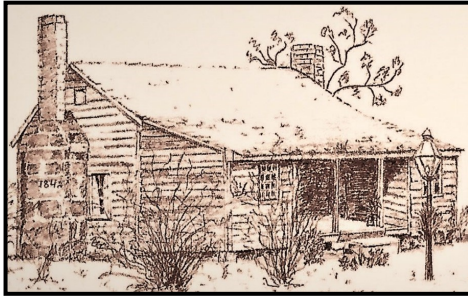


MOORE COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION



Shaw House, Garner House, Sanders Cabin & Tobacco Barn in Southern Pines



Carthage



Bryant House and McLendon Cabin in Carthage

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PRESIDENTS' LETTER

Wow! What a whirlwind of activity we had at the Shaw House the past couple of months preparing for the 17th Annual Moore Treasure Sale and Shaw Heritage Fair.

All the hard work and dedication paid off as we had one of our most successful Sales and Fair ever, with approximately 1000 in attendance.

We were blessed with beautiful weather, with 22 Vendors, including antiques, crocheted animals, wreaths, military memorabilia, and furniture. Crafters included pottery, chair caning, embroidery, wreaths, Christmas ornaments, basketmaking and many more. Nonprofits included Scottish Heritage USA, Moore County Genealogy, and Sons of the American Revolution. A highlight of the Fair was a traveling exhibit provided by the NC History Center that featured Colonial personages in NC. We appreciate the coordination of MCHA Past Co-President Matt Farina and Pinecrest History Teacher, Jeremy Blake who made this possible. Food for the Fair was provided by the Pinecrest Wrestling Team and Emily Skipper.

We appreciate everyone who supported the Sale and Heritage Fair ; by your attendance, donations for the sale and volunteering in any position.

There will be many activities in the coming year. We welcome new members and volunteers. You can find more information about the Moore County Historical Association at www.moorehistory.com.

Submitted by,

Dorothy Kicklighter MCHA Co-President



UP-COMING EVENTS



LECTURE SERIES RETURNS

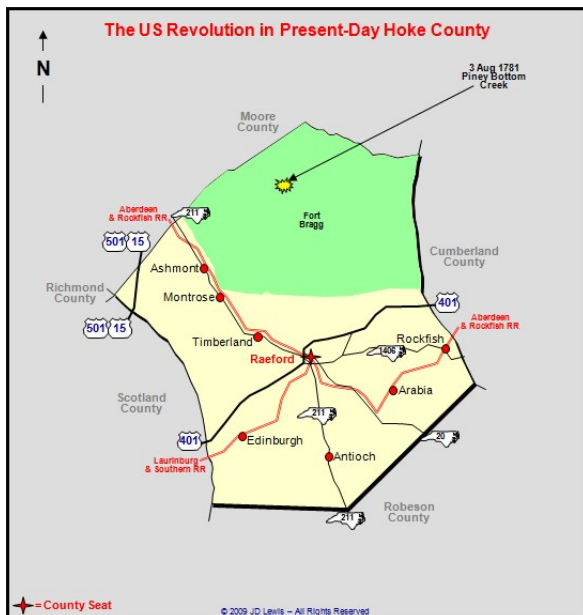
The Association's lecture series resumes on Sunday, October 26, 2025, at the Civic Club on the corner of Pennsylvania Ave. and Ashe Street in Southern Pines. Socializing begins at 1:30 pm and the program will start at 2:00 pm. There will be a Q and A period after the talk.

Matthew Mutarelli's talk is titled, *The Piney Bottom Massacre*, an event that occurred locally during the American Revolutionary War. This topic ties in with the celebration of the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence in July 2026.

Mutarelli, an avid local historian, will discuss the events in our area that occurred in 1781 after the Battle of Guilford Court House.



Although it is two months until December, the holiday season is well-known to sneak-up on our sometimes hectic lives. Mark your old-fashioned calendars with this date and place a reminder in your electronic calendars. Get into the old-time Christmas spirit with the annual Christmas open house at the historic Bryant House and McLendon Cabin. The Moore County Historical Association and Friends of the Bryant House host the event so every Yule visitor can get a little taste of how early settlers celebrated Christmas. Relax with a cup of warm cider or cocoa and enjoy the sights and smells of a simple Christmas before the discovery of blinking LED lighted Christmas trees.



Sunday, December 7, 2025
Christmas at the Bryant House
 3361 Mount Carmel Road, Carthage
 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm • Free Admission

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Members Holiday Party

Shaw House, 110 W. Morganton Road, Southern Pines

5:00 pm to 7:00 pm Free admission for members and their guests

'Tis the season for yule tide greetings and to say to our members, "thank you for your support." So step back in time and join us in olde holiday cheer.



UP-COMING EVENTS



Come and enjoy holiday cookies and a host of delicious finger foods. There will be crackling fires in the Shaw House fireplaces. This is a chance to meet our Board members in a relaxing atmosphere that reflects the warmth and simplicity of a simpler Christmas time.

Saturday, December 13, 2025 Christmas at the Shaw House

*Shaw House, 110 W. Morganton Road,
Southern Pines*

1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Free Admission

Enjoy old-time decorations, warm apple cider and homemade cookies at the annual Christmas Open House. Tour three house-museums built during the 1700s and 1800s. The event is free to the public to let people see how early Southern Pines and Moore County residents lived.

We encourage families with children to come to this event, not only to enjoy the delicious cookies and cocoa, but to see how Christmas

was celebrated more than 150 years ago, Living historians will also demonstrate some crafts in the Sanders Cabin and Garner House.



Once in a while, it may even snow for the holidays as evidence by this photograph that was not generated by artificial intelligence!

THE ASSOCIATION'S TOURS

The Moore County Historical Association and Collette Tours have planned a captivating 9-day trip to Mackinac Island and the Tulip Time Festival from May 3rd to 11th, 2026 as a fund raising project for MCHA. This "Light & Leisurely" tour caters to those seeking a relaxing yet engaging experience, with an activity level requiring the ability to walk for 15-30 minutes and navigate stairs.

An information meeting for interested parties will be held at the Shaw House on Tuesday, October 28, 2025, at 3:00 p.m.

The journey to Michigan immerses you in the festive atmosphere of the Tulip Time Festival in Holland. You will be dazzled by acres of vibrant tulips at Veldheer-DeKlomp Tulip Gardens and explore Windmill Island, home to the historic "De Zwaan" windmill and a charming miniature Netherlands Village. The tour also includes a visit to Frankenmuth, a picturesque town with a rich Bavarian heritage.



NEWS



The highlight of the trip is undoubtedly the two-night stay at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island, a luxurious Victorian-era resort where cars are replaced by horse-drawn carriages and bicycles. You'll embark on a horse-drawn carriage tour of the island, taking in the beauty of Victorian homes and enjoying breathtaking views. You'll also have ample leisure time to explore the charming town, browse shops, and perhaps indulge in some world-famous Mackinac Island fudge. The itinerary also includes a visit to The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation in Dearborn, offering a glimpse into America's industrial past.



The group will be led by Walker Oldham, who can be reached at 910-638-1450 (call or text) for any questions or booking inquiries. A group presentation is planned at the Shaw House in Southern Pines by a Collette Tour representative providing more details. In the meanwhile, for more information about this trip with Moore County Historical Association, please visit the website and for registration.

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ALL THE NEWS THAT IS FIT TO PRINT— HISTORICALLY

On page 2 of the first issue of The Carthaginian newspaper dated January 3, 1878, is the following announcement:

Please Remember

Now Is the Time when you should subscribe for the Carthaginian, a weekly newspaper published at Carthage, N.C. Every man and woman should take their Weekly Paper.

A newspaper (*illegible*) to a family.

The families of farmers are necessarily much secluded, and do not enjoy the advantages resulting from intercourse with other minds. **THE CATHAGINIAN** will strive in a great measure to supply this want. We expect to procure the services of a few correspondents who will occasionally give productions relating to the interests of the masses.

MAKE THE ACQUAINTANCE of a NEW FRIEND, THE CATHAGINIAN.

It will cheer many lonely hours, and keep you employing your leisure moments. It will be a rest to the toiling wife and mother, to sit down and look over **THE CATHAGINIAN**. The subscription is so low that we hope there is not a true hearted man in all this section who will fail to become a subscriber.

If you want to become prosperous and happy, and have that genuine County pride, which you should have: sustain your

LOCAL PAPER.

It is our intention to present our readers and carefully prepare 1 outline of the **VERY LATEST** and most **INTERESTING NEWS**. It will be also be one of our chief desires to give the freshest and **BEST LOCAL NEWS** and to advance the general interest of Moore County.

If you are friends to us, act as such and subscribe for THE CATHAGINIAN. Don't send your money away from home until you subscribe for the CARTHAGINIAN. If you are not a subscriber, subscribe at once. If not, why not?

TERMS OF SUBSCRIPTION

One copy one year,	“	\$1,50
“ 6 months,	“	\$1,00
“ 3 “ “	“	50

Address, THE CARTHAGINIAN, CARTHAGE, N.C.

Wood will be taken in exchange for the CARTHAGINIAN.

The digital copy on line is fragmented because the original newspaper has not survived very well. But on Saturday, August 30, at the Shaw House several members of the board had the distinct honor of meeting Mr. James Street Brewer, the great grandson of Street Brewer who was the publisher of The Carthaginian. The paper was the first regularly published newspaper in Moore County.

From his obituary, we learned that Mr. Street Brewer was born at Gold Region (now Elise), in Moore County, N.C., in 1848, and was educated in the private and high schools of Moore and Randolph counties. He never attended but one public school, and that for a term of only two and one-half months. He was prepared for the University of this State by the late Hon. J. C. Black, of Carthage, NC.



STREET BREWER

Street Brewer later spent thirty years, beginning in 1879, in the field of education as a teacher. He spent 7 years in Moore County schools, and then spent time in Haywood, Sampson, and Pender Counties. He ended his career as Superintendent of Public Schools of Sampson County.

Grandson James Brewer, “Street,” as he is lovingly known by his many friends, was accompanied by his daughters, Ms. Lena Brewer and Ms. Sabrina Brewer. He discovered the original first edition of the January 3, 1878 newspaper, in storage with some of his father’s items. Street presented the paper to the Moore County Historical Association along with a lengthy obituary and picture of his great grandfather.

Several friends joined us for the presentation. The Honorable Dan Bishop, past U.S. Representative for North Carolina and his wife Jo were neighbors of Street in Charlotte and are now new residents in our community. Also present was Mr. Patrick Mulholland of Ft. Bragg, and Mr. John and Mrs. Elizabeth Webster. Mrs. Webster shared a memorable story about visiting Shaw House to enjoy a very good meal of chicken and waffles. Board members present includes Dorothy Kicklighter, Matt Farina, Carley Sutton, Shane English, Hugh Shepard and Cindy Novosel.



JAMES STREET BREWER AND TWO OF HIS DAUGHTERS



A SLICE OF HISTORY



OWNEY, THE MAIL DOG

Who does not like a good dog story? Well, here is one you will enjoy.

On one cool fall evening in 1888, clerks at an Albany, New York, Post Office were so busy, they didn't notice a stray puppy curled up on a pile of old mailbags. Once they did, they adopted the mixed-breed dog and named him Owney. He was a scruffy mutt who became a regular fixture at the Albany post office. His owner was likely a postal clerk who let the dog walk him to work.

Owney was attracted to the texture or scent of the mailbags and when his master moved away, Owney stayed with his new mail clerk friends. He was so enamored with the mailbags that when one of them fell off a wagon during a delivery, he stayed behind to protect it. When the clerks at the post office realized the bag and Owney were missing, they retraced their steps and found Owney guarding the bag.



Owney poses with a letter carrier friend

He soon began to follow mailbags. At first, he followed them onto mail wagons and then onto mail trains to New York City. Owney then

began to ride with the bags on Railway Post Office train cars across the state. And then the country. After a while, he would be gone for months at a time.

In 1895 Owney made an around-the-world trip, traveling with mailbags on trains and steamships to Asia and across Europe, before returning to Albany. Reportedly, the Emperor of Japan gave him two passports and several medals. By the time he came home, he was famous around the world.



Owney poses in a mail train with his mail clerk friends

Railway mail clerks considered the dog a good luck charm. At a time when train wrecks were all too common, in his nearly ten years of travel, Owney was never in a wreck.

To ensure their friend made his way home, the Albany clerks gave him a collar inscribed "Owney, Post Office, Albany, New York." They attached a note to his collar asking employees of the Railway Mail Service to fasten leather or metal baggage tags to his collar to record his travels. Each time Owney returned home to Albany, the clerks there saved the tags.



A SLICE OF HISTORY



Postmaster General John Wanamaker was one of Owney's fans. When he learned that the dog's collar was weighed down by an ever-growing number of tags, he gave Owney a harness on which to display the "trophyes." Over the years, Owney received 1,017 souvenirs from his travels.

On April 9, 1894, a writer for the Brooklyn Daily Eagle reported that "Nearly every place he stopped Owney received an additional tag, until now he wears a big bunch. When he jogs along, they jingle like the bells on a junk wagon."



Owney The Postal Dog June 11, 1897

By 1897, Owney was getting old and the Post Office believed his traveling days might be nearing their end. That June, he was to take his final trip before retiring. While in Toledo, Ohio, it was reported that he was ill and aggressive in his old age and may have attacked a postal clerk, after which he was shot and killed.

America's postal workers were distraught at the loss and ultimately raised funds to have Owney preserved. He was placed on display at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair and was then given to the Smithsonian in 1911. Today he has his own exhibit at the National Postal Museum atrium, where he can be seen wearing his harness and some of his tags.



The USPS commemorated Owney by issuing his stamp in 2011.





Heritage Fair Moore Treasures



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Journeys End Antiques	Paul Brill
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Crafts	Pam Camerson
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Embroidery, Needlepoint	Kristen Kicklighter
Crafts	Pamela Lyons
Military Memorabilia	Colin Chinn
Wreaths	Dawn Sanchez
Antiques	Ray Owen
Leather Handbags	Carla Lawson
Park Lane Jewelry	Barbara Barne
Pottery Wheel	Sierra Mils
Crocheted Critters	Morgan's Critters
Antiques, Military	John Kenefick

DEMONSTRATIONS

Basket Making	Gail Frazer
Quilting	Nancy Talton
Chair Caning	Martha Cline
Hearth Cooking	Debbie Williams
Loom Weaving	Cindy Novosel
Rifle & Swords	Matthew Mutarelli
Tree Cat Facing	Hugh Shepard
Corn Sheller	Steve Cunningham
Stocks & Pillars	Jim Jones
Pottery Demo	Sierra Miles
Corn Husk Dolls	Teresa Eichelberger
Face Painting	Kim Kirkpatrick
Horse & Lasso	
Ink & Quill	

NON-PROFITS: Colonial People of North America; Moore County Genealogical Society; Sons of the American Revolution; Scottish Heritage USA; Rufus Barringer Civil War Round Table

FOOD & REFRESHMENT: Pinecrest High School Wrestling Team; Emily's Sweets

MUSICIANS & ENTERTAINMENT: Terry Myers on Bagpipes; Nolan Goodwin; Sam Thomas; Randy Brown; Kent Vandervort; Whiskey Pines

The Moore County Historical Association gratefully appreciates all the donated items from members and friends to make the Moore Treasures Sale a great success.



Heritage Fair Moore Treasures



HERITAGE FAIR A SUCCESS

The Shaw House Heritage Fair has changed a lot the past two years. The previous format was to sponsor the Heritage Fair and Moore Treasures on one Saturday in October and a second Moore Treasures the following Saturday. Last year the decision was made to combine the Moore Treasures to one weekend using Friday and Saturday. The Heritage Fair remained on Saturday. A small admission charge was applied for older children and adults on Saturday for the Fair.

It was difficult to assess the impact of the change last year. The workload for our volunteers was less, but attendance was also less. October was a busy month for other attractions and events on the fall weekends. All were competing for the same audience. This year the decision was made to move the Fair and Moore Treasures to September. We were uncertain as to the participation of our regular vendors with the change. Would the public respond to the change in 'tradition'?

We are happy to report that the Fair and Sale were a great success. The weather was perfect. The attendance at the Fair on Saturday was twice the attendance last year. Our vendors were happy and some have already committed to next year. The Moore Treasures sales were also brisk with a larger selection of furniture items and household items and less of typical yard sale items.

There also appeared to be many families attending with children who witnessed the large number of 19th-Century demonstrations. This was especially important for the Association since it is one of our goals to encourage interest in history in younger adults and children. As our membership ages, it is critical that we attract younger families to join the Association.

Raffle prizes were donated by Lowes' Food, Harris Teeter, Chapman's Restaurant, Mason's Restaurant, Burney Hardware, and Tractor Supply. The MCHA graciously thanks the above for their community support.

