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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be July 11th, 6:00 pm at the Currituck County Library in Barco. We changed the day and time because of the heavy traffic in Currituck and Dare counties on weekends during tourist season. We hope this doesn't cause an inconvenience for our members.

PROGRAM

Bill Harris, AGS President, will talk about the Primitive Baptist Churches of Powells Point and Kitty Hawk. He promises to make it exciting!

QUERIES

Queries are free and should be submitted by email to Dorothy Hocutt (dhocutt@earlibrary.org) or Jeanne Meekins Murray (jeannemurray@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.

Query from Joyce Sentell: Looking for information on **Joshua Baxter**, b.ca. 1716 VA, d. 1786 Currituck Co. NC and his wife **Sarah Chittum Baxter**. Joyce believes Joshua and Sara were the parents of **Joseph Baxter**, b. 1747 at Brunswick, NC. If you have information that might be helpful to Joyce you can email her at jsent90765@aol.com.

Local History Find

by Jeanne Meekins Murray

Recently, Elizabeth **Jarvis Campbell** loaned the library two of several binders of materials that she found in the attic of the W. W. Jarvis house in Moyock. Elizabeth is the daughter of Billy **Jarvis** and the great-granddaughter of Luna **Barnard** on her father's side.

Included in the collection are deeds, mostly original, the earliest dating 1751; bills of sale; correspondence; promissory notes; and supply lists, among other things. We have been having a great time exploring and transcribing the materials in the collection. In addition, we are in the process of scanning and indexing the materials so that they can be made available to people interested in them. If you'd like to have a copy of the index in progress, contact me at jeannemurray@gmail.com or jmurray@earlibrary.org.

Perhaps one of the most exciting aspects of this find is that we think that some of the deeds are not available in the deed books. They were among the ones not recopied after the fire that destroyed many early deeds in Currituck. We have been to look through the deeds once very briefly, and we need to go back to be absolutely certain, but it looks as if this original material is very valuable to historians and genealogists. We do know, for example, that the 1839 deed between Josiah **Gammon** and John **Barnard** is listed at the courthouse as between Joseph **Gammon** and John **Barnard** in what is clearly a copy made from the original in this collection. It was signed Josiah **Gammon**, but the clerk who copied it made a mistake and the listing in the index is wrong. So we are very excited to find out what the status of the other early deeds is.

Included below is an excerpt from a couple of the deeds transcribed so far:

Campbell, Elizabeth Jarvis

Deed 1791-006

Transcription

*This Indenture mad the Twenty Six day of December anno Dom one Thousand seven Hundred and ninty one Between Gedion **Marchant** of Currituck County and State of North Carolina of the one part and Simon **Wilson Junr** of the County of Norfolk aforesaid of the other part Whareas a certain Edmund **Bowrin** was Seized of a Tract of Land by the proprietor of North Carolinas Patent now laying in Currituck County on the South Side of Moyock Creek now the said Edmund **Bowrin** did convey one hundred and thirty five acres of the s^d Land unto William O **Dowdy** and the Said William O **Dowdy** did by his Deed baireing date the Second of April Seventeen hundred and sixty four for a Valuable consideration*

therein Mentioned in make over the s^d Land unto Benjamin Northern and after the Death of the s^d Benj. Northern the s^d Land was sold by the sherriff of the s^d County to Phillip Northern and that the s^d Phillip Northern did by his Last will give the Said land to his son William Northern and that the said Wm Northern and Francis his Said wife did Convey the Same to Gedion Marchant Now this Indenture Witnesseth that the s^d Gedion Marchant and Catey his wife for and in cinsideration of the Sum of one hundred and fifty pounds Currant money of Virginia to them in hand paid by the Said Simon Wilson at or before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt of which the s^d Gedion Marchant and Catey his wife doth hereby acknowledge & themselves therewith fully and Entirely Satisfied Contented and paid.

Some of the surnames mentioned in the collection include **Northern, Bowren, Cox, Marchant, Dowdy, Etheridge, Gammon, Poyner, Lindsey, Gallop, Humphries, Hutcheons, Fanshawe, Sanderlin, Sanderson, Wilson, Ashbee, Jones, Halstead, Simmons, Spry, Brothers, Morrisett, Bray, McPherson, Parson, Spence, Cooper, Lee, Bell, Gray, and Walker.**

Store Account Provides Insight into Lifestyle and Neighbors

by Jeanne Meekins Murray

An account in the name of T. L. **Jarvis**, Esq. at the business of C. R. **Vande Carr**, from Feb. 19, 1898-Feb. 23, 1899 reveals much about the life of Mr. Jarvis. Among other things, he purchased bushels of seed, apparently at 10 bushels for \$1, fodder at 1172 lbs for \$4.68, a pair of shoes for his horse at \$1.50, and 10 tons of lime at \$30. In addition, he was charged for “check for your letter,” check by mail to E. C.” “shuck ticket,” and “cash to self in Moyock.”

By far the largest charges were incurred for labor or other services. The people he was assessed fees for during this year were Claude **Dozier**, Wm **Jones**, Phillip **Mercer**, P. S. Horse Service, C. L. D “for hands,” Spence **Gray**, and Arthur **Bray**.

He made payments and received rent from W. **Bray** paid into his account so that at the end of the year, he had spent and paid \$539.97. Ah, to be able to do business for a whole year for that kind of money today!

Beware—Skeletons in the Family Closet

by Jeanne Meekins Murray

Warning—for those who believe that their families are squeaky clean, stop reading right now, for some skeletons are about to be revealed.

One of the treasures of the Elizabeth **Campbell Jarvis** papers to date are a variety of court records in Binder 2, most of which cover a period of time when her ancestor John E. **Barnard** was sheriff of Currituck. Reading these records give a wealth of information about the people living in and around Moyock during the early years of the twentieth century. Here are some abstracted versions of the documents, all of which are original documents, in the binder:

On July 16, 1910 G. H. **Ferebee** brought charges against D. W. **Wood**, a non-resident, who was about to remove property from the county with intent to defraud his creditors of \$87.84. J. L. **DeCormis** was justice of the peace, John E. **Barnard**, sheriff.

On Feb. 7, 1908 charges were brought against Elija **Dozier** by R. O. **Bagly** who said that said **Dozier** made way with and disposed of mortgage property.

On March 9, 1908, a bastardy warrant was issued for Richard **Lamb** as the father of the female child of Millie **Mann**.

On Sept. 10, 1908, a capias was issued for C. C. **Wilson** for larceny By E. W. **Ansell**, clerk of Currituck Court.

In Norfolk County, a warrant was issued for Grant **Baxter** (identified on a later correspondence as being a resident of Tull Creek in Currituck County) on April 27, 1909 for perjury in a testimony he gave in the trial of Jerry **Lamb** who had been accused of killing William **Woodhouse**. A. C. **Cromwell**, sheriff

On Sept. 9, 1909, a capias was issued for Jas. A. **Harris** for “unlawful connections with child.” E. W. **Ansell**, clerk of Currituck Court.

In the City of Norfolk, on Sept. 4, 1909, a warrant was issued for Albert **Harris** for an attempt to embezzle Jessie **Ives** out of “three or four hundred dollars for goods sold for him and applied the money to his own uses.”

On June 28, 1909, a criminal action was brought against Joe **Wilson** for begetting a child upon Susie **Ferebee** “upon the promise of marriage.” The child was 3 years old at the time of the charge.

On Nov. 9, 1909, a warrant was issued for Elija **Dozier** for resisting an officer and assaulting him with “a deadly weapon, a gum club about four feet long.” Sylvester **Hill** was the constable in question. L. **Walker**, Justice of the Peace.

On Sept. 11, 1910, a warrant was issued Morgan **Hollie** for slapping Cora **More** with his hand, striking her with a whip, and drawing his gun to intimidate her with intent commit rape. T. H. **Fulford**, Justice of the Peace.

On Feb. 22, 1910, E. W. **Sanderlin** was subpoenaed in the trial of Warren W. **Smith** vs. John Lewis **Waterfield**. E. W. **Ansell**, Clerk of Currituck Court.

On Oct. 1, 1910, R. L. **Griggs**, W. T. **Griggs**, C. H **Gallop**, J. B. **Owens**, A. S. **Griggs**, J. W. **Griggs**, S. J. **Poyner**, R. L. **Newbern**, Worth **Newbern** and J. W. **Fisher** were “held and firmly bound unto J. E. **Barnard**, Sheriff of Currituck County in the sum of Seven 7 Thousand Dollars” for the binding of R. L. **Griggs** as deputy sheriff who is enjoined to turn over all monies collected to the “high sheriff” John E. **Barnard**. Each of the men listed agrees that they “are worth over and above there liabilities and their property exempted by law the sum that each one has hereto signed for.”

In addition to these cases, there are receipts for tax payments made to John **Barnard**, tax collector. There are also lists of fees owed to attorneys: **Dixon & Dixon**, Sam **Brumsey**, Bill **Miller**, A. **Eason**, **Ellington**, R. X. **Turner**.

A full index of names mentioned in all the Elizabeth **Jarvis Campbell** papers will be available on the AGS website as soon as we get it done, within the next year, I hope.

1940 Census Update

Since the release of the 1940 US Federal Census on April 2, 2012, the race between Ancestry.com and Family Search to index it is on. It appears that Family Search is winning. They claim to have 31 states 100% indexed. At this time North Carolina is only 27% complete. To see the status of each state visit the 1940 US Census state-by-state progress map on the Family Search website.

Images for the census were digitized from microfilm that was done in the 1940's or early 1950's. Many of the images on the microfilm were filmed out of focus. After the microfilming the original census were destroyed by the Bureau of the Census.

More unusual names in the Genealogy files at Currituck County Library.

Tryphosa Partridge
Syrrarthe Seframa Burr
Aliamore Cantalupe
Capt. Hinchie Guillam
Dodou Bammy Jagne



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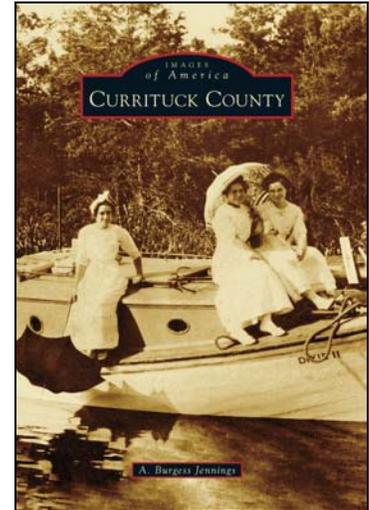
History of Currituck County Told Through Images

Local author pens new book on this North Carolina county

The newest addition to Arcadia Publishing's popular *Images of America* series is *Currituck County* from local author A. Burgess Jennings. The book boasts more than 200 vintage images and memories of days gone by.

Currituck County, established in 1668, is the oldest and most northeastern county in the state of North Carolina. It is thought that the name "Currituck" was derived from a Native American word for "wild goose." The county covers 273 square miles of long peninsula that runs north and south along the western shore of the Currituck Sound, which, until the early 1800s, was open to the transatlantic shipping trade.

In *Currituck County*, photographs from the 1860s through the 1960s capture the county during the Civil War, Reconstruction, World Wars I and II, the Roaring Twenties, the Great Depression, and technological advances of the 1950s. With the opening of the new Wright Memorial Bridge, dedicated on November 5, 1966, an ever-increasing flood of vacationers traveled through Currituck County to the Outer Banks, and local businesses evolved to accommodate these thousands, and later, millions of visitors. The images seen here show a way of life in Currituck County before the development of tourism.



Join the Author for a Book Signing!

When: Saturday, August 11, 2012

Where: Museum of the Albemarle
501 S. Water Street, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Highlights of *Currituck County*:

- The book includes previously unpublished photographs from collections of Marion Fiske Welch, Elizabeth Poyner Sanderlin, Mattie Jones Burgess, Alma Owens Roberts, and the Kinsey Collection.
- Photographs have been discovered in unlikely places and, in some cases, images from the same roll of film and documents from the events they captured came together from opposite ends of the county for the first time in more than fifty years.

Available at area bookstores, independent retailers, and online retailers, or through Arcadia Publishing at www.arcadiapublishing.com or (888)-313-2665.

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Deeply rooted in Currituck County, A. Burgess Jennings treasures her memories of childhood there. After unearthing a collection of family photographs, Jennings used them as inspiration for black line drawings and learned history from sharing the artwork. With Currituck County, she follows her dream of preserving local photographs and history in the form of a book.

Currituck County
by A. Burgess Jennings
Images of America Series
Price: \$21.99
128 pages/ softcover
Available: **July 9, 2012**

About the Author of *Currituck County*



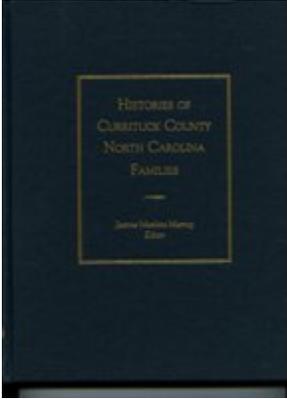
A. Burgess Jennings has been drawing, painting, and writing since she was a child in Currituck County. While she was still young, her father's career moved the family. She graduated from high school in Georgia and spent several years of her early adult life in North Dakota where she worked as an apprentice interior decorator.

While in college, Jennings found that she loved both art and history. She spent over a decade of working as an artist and quality control inspector for a Japanese-owned textile rotary screen engraver. It is there that Jennings learned the exacting Japanese ink brush techniques from old masters who had studied in Kyoto and compiled a technical manual for the art department. She enrolled in classes to learn computer assisted drafting, but discovered instead that she had an aptitude for technical writing and word processing.

In 1993, Jennings packed all her belongings and moved back home to Currituck County where she discovered a trove of family photographs and artifacts and used them as inspiration for art and crafts. She became a caregiver to older relatives from whom she learned much local history. She married Kevin Jennings in 1994.

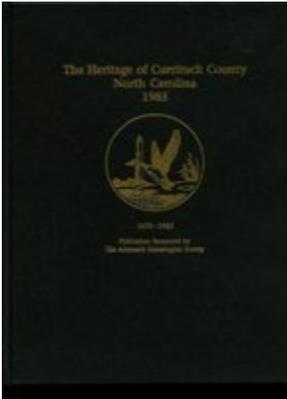
Jennings was a volunteer for the Pasquotank Arts Council through its transition to Arts of the Albemarle where she became interested in photography. In 2006, when the Museum of the Albemarle opened its new facility on the Elizabeth City waterfront, she was there as a part-time temporary receptionist until shortly after the opening of the Madrin Gallery and became a member of the Currituck County Historical Society. She began to sift, save, and share which led to membership in the Family Research Society.

Publications for Sale by AGS



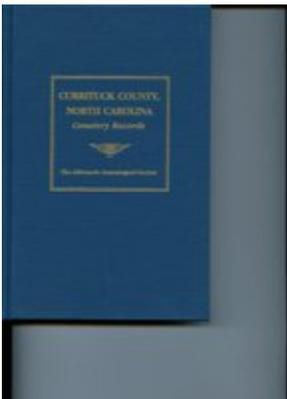
Histories of Currituck County, NC Families--\$40.00 + tax

This is an 8 1/2 x 11 hardback book with the cover and spine stamped in gold. The book has over 350 pages, published in 2005. It contains over 125 stories of Currituck-connected families, many with pictures. It has a full name index.



Currituck County Heritage, NC--\$65.00 + tax

This is a reprint of the 9 x 12 1985 edition. It is an 8 1/2 x 11 hardback book with the seal of Currituck County stamped in gold on the front cover. This book with over 500 pages includes the history of Currituck County, NC. It contains over 500 stories and has over 700 pictures of Currituck-connected families. It has a last name index.



Currituck County, NC Cemetery Records--\$20.00 + tax

A compilation of data from tombstones and unmarked grave sites from cemeteries (predominantly white) in Currituck County, NC. Published by Gateway Press, Inc. 1995, the hardcover 6 x 9 book has 328 pages and is printed on acid free paper, Smythe sewn, and bound in cloth with spine and cover stamped in gold. The fullname index includes indexing of possible maiden names, former married names and nicknames.

Histories of Currituck County, NC Families; Currituck County Heritage, NC; and Currituck County, NC Cemetery Records can also be purchased at the Currituck County Public Library, 4261 Caratoke Hwy, Barco, NC 27917.