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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be October 13, 10:30 a.m. at the Currituck County Library in Barco. Officers will be elected at this meeting. The slate of officers to be elected is:

President - Jeanne Murray

Vice President - Naomi Rhodes

Treasurer - Lois Meekins

Secretary - Newell Cannon

(If any of you would like to take the job of Secretary, please Newell know.)

Dorothy Hocutt will continue as Newsletter Editor.

PROGRAM

"Algonquin Indians of the Albemarle"

Alex Leary will be speaking and giving a slide presentation on the "Algonquin Indians of the Albemarle." Mr. Leary's presentations are always very informative and interesting, (and usually end with a test.) In the main section of the Currituck Library there is a display of Indian artifacts on loan from Joe Higgs of Currituck. The artifacts consist of arrowheads, grinding stones and pottery shards found locally and in other parts of the state. Mr. Leary is also bringing Indian artifacts.

CONGRATULATIONS AGS WEBSITE WINS STATE AWARD

This just in from the North Carolina Genealogical Societies Awards Chairperson, Pam Toms.

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September 23, 2012

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Greetings from the North Carolina Genealogical Society

Subject: Notification of NCGS 2012 Awards

I am delighted to tell you that the Albemarle Genealogical Society website has been **selected as the winner** of the society's 2012 Award in the category of "Excellence in Web Presence" for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy.

We are looking forward to presenting the award to one of your representatives at our Annual Meeting which begins at 12:00 noon during our **Fall Workshop on Saturday, October 13 in Raleigh, NC at the McKimmon Center, 1011 Gorman Street. We would be pleased to host you and one individual of your choice as our guests for lunch when you accept this award. Please contact me by September 30, 2012, to confirm your attendance.**

We would like to announce your award and publish a photograph in our next newsletter. As part of this announcement, and in addition to the information provided in your nomination, if you wish to submit additional information, please provide this to me by September 30, 2012. Please provide the name and contact information of the local newspaper(s) where we may announce this award if you wish. A short informal photography session will take place immediately following the completion of the award presentations. Please complete, sign, and return the attached NCGS photo release form to me prior to the Annual Meeting.

A workshop registration form and schedule are also attached for your information.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Pam Toms
NCGS Awards Chairperson

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Very special thanks go to Currituck County Librarian, Vicky Hagemeister who designed and maintains the website. Jeanne Murray and Dorothy Hocutt will be going to Raleigh to receive the award on behalf of AGS.

George P. D. Brice Notebook Gives a Glimpse into Life in Lower Currituck 1884-1885

by Jeanne Meekins Murray



Julia Williams Brice and George P. D. Brice

Lois Johnson Meekins recently gave the Currituck library a copy of a notebook written by George P. D. Brice during the years 1884-1885. It is a copy of an original held by John Brice, Jr. of Tennessee. The library will make an archival copy as soon as we are able to either borrow the original from John Brice or get a clearer copy. But even with the mostly readable copy we have, there are many interesting events and persons recorded.

This notebook contains records of court proceedings judged by George P. D. Brice during the years 1884 and 1885. Generally, these records contain a description of the charges as well as a record of the judgment. Some contain records of juries that sat for the trials if a jury trial was warranted or requested by the defendant. In addition, there are two other pieces in the notebook: a receipt and a marriage license. The index to the notebook will soon be available on the AGS website (<http://library.earlibrary.org/ags/>).

Despite extensive research by family members, the life of George Percival Delencles Brice still has some mystery about it. According to family legend, he was born on Nov. 23, 1823 in Brest, France, where his father served as the American Consul. He came to Currituck with the Confederate army “shortly after the fall of Roanoke.” He spoke seven languages and was well educated. He had lived in Baltimore, MD, where it seems he had a family, but he would not speak of his life before coming to Currituck. Recent evidence suggests that he left a wife and family there and came to the Norfolk, VA area where he taught school for a while. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in April 1861. Whatever the truth about his “former life,” after serving several years in the Civil War, he came to Currituck and married Julia Williams in 1871. In addition to teaching school and serving as a county commissioner, he served as a judge or perhaps magistrate for Poplar Branch Township. He died on Dec. 16, 1885 probably from injuries sustained by falling from a window while sleepwalking at a hotel in Norfolk, VA, where he had gone on a business trip.

The following court cases make up the contents of the notebook as Lois Meekins has it.

Judgment	date	description of record
	N/A Aug. 20, 1883	promissory note from H. H. Bray to H. G. Banks
	guilty March 15, 1884	Lemuel J. Gregory & Nathan Caroon fighting at Caleb Crank's store
	guilty March 15, 1884	Patrick Owens paternity suit by Mary ? [name unreadable]
	guilty March 20, 1884	Joseph Dowdy assault and attempted rape of Alice Dough
	withdrawn April 18, 1884	Willis G. Banks vs. Jeremiah Wroten obtaining goods under false pretenses
	guilty May 3, 1884	Solomon, Montgomery, Joseph and George Gallop charged with assault of David Sikes
	guilty with May 3, 1884	Solomon Gallop assault against David Sikes
	mitigating circumstances	
	Montgomery May 10, 1884	Montgomery and George Gallop assault against David Sikes
	guilty; George not	
	guilty June 18, 1884	Jane E. Gallop vs M. E. Woodhouse, Admin of estate of Polly Luton
	not guilty July 1, 1884	John Southall vs Franklin B. Sikes for assault
	guilty July 9, 1884	James R. Hobbs for the murder of Theophilus L. Daniels [? Name not clear]
	guilty August 7, 1884	Andrew J. Forbes vs Hiram Gregory for punching and striking Forbes's horse
	held over for trial Sept. 30, 1884	John Southall and Charles Green for robbing John Newbern, Sr.
	continued October 15, 1884	Henry Burnett, Lewis Jones, ? Moore, ? Owens [names not clear] disturbance of the peace of Hiram Gregory
	continued November 1, 1884	Solomon Gallop threats against David Sikes
	n/a Jan. 21, 1885	Marriage license for Appolas Crane and Mary Eliza Lee
	not indicated Jan. 21, 1885	Jordan Parker and Edward Evans trespassing on the property of Jordan Forbes
	appeal January 28 1885	appeal filed by defendant Isaiah Cain
	granted March 10, 1885	George W. Walker application to have his homestead exemption set against
	Snow -3 pigs; March 10, 1885	Franklin Wright vs Jesse Snow dispute over ownership of a sow and 5 piglets
	Wright-sow and 2 pigs	
	found for plaintiff April 6, 1885	I. L. Decermis vs. Commissioners of Currituck County for \$9 owed him
	found for plaintiff April 10, 1885	Abraham Baum vs M. E. Woodhouse over \$50 rent on store
	found for plaintiff May 6, 1885	Willis G. Banks vs William H. Bray debt of \$21.86
	not guilty June 20, 1885	Nathan Caroon and Lemuel J. Gregory for stealing logs from Worth Newbern
	defendant fined July 10, 1885	Nathan Caroon, Thomas Dowdy, Sydney C. Partridge, Samuel Jones, Lemuel Gregory for behaving in an "unsavory" manner in the home of Penelope Reed
	withdrawn July 20, 1885	Hodges Gallop, Jr. for assault and battery of John S. Simpson
	guilty July 21, 1885	Hodges Gallop of Hiram shooting a cow belonging to Lovey R. Aydlett
	guilty July 22, 1885	John S. Simpson for circulating "scandalous reports" about Graham G. Gallop, ward of Hodges Gallop
	guilty August 20, 1885	William T. Beacham and John Beacham for "cursing and abusing" Francis Beal, wife of Norris Beal
	withdrawn August 20, 1885	William T. Beacham vs Norris Beal for a deed dispute
	guilty August 20, 1885	William T. Beacham and John Beacham for assault
	guilty August 20, 1885	Norris Beal charged with assault of William T. Beacham
	guilty August 25, 1885	Levi W. Gallop vs Mathias D. Etheridge for a debt of \$9.00
	Woodhouse not; Sept. 10, 1885	Worth Newbern, W. S. Newbern, and Thomas Woodhouse for stealing James. B. Evans' horse
	Newberns guilty	while they walked home from church
	found for Nov. 16, 1885	Abner Gibson vs. William H. O'Neal for a debt of \$10
	defendant	
	found for plaintiff Dec. 1, 1885	M. E. Woodhouse vs. Abram Baum for a dispute over a black sow

This Bible record was recently found in the Col. Gordon Jones Papers located at the Currituck County Library. It has not yet been sent to the State Library.

Shepard Owens Bible Record

Title Page
Holy Bible Containing the Old and New Testaments:
Philadelphia
Jasper-Harding, No. 57 S. Third St.
1856

Written inside the front cover of the Bible:
Shepard Owens Currituck N.C.

Following is the first page of the record.

There is no heading on this page. Spelling is as it is written in the Bible.

Shepard Owens was born September, the 7 day 1819

Mary Therogood was born the 17 day of February 1835

Shepard Owens and Mary Therogood was married March the 31 in 1850

The Burth of Thare Childern

Gilbert T. Owens the son of Shepard Owens and Mary his wife was borned July the 18 day 1851

Gilbert T. Owens Died Octber the 8 day 1851

Mary Jane the (unreadable word) of Shepard Owens and Mary his wife was born the 8 day of Jinnery in 1853 and died the 13 day of February in 1853

Isaac W. Owens Son of Shepard Owens and Mary his wife was born the 19 day of December in 1853

On the back of the first page:

Loiss was borned the eight day of April in 1844

Lula was borned the twelve 12 day of Augos in 1847

Lydia Owens departed this life September 29 AD 1918

Following is the second page of the record:

Births

Walter S. Owens the son of Shepard Owens and Mary his wife was borned September the 5 day in 1861

(Unreadable) Owens the son of Shepard Owens and Mary his wife was bord March the 12 the year 1869

Shepard Owens Bible Record cont.

Mary Owens the Daughtrer of Isaac W. and Lydia his wife was Borne May the 18 day in 1881

A little child the Daughter of I. W. and Lydia his wife was borned November the 30 in 1882

Harriett E. Owens Daughter of I. W. and Lydia his wife was born February the 7 in 1884

Hattie J. Owens Daughter of I. W. and Lydia his wife was born August the 22 in 1885

A little childe son of I. W. and Lydia his wife was borned March the 20th 1887 and died the same day

A little child son of I. W. and Lydia his wife was borned March 15th 1889 and died the same day

Roy Reid Hampton was born Sept 18th 1914

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Deaths

Gilbert T. Owens died October the 8 day 1851

Mary Jane Owens died the 13 day of February 1853

John Frankling Owens died August the 9 day of 1857

Shepard Owens died November the 14 in the year of our Lord 1865

Mary Oneal died July the 28 day in the year of our Lord 1878

A little Child Daughter of I.W. Owens and Lydia his eife died January the 5 in 1883 died unnamed

Harriett E. Owens Daughter of I. W. and Lydia his wife departed this life September 29 1884

Roy D. Owens son of I. W. and Lydia his wife departed this life July 13th 1892

Isaac W. Owens departed this life September the 2 day 1898

Roy Reid Hampton died June 22th 1915

Lydia Owens died September 29, 1918

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Isaac W. Owens and Lydia Olds was married the 20....1880

Grace Jackson (remainder unreadable)

Mary pearle Hampton daughter of Lloyd Hampton and Janie his wife was born Dec. 23, 1905

Samuel Griggs and Mary Owens was married Oct. 4 day 1899

Lloyd Hampton and Janie Owens was married Dec. 30, 1903

Lettie Lucille Hampton daughter of Lloyd Hampton and Janie his wife was born Oct. 15, 1904

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Shepard Owens Bible Record cont.

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Roy D. Owens was son of I. W. and Lydia his wife was borned Oct. 26, 1890
 Willie Blanch Griggs daughter of Samuel Griggs and Mary Griggs his wife was borned
 December the 4 day 1900
 Gilbert _____ son of she_____and Mary his ____ was borned July 18 day 1851
 Mary Jane the ____of Shepard Oweens and Mary his ____ was borned the ____of January
 1853
 Isaac W. Owens ____of Shepard Owens and Mary his wife was borned the 19 day of
 December 1853
 John Frank__of Shepard ____and Mary his ____was borned N____2 day 1856
 Edward Owens ____of Shepard ____and Mary his ____was borned the ____day of
 August in 18__
 [____spaces indicate unreadable portions]

What's in a Name?

Our ancestors often used particular naming patterns when selecting a name for a new child thus explaining why certain names are very common in a family line. Watching for and understanding these naming patterns can be very helpful in tracing one's ancestry.

Naming Patterns

- 1st son – father's father
- 2nd son – mother's father
- 3rd son - father
- 4th son – father's oldest brother
- 5th son – father's second oldest brother or mother's eldest brother

- 1st daughter – mother's mother
- 2nd daughter – father's mother
- 3rd daughter – mother
- 4th daughter – mother's oldest sister
- 5th daughter – mother's second oldest sister or father's oldest sister

It is also common to use

1. the mother's maiden name as a second name
2. the surname of close friends as a second name
3. give another child exactly the same name as a previous child who had died
4. give a child the name of a relative or friend who had recently died