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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held **10:30 a.m. Saturday, January 14, 2012** at the **Currituck County Public Library** in the meeting room. Meetings are held at 10:30 a.m. on the second Saturday of January, April, July and October at the Currituck County Public Library (4261 Caratoke Hwy, Barco, NC), so please mark your calendar. Meetings are open to anyone interested in the topic presented or in genealogy in general. Visitors are welcome.

PROGRAM

Vicky Hagemeister, the librarian for Currituck County, is creating a website for the Albemarle Genealogical Society. Vicky will be presenting the web page to the society at our next meeting. She will be asking for feedback, suggestions and approval of the final draft. If you want to be one of the first to see AGS's new website, be sure to make January's meeting.

MEMBERSHIP DUES

You are receiving this newsletter because you are a member or past member of AGS. Membership in the Albemarle Genealogical Society is open to all who are interested in genealogical, biographical biological and historical research. The membership year is January through December. Dues are \$10.00 per year. Submit your dues to the AGS Treasurer. There are a lot of exciting and new things happening at AGS as you will read in this newsletter.

QUERIES

Queries are free and should be submitted by email to Dorothy Hocutt (dhocutt@earlibrary.org) or Jeanne Meekins Murray (jeannemmurray@gmail.com). We ask that you also share your genealogy and family stories with us. If you read a query in the AGS newsletter (or website) and can help with information, please contact Jeanne or Dorothy.

LATEST HAPPENINGS

The AGS has a new website! The website will be presented at the January meeting. Researchers will be able to contact the Society, become a member, read past and present newsletters, find important and informative links for Currituck and Dare genealogy, and purchase AGS's publications.

The Albemarle Genealogical Society has teamed up with the Currituck County Public Library in Barco to digitize, index, and archive the library's genealogy files. AGS has hired Adam Nyborg to do the indexing. He has already indexed over 250 files. Dorothy Hocutt and Jeanne Murray, library employees and AGS members, are scanning the files, archiving original documents, and organizing the main index.

What does this mean to you, the researcher?

- Every name in the genealogy files will be indexed and searchable on the new AGS website.
- All original documents will be stored in acid free folders and in acid free boxes. Copies will be made on acid free paper and filed in the vertical file at the library. Original documents will no longer be handled by patrons, which will insure the preservation of these documents.
- All documents will be digitized.

The main index will be put on the AGS website. At the beginning of the main index you will find an abbreviation finder. Here is an example of how the index will work. If you are looking for information on John Williams, your search results will look like this:

Williams, John

B-Capps, B-Williams, BD-Branson's, FGS-Capps Family, FTM-Ansell

(B=Bible, BD=Business Directory, FGS=Family Group Sheet, FTM=Family Tree Maker)

There will be information on John Williams in a Bible record in the Capps file, the business directory in the Branson's file, a family group sheet in the Capps file, and so on. This information could be sent to you by email or copied and mailed to you. The digitized material will not be put on the website because of the amount of space this would require on the server.

Queries and family stories sent to AGS can also be put on the website. The Currituck County Public Library is actively seeking donations to its genealogy collection. Individuals with family Bible records, documents, histories or personal genealogy research who would like to donate them to the library for future use by genealogy researchers may do so by contacting Dorothy Hocutt at: Currituck County Public Library, 4261 Caratoke Hwy, Barco, NC 27917.

Currituck County Wills

As many of you already know the Currituck County Clerk of Court has sent the Currituck County will books to the State Archives in Raleigh. The condition of the books was in such a state that the Clerk felt this necessary to preserve them. This caused a lot of frustration for genealogists searching in Currituck.

Many transcriptions of these wills can be viewed on Currituck County's free genealogy website at www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nccurrit/. Now you can view the actual will books on Family Search's website at www.familysearch.org.

**Search
Currituck
Wills**

When you get to their site scroll down to "Browse by Location" and click on "USA, Canada, and Mexico." That will take you to Historical Record Collection. In the search box on the left type in North Carolina and then click on "North Carolina Probate Records 1735-1970." On the left click on "Browse through 1,145,307 images." (No you don't have to browse through over a million images!). This will take you to a list of counties in NC. Choose "Currituck" and you can view all the will books listed.

There are two Will Book Indexes which lists the names of deceased and what will book and page number their will is on. There are eight will books. In the front of each will book is an index of wills for that book. It numbers the page that your ancestor's will is on. Searching for this page may prove time consuming. Remember that you will be searching by image and not page number. Each image has two numbered pages. You change the size of the image by clicking on the zoom – or +. You can also move the image by clicking on it and dragging it up and down or left and right.

The images were scanned from microfilm so quality is not the best on some images. Both websites mentioned above are free websites.

Tidbits

Lucky Discovery

A gentleman of our city, says the Norfolk American, who has just returned from Currituck, N.C., informs us, that a large quantity of ancient coin, composed chiefly of quadrangular silver pieces, fold half joes and doubloons, was ploughed up last Friday morning, on the plantation of **Mr. Benjamin Dye**, a brother of the gentleman of that name in Norfolk. The total value is supposed to be at least five or six thousand dollars. Our informant states that search is supposed to have been previously made on the same plantation for money, as large holes now remain in different places, which it is thought were made in a hunt for the hidden treasure.

-Patriot and Flag, Greensboro (May 29, 1857)

BIBLE RECORDS

One of the first things the library did when starting their digitalization project was inventory everything in the genealogy files. They found fifty eight Bible records in the files. Some were Xerox copies of original Bible records, some were transcribed from Bible records and some were abstracted Bible records. All were scanned and transcribed then shared with the North Carolina State Library in Raleigh. You can view those and other Bible records from across the state online through the North Carolina State Library Digital Collections.

Nine other Bible records have been given to the library in 2011. The latest is a **Barco** Bible.

Barco Bible Transcribed

(Published in Philadelphia by B. Lippincott & Company 1858)

Births

(across the top) **William Tillett Barco** – born Nov 25, 1837

Sarah Jane Brockett Barco born Dec. 26, 1841

Welthy Barco the daughter of **William G. Barco** and **Sarah Jane Barco** his wife was born Feb. 24th A.D. 1859

Simon J. Barco the son of **W.G. Barco** and **Sarah Jane Barco** his wife was born March the 23rd A.D. 1681

John A. Barco the son of **Wm. G. Barco** and **Sarah Jane Barco** his wife was born Sept the 7th A.D. 1863

William P. Barco the son of **Wm. G. Barco** and **Sarah Jane Barco** his wife was born Nov. the 5 day A.D. 1865

Caleb B. Barco the son of **Wm. G. Barco** and **Sarah Jane Barco** his wife was born January the 27th A.D. 1868

Welthy Barco the second daughter of **Wm. G. Barco** and **Sarah Jane Barco** his wife was born Dec. the 2nd A.D. 1869

Luke B. Barco the son of **Wm. G. Barco** and **Sarah Jane Barco** his wife was born the 2nd day of Sept. A.D. 1871

Wilbur Tillett Barco the son of **Wm. P. Barco** and **Ellen** his wife was born Jan the 26th 1890

Emmer Jane Barco the daughter of **Wm. P. Barco** and **Ellen** his wife was born May the 25th 1891

Howard V. Walker the son of **Virginus Walker** and **Mary F. Walker** his wife was born Sept. 30th 1886

Lenard D. Barco the son of **Simeon J. Barco** and **Hatie C. Barco** his wife was born May the 5th 1888

Cora V. Barco the daughter of **Simeon J. Barco** and **Hatie C. Barco** his wife was born Sept. the 16th 1890

Mary E. Barco daughter of ? **Barco** and **Mary** his wife was born ? 24th 189?

Bible records continued:

Marriages

William T. Barco and **Sarah Jane Brockett** was married May the 2nd A.D. 1858.
Simeon J. Barco the son of **W. T. Barco** and **Sarah Jane**, his wife was married to **Hattie C. Downing**, the daughter of **Thomas S. Downing** and **Hattie E.** her mother of Tyrell Co. N.C. on the 31st day of May 1887.
Wm. P. Barco and **Ellen Forbes** was married Dec. the 20th 1888.
Luke B. Barco and **Mattie Kinsey** were married July 27, 1898.

Marriages for 1857 and 1858

Married May 2nd 1858 **W.T. Barco** to **Sarah Jane Brockett** by **T. Palmer, J.P.**
 Married Oct 25th 1857, **Theofulus Cartwright** to **Aley Overton** by **W.D. Pritchard, J.P.**.
 Married March 11th 1858 **John Sawyer** to **Ellen Pritchard** by **Evan Forbes.**
 Married Jan. 7th 1858 **John Evans** to **Mary Gregory** by **Rev. Evan Forbes.**
 Married May 15th 1858 **Job Greogry** to **Susan Gray** by **J. W. Burfoot J.P.**
 Married January 2nd 1857 **Sam Hastings** to **Ann E. Ferrell** by **Rev. E. Forbes.**
 Married March 3rd 1858 **Noah James** to **Mary Kight** by **I. W. Burfoot J.P.**
 Married Oct. 3rd 1857 **W. Wright** to **Malinda Jones** by **I. W. Burfoot J.P.**

Deaths

John S. Brockett the son of **Yellis Brockett** and **Lyda** his wife was borned June the 17th A.D. 1843 and died Dec. the 14th A.D. 1861.
Welthy Barco the dauter of **William T. Barco** and **Sarah Jane Barco** his wife departed this life June the 17th A.D. 1862.
John A. Barco the darling son of **Wm. T. Barco** and **Sarah Jane** his wife departed this life Oct. the 9th 1868 Age 5 years 1 month – 2 days.
Caleb B. Barco the son of **Wm. T. Barco** and **Sarah Jane** his wife departed this life Oct. the 10th 1868 Age 8 mo-13days.
Wilbur Tillett Barco the son of **Wm. P. Barco** and **Ellen** his wife died August the 10th 1891.
Simon J. Barco died Dec. 25th 1932.

Tidbits

A Tomato-Catsup Farm

The soil and farms upon Knotts Island are rather stiff and very prolific in the culture of corn and marketable vegetables. For the first time, we saw upon this Island a Tomato-Catsup plantation where the tenant cultivates tomatoes entirely, and stills them into Catsup, which he sells and ships by the barrel, as the people of Edgecombe and Nash do their “apple jack.”

-Times, Greensboro (October 20, 1860)

**CURRITUCK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY
GENEALOGY FILES**

We would like to share with you some of the more interesting things we found in the genealogy files at the library.

Excerpt from a letter from Fanny R. Andrews to Col. Gordon Jones (in the Gordon Jones Papers file.)

“A further study on this Elizabeth [Elizabeth Lindsey who was the daughter of a Presbyterian missionary from Scotland]—she died or rather they thought she had died when a very young woman. She had some jewelry that she prized & so they buried her with the jewelry in the Family Vault. That night two thieves went in and stole the jewels and cut off one of her fingers to get a ring that was on it. As the thieves were coming out of the vault – neighbors came up and the thieves ran – but as they stopped at the vault door they heard her screaming. They went in and found her alive and bleeding – so carried her home. Several years later she was married and had at least two children.”

**An interesting poem is in the Forsythe
Clan folder:**

My Family Tree

I climbed my family tree,
and found it was not worth the climb,
and so I scampered down,
convinced it was a waste of time.

Some branches of my family tree
are rotten to the core,
and all the tree was full of sap,
and hung with nuts galore!

And, though I bragged about my kinfolk
before I made the climb,
the truth compels me now to tell
of those not worth a dime.

And, I beg friends
who boast aloud of their ancestors great
“Go climb you family tree and
learn of crooks who aren’t so straight.”

I climbed my family tree,
and learned as I came sliding down
my tree is like a ‘tater vine’
the best is under ground!

**Interesting names found in the
genealogy files:**

Decline Lambe
Queen Elizabeth Cartwright
Queen Victoria Cartwright
Harbottle Lamb
Zerviah Lamb
Zeruah Lamb
Thankful Williams
Experience Wing
Flash Gordon
Nimrod Funk
Young Old
Miss Dovie Wanamaker
M. Y. Self

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