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Shaw House Sketches



THE PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Our Board of Directors meets once a month, ten months a year. The purpose of the meetings are to review the direction, actions and achievements of our various committees and to assure the fiscal soundness of the MCHA, which is the oldest continually operating historical association in North Carolina. We would like to present some issues the Board is looking into.

The new "gaming arcade" located next to the Shaw House property, is opening late this fall. While this will be a great place for our youngsters, it will mean a much higher level of pedestrian traffic around and near the Shaw House buildings, potentially increasing the possibility of vandalism and accidents. We plan to meet in August with the owners as well as the Southern Pines PD to review security and our concerns.

Obviously our buildings are old, and Heaven Forbid, a tossed cigarette or lightning strike can result in a fire. The Southern Pines Fire Department, good as they are, wouldn't be able to prevent substantial damage. Therefore, we are looking into two solutions: (1) providing hand held fire extinguishers in each building as well as on the grounds and (2) researching a fire suppression system for each building, including those on the Bryant House site.

For years now, many of you may have noticed the concrete "markers" where Youngs Rd. crosses May St, on Midland Rd. east of the Pinehurst Circle, on Page Rd. just to the south of the 211 traffic light, and eastbound on 211 before the "back" entrance of Pinewild. These four markers, plus one that has been lost since the US-1 expansion through Southern Pines, were hand made by James A. Wicker and erected in 1927. MCHA is actively looking into having the markers included on the United States Federal Register of Historical Objects and accepting ownership responsibility for the Yadkin Road Markers.

We are in the process of providing QR Squares by each of our buildings with a short history and will be expanding this program at different sites/buildings in Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen.

There are other projects and programs we are working on to preserve and remember the history of Moore County; the preservation of the Kenneth Black Family Cemetery in Southern Pines and the Old Scottish Burial Ground near Carthage are just two more. All of these require members, volunteers, time and funding.

Donors are very important to our work. In the past we have been fortunate enough to have had donors who were able and willing to fund or help fund our projects...the Tobacco Barn teaching exhibit was funded by a member for that specific purpose.

Our working Board members and our volunteers enjoy spending much time on these and other projects. However, we would like to increase the Association's membership by 25% this year. Please consider asking your neighbors and friends to join. Consider increasing the level of your membership, or volunteering. And, if you are able, donating to one of the Associations specific projects. Thank you.

Co-Presidents Gene Schoenfelder and Hugh Shepard.



NEWS

Annual Meeting of Moore County Historical Association

The annual meeting was held on June 5, 2022 at the historic Postmaster's House in Aberdeen. Malcolm Blue built it on a South Street knoll in 1880 for his son, Malcolm James, Aberdeen's first postmaster. The younger Blue occupied the premises only four years. Subsequent postmasters lived there in times when the job meant status in the community.

Forty members were in attendance to hear Co-President, Gene Schoenfelder, review the accomplishments of the MCHA during the past two years. (Remember that last year's annual meeting was canceled due to Covid restrictions.) A new cedar shingle roof was put on the kitchen as well as adding a new security system at the Shaw House. Structural reconstruction is also underway at the McLendon cabin. Member Dale Moegling presented an update on the "Telling Moore Stories" project which involves assigning QR codes on building of historical interest in Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen. The buildings on the Shaw property already have QR codes which then can be scanned by one's cell phone. A short two minute video featuring re-enactor Carley Sutton will appear, and she will give a brief description of the building. Carley also started a Junior Historian Club this past spring. Fifteen children have joined the monthly meetings and field trips.

The directors who are leaving the Board were introduced and thanked for their years of service, and new in-coming directors were introduced. After the business meeting, Robert "Robbie" Farrell was introduced as the guest speaker. Robbie is a native of Aberdeen and has served as historian and mayor of Aberdeen. He spoke about the town's Scottish history, the Page and Blue families, the local railroads, Aberdeen's USO clubs during World War Two, the decline of the town during the 1970s and finally, revitalization and growth in recent years. The afternoon ended with home-made strawberry shortcake.

The Yadkin Road Historical Markers

If you are heading south on 15-501 and you use Page Road through the hospital-medical offices complex to avoid the line at the traffic circle, you may have noticed the most visible one on Page Road after you cross NC211. It's a large stone marker, surrounded by low shrubbery, on the right side of Page Road. If you are driving slowly enough, you may glimpse the words, "YADKIN ROAD," on the top. There were originally five of them, but only four now remain, and soon they may become the property of the MCHA!

The inscription on each monument reads:

THE YADKIN ROAD

SAID TO BE A BUFFALO TRAIL CONNECTING THE UPPER
YADKIN RIVER PASTURES WITH THOSE OF THE LOWER CAPE
FEAR. USED IN COLONIAL DAYS BY EMIGRANTS PASSING
WESTWARD, THROUGH THE REVOLUTION BY CORNWALLIS,
AND DURING THE CIVIL WAR BY SHERMAN'S TROOPS.

In 1927, three men, Leonard Tufts and James A. Wicker of Pinehurst and James Johnson of Aberdeen, felt that many school children did not know their local history. (Remember the old saying that everything old is new again?) After reading about the old Yadkin Trail, they decided to mark remnants of the trail as it crossed Moore County. Five identical cast concrete markers were set up. Two are eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places as objects, according to the North



Welcome New Members!

Ms. Dianne Clinton

Mr. William Edsel

Ms. Teresa Eichelberger

Mr. Nicholas Levy

Mr. and Mrs. Gary Orso

Mr. Curt Quentien

Mr. Rick Saunders

Mr. Harold Smith

Mr. Michael Stutts

Contributions Donations

Ms. Camille Bailey

Ms. Cele Bryant

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Butler

Mr. William Covington

Mr. Bob Darst

Ms. Elizabeth Griffin

Ms. Caroline Inlow

Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jones

Ms. Barbara Kennedy

Dr. and Mrs. Russell McAllister

Ms. Susan Pockmire

Mr. Emmett Raynor

Mr. Jim Robbins

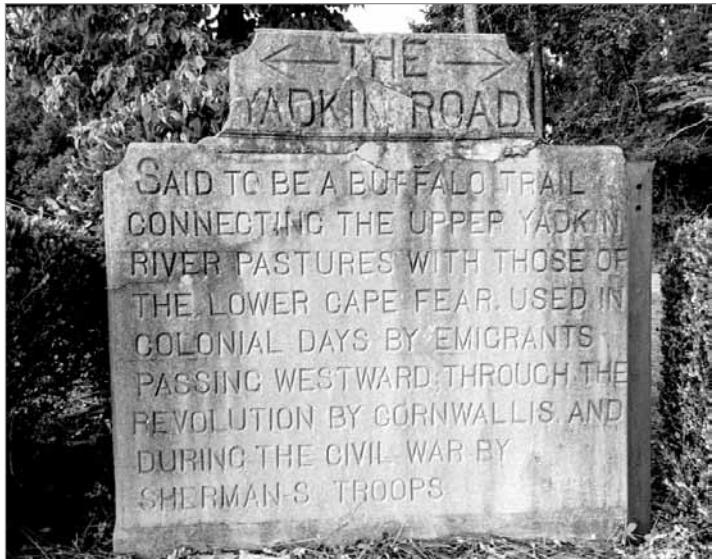
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Tilton



ANNUAL MEETING - TOP Dorothy Shankle and Matt Farina, with Linda and Tom Bryant. LEFT Directors Cindy Novosel and Dorothy Kicklighter, RIGHT Robbie Farrell Aberdeen Mayor and Speaker,



SCOTTISH BURYING GROUND CLEAN-UP - Jim Jones and Hugh Shepard.



YADKIN ROAD Marker.

Carolina Department of Cultural Resources. Descendants of the Tufts, Wicker and Johnson families and historian Bill Edsel have asked the Board to consider assuming responsibility for the ownership and care of the four markers. Ownership would be transferred to MCHA; appropriate paperwork would need to be submitted to state and federal agencies; appropriate preservation measures would then need to be undertaken; funds would need to be raised for this, and that is where our membership would become involved.

The Board is very enthusiastic about this project which falls under the very first objective in our mission statement. The goal would be to have this project completed by the centennial of the monuments in 2027. So stay tuned in for more.

New Executive Officers

The new executive officers for the Board of the MCHA were approved at the board meeting on July 19, 2022. They are as follows:

Co-Presidents: Gene Schoenfelder and Hugh Shepard

Vice President: Matt Farina

Treasurer: Bob Ferro

Secretary: Janet Fowler

Past-President: Steady Meares

Four new directors were also added to the Board at the Annual Meeting. They are: Curt Quentien, Rachael Ray Webb, Cindy Novosel, and Tony Meyers. There is still one more opening for a director. Any member who might be interested in serving on the Board should contact MCHA at 910-692-2051 to indicate their interest.

Old Scottish Burying Ground Clean-up

On March 19th and April 3rd there were many volunteers to continue the clean-up of the cemetery. They came from the Moore County Historical Association, the Moore County Scotch Riflemen, the Friends of Bryant House, the Order of the Confederate Rose, and the Sons of the American Revolution. Volunteers were joined by Boy Scout Troop 376 from Raleigh who were camping at nearby Camp Durant. A special thank you goes to the American Heritage Girls from West End who worked tirelessly and they cooked a wonderful tailgate lunch for all the volunteers.

The MCHA and the Moore County Scotch Riflemen each donated \$500 for the removal of two dead standing oak trees that threatened damage to cemetery stones if they fell. While there still is work to be done, the view-shed is vastly improved. More ground

clean-up will be scheduled this winter or spring 2023 when heat, humidity and insects will not be a problem.

Light at the End of the Tunnel

Dare we say it? Your Association has been on a Covid-19 hiatus for two years now, but things are slowly normalizing. Last year's Heritage Fair was a huge success, perhaps in part because over 1000 people came to see the Shaw property and the activities. We hope this year will be as successful. But to show that your "old" Association is coming back, we are planning on resuming the lecture series this fall. The Christmas Open House is being planned for Shaw House and Bryant House. Docents are on-site almost every Saturday for tours. We may even return to Chicken and Waffles in the spring. Day tours are even being considered.

But before you get your hopes up too high, we want you to also remember that all our "regular" activities require VOLUNTEERS. We want and need to grow our membership. So if you plan on attending an up-coming event, consider bringing a non-member friend and let them see first-hand what MCHA has and can offer to them. That is one task all members can do.

Better yet, consider volunteering to serve on one of our 29 (count them) committees. We have a committee for every one of our members: Archives, Buildings and Grounds, Curator, Preservation, Fund-raising, Grant writing, Newsletter, Publicity, Soap sales, Open House, Tea Room Luncheon to name a few. And if you pride yourself on your electronic skills, we have E-Bay sales, Social Media Marketing, and Graphic Design and Production. So what are you waiting for? Come meet some of the friendliest people in the tri-village region. Just call 910-692-2051 and say "I want to volunteer!"

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Directors

Carla Butler

Trent Carter

Matt Farina

Robert Ferro

Janet Fowler

Grace Jones

Dorothy Kicklighter

Steady Meares

Dale Moegling

Tony Myers

Cindy Novosel

Curt Quentien

Rachel Ray-Webb

Scott Samuel

Gene Schoenfelder

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Upcoming Events

14th Annual Scotland County Highland Games

Saturday, October 1, 2022 from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Admission \$15 for adults and \$5 for children

Discount tickets \$12 for adults and \$3 for children online at www.games-tickets.com.

Laurinburg, NC (detailed directions below)

The Games will be held on the grounds of the NC Rural Heritage Center — which includes the historic John Blue House, several Scottish-American homesteads, a working antebellum cotton gin and a country store. Together, the grounds and the games provide an immersive look at the lives of some of the region's earliest settlers and the Scottish-American experience. North Carolina historically has the largest concentration of Highland Scots in North America. The modern form of the Highland Games began in Scotland in the early 1800's with the first Highland Games in America being held in New York in 1836. The Highland Games story in North Carolina began in 1956 with the founding of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, which continues to this day.

In addition to the athletic events such as the caber toss and hammer throw, the day will feature music, dancing, solo piping and drumming competition, pipe band competition, sheep dog demonstrations, and food and craft vendors. The bands will give spectators a close look at the uniqueness and precision of pipe bands. The sanctioned Highland Dance competitions will feature performers of all ages from across the U.S. The Currie Cultural Tent will feature Scottish fiddle and harp performances.

Janette and Joey McNeill will be manning the Moore County Historical Association tent (Space 39) where they will promote the many activities of our association and expose the attendees to the rich history of Moore County. Be sure to stop and visit with them.

Take Hwy 15/501 from Aberdeen towards Laurinburg, exit right on Hwy 401 Bypass, then turn right at West Blvd. A Walgreens and Wal-Mart are at the intersection. Follow the signs to the attendee parking, which will be a left turn on Turnpike Rd from West Blvd. Then a short shuttle ride will take you to the games. For more information, go to www.carolina-highlandgames.com.

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14th Shaw House Heritage Fair & Moore Treasure Sale

Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, free admission

The Shaw House, 110 W. Morganton Rd, Southern Pines

The annual Heritage Fair and Treasure Sale on Saturday, October 8, 2022 is a FREE all-day event that serves as a major fund-raiser for the non-profit Moore County Historical Association. The Association owns and maintains five historical Moore County houses. The Heritage Fair offers unique vendors, food, live music, and demonstrations of old-time crafts, treasure sales, and farm animals for petting. The Shaw House (c.1820), Saunders Cabin (c.1770), And Garner House (c. late 1790s) will be open for tours. The tobacco barn and museum highlight historic agriculture of the pine-hills area. This event will occur rain or shine.

In conjunction with the Heritage Fair is the Moore Treasures Sale. There will be collectibles, pottery, jewelry, art, antiques, vintage books, toys, glassware, and much more, all at great prices. All proceeds benefit the on-going efforts of the MCHA in its mission to collect, preserve and share the rich historical legacy of our county. Cash or check are preferred. This event is also free and open to the public.

The MCHA is also seeking donations of items in time for this event. If you have items to donate, please call 910-692-2051 to make arrangement for pick-up or come to the Shaw House Mondays through Saturdays 1:00-4:00 pm to drop off your items. Volunteers for various committees are needed to sign up now. Committees include vendors, docents, entertainment, children's events, set-up and take-down, and treasure sale management. If you would like to help, or be a vendor, please call the Shaw House at the above phone number to leave your name, interest, or vendor type. Someone will be in touch with you.

"UNCLE SAM" WILSON

A Slice of History



Samuel Wilson was born in Arlington, MA on September 13, 1766. Samuel joined the Revolutionary Army on March 2, 1781. His duties while enlisted consisted of guarding and caring for cattle, and mending fences, as well as slaughtering and packaging meat. Guarding meat was a priority during the war. It was not uncommon for enemies to tamper with and poison food sources. In 1789 Sam and his older brother, Ebenezer, moved to Troy, NY and established a successful brick-making operation. Many historic buildings in Troy contain bricks made by the Wilson brothers. In 1793 they rented some land and began the E&S Wilson meat packing business. Their slaughterhouse was located near the Hudson River, and access to the river helped their business prosper.

During the War of 1812, the demand for a supply of meat for the troops had significantly increased. E & S Wilson's location and dock was ideal for their business. The Secretary of War signed a contract with Elbert Anderson Jr. of New York City to supply and issue all rations necessary for the United States forces in New York and New Jersey for one year. Anderson ran an advertisement looking to fill the contract. E & S Wilson secured the contract for 2,000 barrels of pork and 3,000 barrels of beef for one year.

Samuel Wilson was appointed meat inspector for the Northern Army. His duties included checking the freshness of meat and assuring that it was properly packaged and that the barrels were according to specification. Each barrel was required to be labeled, and was marked "E.A.- U.S." This marking indicated Elbert Anderson, United States. The great majority of E & S Wilson's meat was shipped nearby to a camp of 6,000 soldiers in Greenbush, New York. Many soldiers stationed in Greenbush were locals from Troy, NY. They knew of or were acquainted with Sam Wilson and his nickname, Uncle Sam, as well as his meat packing business. These soldiers recognized the barrels being from Troy and made an association between the "U.S." stamp and Uncle Sam. Over time, it is believed, anything marked with the same initials, as much Army property was, also became linked with his name.

Samuel Wilson died July 31, 1854 at the age of 87. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy. Monuments mark his birthplace in Arlington, Massachusetts, and site of burial in Troy, New York.

Many modern researchers doubt the tale's veracity. Historian Donald R. Hickey has uncovered a reference to Uncle Sam in a U.S. Navy midshipman's diary from 1810, which suggests that the term predated the War of 1812. In 1813, meanwhile, Wilson's hometown newspaper wrote an article that referenced the term, but made no mention of his role in inspiring it.

The first use of the term in literature was seen in an 1816 allegorical



book, *The Adventures of Uncle Sam in Search After His Lost Honor* by Frederick Augustus Fidfaddy, also in reference to Samuel Wilson. However, an Uncle Sam is mentioned as early as 1775 in the original "Yankee Doodle" lyrics of the Revolutionary War. It is not clear whether this reference is to Uncle Sam as a metaphor for the United States.

While a female personification of the U.S. portrayed as Columbia had become popular in the 19th Century, a male personification was evolving. In the late 1860s and 1870s, political cartoonist Thomas Nast (1840-1902) began popularizing the image of Uncle Sam. Nast continued to evolve the image, eventually giving Sam the white beard and stars-and-stripes suit that are associated with the character today. The German-born Nast was also credited with creating the modern image of Santa Claus as well as coming up with the donkey as a symbol for the Democratic Party and the elephant as a symbol for the Republicans.

Perhaps the most famous image of Uncle Sam was created by artist James Montgomery Flagg (1877-1960). In Flagg's version, Uncle Sam wears a tall top hat and blue jacket and is pointing straight ahead at the viewer. During World War I, this portrait of Sam with the words "I Want You For U.S. Army" was used as a recruiting poster. The image, which became immensely popular, was first used on the cover of *Leslie's Weekly* in July 1916 with the title "What Are You Doing for Preparedness?"

The 87th United States Congress adopted the following resolution on September 15, 1961: "Resolved by the Senate and the House of Representatives that the Congress salutes Uncle Sam Wilson of Troy, New York, as the progenitor of America's National symbol of Uncle Sam." The bill was signed by President John F. Kennedy.

James Flagg's image on WWI posters was the first appearance of Uncle Sam on a U.S. postage stamp when it was featured in the Celebrate the Century commemorative series in 1998. The 32-cent stamp from the set marked the decade of the 1910s and featured the caption "U.S. Enters World War I." Just a few months later, Uncle Sam appeared again, this time on a 22-cent stamp issued Nov. 9, 1998, to fulfill the upcoming change of the additional-ounce rate in January 1999. The First Day of Issue of the stamp was in Troy, NY, recognizing Sam Wilson as the progenitor of Uncle Sam.



Ambrotype of Sam Wilson



Female image of
Columbia



Montgomery's
World War I poster



22-cent stamp issued
in Troy, NY