook page.

### **Springfest at the Shaw House**

*April 28, 2018*

Saturday, April 28 marks both Springfest in Southern Pines and a special historic event at the Shaw House from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free for tours of the 1821 Shaw House and two settlers' cabins from northern Moore; the Garner House and the Sanders Cabin, both from the late 1700s.

A new and unique part of the day at the Shaw House will be a visit from the N.C. State History Division staff with scanning equipment. They can electronically copy original Civil War era letters, diaries, and documents....any original document pertaining to the Civil War era. The original document will be returned to the owner as well as a digital copy to take with him the same day. Moore County residents and North Carolinians supported and fought for the Confederate side. Matt Farina, a representative of the Rufus Barringer Civil War Roundtable of history enthusiasts said there were some Unionists in North Carolina during the conflict, though North Carolina provided the most soldiers fighting for the Confederacy, including Virginia. The Roundtable is a



## **A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU**

### **Welcome New Members!**

Thomas & Theresa Berry  
Keith & Julie Borshak  
Mitchell Britt  
John & Katherine Burns  
Suzanne Coleman  
Ed & Brenda Massimo  
David McCallum  
Thomas McInnis  
Bruce Morgan  
William Munford  
Jacob Myrick  
Edwin Patterson  
Bobby Richardson  
Ellen Ritter  
Kristi Snyder  
Richard & Mickey Walker  
Amber Ward

### **Contributor Membership**

Janet Dickinson  
Alison Ives  
Ezra & Bonnie Quesenberry  
Mary Stephenson  
Liz Whitmore & Rex Connor

### **Donations**

Doris Blue  
Don Garner  
Marie Hardister  
Marilyn Hartsell  
Larry Koster  
Vertle Ritter  
Scott & Frances Samuel  
Grace Snelgrove  
Greg Zywockinski

### **Contributions**

Trent Black  
John & Patricia Brown  
Stuart Fulghum  
George Hoffman  
Chris & Susan Kushay  
Judy McGraw

### **In Memory Of**

Melissa Mathews Snyder by  
Johnny & Carolyn Burns and  
Marilyn Hartsell



Lucinda Carpenter dressing form in the Garner House with garments that belonged to Reni Ritter Garner.



Re-enactors at the Shaw House Fair.



Judy Snider with plaque honoring Marilyn Hartsell in the Marilyn Hartsell Library and Research Room in the Shaw House.



Kaye Brown's granddaughter, Luna Clauson decorates the Bryant House Christmas tree.



Grace Snelgrove, chairperson, preparing for the Christmas Members Party.



The Harnett County tour group visiting the murals in Sanford.

group that impartially studies and discusses factual information about the 1860-1865 era. Farina also touched on an April 18 ("soft" opening) to help raise funding and to mark the first stage of the upcoming North Carolina Civil War and Reconstruction History center that is to be built in Fayetteville. It will be on the site of a Confederate arsenal where the guns and other weapons were made and stored. The arsenal itself was destroyed by the victorious Union Army after the war.

### Annual Meeting

May 20, 2018

The annual membership meeting and ice cream social will be Sunday, May 20, from 2-4 p.m. at the historic Aberdeen area McDonald-Ray House Homestead at 1615 Bethesda Road, standing on land originally deeded to Scottish immigrant James Ray in 1771 from the King of England. One of the most significant historic sites in Moore County, according to a descendant, Joe McDonald, it was first used for a log cabin then became the house it is now. The house was used as a residence of the McDonald family, who currently own it, until a few years ago.

The house may be reached by taking U.S. 1 South from Southern Pines toward Aberdeen. From Highway 1, take a left turn onto Saunders Blvd., if coming from Southern Pines, and take a right if coming from Aberdeen. After a short distance Saunders T-bones, ending at Bethesda Road, where to the right is the historic house, at the corner of Saunders and Bethesda on the opposite side of the road from a lake that dates back many years and is now an Aberdeen town park.

McDonald, a descendant and cousin to the present owners of the house, will provide the program not only with facts about the house itself, but also history of the general area that had invaders, defenders, and for a time, Native Americans fighting for the land and resources during the Revolutionary and Civil Wars.

### NEWS

On March 3, Chase Black will be honored at an Eagle Scout ceremony at 2 p.m. Page Memorial United Methodist Church, 115 W. Main Street, Aberdeen. The Mayor of Aberdeen, Robbie Farrell, is a special guest, as is MCHA President Jim Jones who will speak to the crowd. Chase is a descendant of Kenneth Black. He completed a Boy Scout project to build seating and related improvements at the Cemetery. Black was a loyalist during the Revolutionary War, murdered by men from patriot groups. Black lived near his burial site and was killed where part of the Elks Club golf course is located off Saunders Boulevard and Bethesda Road in Aberdeen. MCHA's ongoing responsibility is to maintain and preserve the cemetery.

## UPCOMING TOURS

A Collette company guided tour to Scotland Sept. 16-25 has five people signed up, said board member Liz Whitmore. An information day was held in early February to give interested people time to ask for details. Anyone is allowed to join the tour. Last day to sign up is March 16. After that date you must contact Collette at <https://gateway.gocollette.com/link/800763> to find out if any space is left on the tour. A document party at the Shaw House is set for September 10 from 2-3 to get travelers' "ducks in a row." Call (910) 692-2051 afternoons for more details or e-mail [liz.whitmore@sanfordnc.net](mailto:liz.whitmore@sanfordnc.net).

A preview party is set Sept. 10, 2018, 2 p.m. for a Mackinaw Island trip in June 2019. Also meeting Sept. 10, 3 p.m. concerns a trip to Germany's medieval historic area where the annual Passion Play is performed. The trip is planned for July 20-August 1, 2020. Also planned for Feb. 9-15, 2019 is an Iceland trip, with the preview party to be held July 12, 2018. Finally, a trip to Portugal is set for fall of 2019, with a preview party Feb. 11, 2019 at 2 p.m.

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The annual Christmas Open Houses at the Bryant House and McLendon Cabin are put together by enthusiastic, hard working Friends of the Bryant House volunteers and others every season. Visitors are free to attend and sample refreshments and visit the Christmas habitat of the 1820s Bryant House and the 1760s McLendon Cabin, to view how people in the early days decorated and celebrated the Yuletide. Christmas of 2017 the homes were decorated with newly cut greens. Amie and Aaron Ritter decorated fragrant cedar trees with handmade ornaments by Girl Scout Junior Troop 262. The troop served hot cider and cookies on the front porch of the Bryant Home. Linda Hardison demonstrated a rug she was creating on the loom. Also demonstrating an old-time craft was Paula Caddell, dressed in period clothing who knitted a yarn wrap, among other duties. Paula was a guest in the Bryant House as a child when her father, Paul Caddell, would visit his Davis cousins.

The Friends of the Bryant House and other volunteers made cookies for this event, including John Davis of Sweet Basil's Restaurant in Southern Pines, whose father and Bryant descendant, Henry Davis was born at the Bryant House.

Faithful musicians David McDonald, Steven Hedgpeth, Allen Ashdown of a local Appalachian band entertained visitors with a lively mix of fiddle, banjo and bass fiddle. Union Pines High School Orchestra students Carlos Beltran, Tori Cook, Skylar Flechsig, Elizabeth Horwath, Nick McNeill, Fauna Mitchell all followed with fiddle and violin music.

Debbie Williams, well versed in 18th century history, captivated visitors by taking them back to the 1760s, describing day-to-day life, preparing a meal in the cabin fireplace and explaining what and how foods were prepared in the old days when the cabin was built. Trent Carter assisted her by sharing interesting facts about Revolutionary War events in the area. Friends of the Bryant House put together two successful, popular events each year: Clenny Creek Day is listed in the newsletter, as well as the annual Christmas open house the first Saturday in the month of December.

Members of Friends of the Bryant House include but are not limited to John and Heather Jackson; Marshall and Linda Caddell, Dorothy Kicklighter, Debbie Williams, Eddie Ferguson, Cindy Kindrick, Esther and Junior Wilkinson, Rita Caperna, Diane McKay, Linda Hardison, and Kaye Davis Brown.



## DAY TRIP RECAP

A day trip MCHA members made on Oct. 26, 2017, to Edwin Patterson's village of 15 restored historic buildings located in Harnett County combined interesting history and genealogy of the families who lived in the dwellings. Many different types of architecture and construction methods were displayed. A tar kiln discovered on the site has been uncovered and its operation was explained and several pine trees showing evidence of "boxing" to collect the pine resin were viewed. Following lunch at Mrs. Lacy's in Sanford, the group visited the Railroad House Museum and toured the City of Sanford's Mural Art Trail narrated by Liz Whitmore, MCHA board member. The day ended with a stop for ice cream at the Fairview Dairy and an up-close look at the only 3-D mural in North Carolina.

## Photo Gallery

### Shaw House Fair, October 14, 2017



### Christmas at the Bryant House, December 3, 2017



### Members Christmas Party, December 7, 2017



### Christmas at the Shaw House, December 8-10, 2017



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