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NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be January 12, 10:30 a.m. at the Currituck County Library in Barco. At our last meeting in October the following officers were elected:

President - Jeanne Murray

Vice President - Naomi Rhodes

Treasurer - Lois Meekins

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A program committee was also created to arrange programs and speakers for upcoming meetings. If you have any suggestions the committee would like to hear from you. Send your suggestions to Jeanne, Naomi, or Dorothy.

Remember, you do not have to be a member to attend our meetings. Feel free to bring friends and/or neighbors that may be interested in our organization or the program.

PROGRAM

Dare County Library has been awarded grant funding to digitize the Dare County Times and Coastland Times newspapers (1935-2009), create a searchable keyword index and scanned image database of the newspapers and make them available free online to the public.

Naomi Rhodes, Research Librarian with the Dare County Library will present to AGS members what it will look like using another library's site that is already up and running. Researchers will be able to search photo captions, obits, keywords within articles, even advertisements and classifieds. This will be another valuable tool for researchers in Northeastern NC.

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**Interesting Addition to the
Elizabeth Jarvis Campbell Papers
Found in the Vertical File**
by Jeanne Meekins Murray

While looking through the scans of material in the vertical file at the Currituck County Library, I ran across the folder entitled "Wilson Letter." It contains an original letter written to Adelia Wilson Barnard, wife of the John Barnard whom we've come to know through the Elizabeth Jarvis Campbell papers. Included in the file is a note about who the people mentioned in the letter are and some additional genealogy involving several Moyock-area families of the early 1800s. Below is the transcription of the letter and note.

Wilson Letter Transcription:

Oakland, June 19th 1850

Dear Sister

I received yours yesterday and was pleased to hear from you all. I was sorry to hear that Ma's foot was so much worse but I hope it is well by this time? Write as soon as you get this and tell me how it is you did not say a word about Bettie Billy and Johny they are well of course. Sister I saw enough to fill a book we were 2 weeks and three days traveling O I do like the railroad so much they talk of having a railroad from here to Norfolk in two years I hope they will get it done before that time. Uncle David Aunt and myself went to Oakland yesterday. Aunt bought good many little things you can guess what for, when got some in Washington one dress cost \$5. I was so sick when I was traveling I could not write but I am going to get me a blank book and write everything that I have ever seen in it so that you may read it when I come home. I think uncle lives in a very pretty place the houses look very different from those I have been accustomed to Mr. Cartwright has the largest house that I have seen. I took a ride on horseback yesterday to get some plums with Adeline and a youth by the name of Norman it is 4 or 5 miles below uncles house cant ride so fast here as we can at home it is up hill and down hill Washington is the most splendid place I ever saw Richmond is very petty Baltimore is a handsome town Wilmington looks to plan and to much like Quakerism Philadelphia is a beautiful Town I saw the fairmont [?] water works it is on an immense hill situated very near the railroad it is as green as it can be has two or three rows of railings around its with gravil walks runing up on all sides when you get up there you can see all over the city. we say the Capital of Pensylvania Harrisburg and a great many small towns I have seen Pitsburg and there is a vine bridge a cross the Monongahela River and another a cross the Ohio near Cincinatta I bought the prettiest little work box you ever saw and the most convenient I know you will want it I saw a rock standing on the edge of the canal and it was a half mile high and looked like one half of a sugar loaf split from the top to the bottom we stoped at Louisvill Kentucky and then at Memphis and from there home There are some of the finest boats on the Ohio and Misisippi Rivers that I ever saw. Adeline caught a beau on the boat from Louisville to Memphis his name was Bacon. When we were in Washington Congress was in session I heard the senators speak the slavery question interested me more than any other bill that was brought in. I wish you could see the Capital it is the most splendid building that I ever saw or expect to see there

were two pools near the Capital with fish in them they are about as large as a red fin and red all over and some are spotted and others are of silver color. those are called silver fish and the red ones are called gold fish they are very pretty we heard a band of music at the capital. Uncle bought a beautiful locket for Amelia and it was \$10. in Philadelphia he is going to have his likeness put in one side and there will be another side he said I must have my likeness put in ? but I believe I will let that remain for Ma to have hers I don't expect she will ever have it done unless she has it put in that and I expect Amelia would rather have it than mine. Uncle said he would have a print [?] taken for you by the old one if he could. Amelia's locket is larger than Jane Greys watch was that little one you know she used to have that one John gave her I reckon if you let uncle see this he will say I made a fist of it seems to me that I cannot write nice like you do when I write letters. Miles is gone to a school some six miles from Oakland and he has written home several times I expect. I never say any one enjoy themselves better than he did traveling in Philadelphia he went out and bought a little book and a little box and gave Adeline and I he brought 2 shirts with him for me to put the collars and bosoms in . I reckon that is what it was for. I never heard anything of the shirts before I got here I am so pleased with my little work box. it has a tray and in that are all sorts of divisions a pin cushion place for thimbles for needles and these little divisions. give my love to all enquiring friends I wrote to Amelia 2 weeks ago I shall look for a letter from her in a week or two more when you write to her tell her to look in the office tell Amanda to make haste and write I wrote to her as soon as I got rested and I hardly did it tired me so coming from Memphis that it took me a long time to rest I was sick nearly all the way, but I would look out and see all that I could I was perfectly carried a way with the mountains I think they are beautiful I went through a mountain in the cars 900 feet long and one in a canal boat something shorter—it would be as dark as night in them we went up some inclined plains by rope drawn by steam when I would look up it did not appear possible for us to go up even to walk much less for a train of cars you must excuse this bad writing I have not got my pen to write well yet I believe it is getting better you must write all about Amandas bean did you wear your new dress to church Sunday. I saw John Old in Baltimore when we were coming on I have not been to church yet I wonder if you will be able to read this I know that you are a good reader and comprehend so easily that you could read it if there were only three letters of every word. I have nothing more but remain your sister

M A Wilson

Note Transcription:

“Letter written to Adelia Wilson Barnard, great, great grandmother of William W. Jarvis, Sr. of Moyock, by Mary Almeda Wilson, great, great grandmother of Dr. William H. Romm.

‘Ma’ is Sabrina Boushall Cox Wilson, daughter of Caleb Cox and Abigail Halstead, who married William Stafford Wilson. She owned the present Wolcott farm occupied by Ed Godfrey on Puddin Ridge Rd., Moyock. Born 5-19-1804.

Sabrina Wilson and William S. Wilson have hundreds of descendants from the following five daughters:

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1. Adelia Elizabeth b. 7-20-1825 m. 1st Peter N. Barnard; 2nd John P. Barnard
2. Amelia Francis m. Edwin Fulford
3. Amanda Caroline m. Enoch F. Baxter
4. Anthea Sabrina m. Richard Flora
5. Mary Almeda b. 3-24-1828 m. William H. Wilkins

‘Bettie, Billy & Johnny’—children of Adelia Wilson Barnard by 1st marriage to Peter N. Barnard

‘Uncle David’ is David Cox, son of Thomas Cox and Frances Mercer.

Adeline, daughter of Mr. David Cox.

‘Locket given Jane Gray by John’—Jane Cox Gray b. 10-11-1815, daughter of Thomas Cox and Nancy Bell”

Knotts Island Methodist Church Records

In 2010, the Currituck Public Library was loaned three books of records from what is now the Knotts Island United Methodist Church by Jane Brumley, native of the island.

The oldest volume contains Sunday school records dating from 1875-1879. It begins with a notation that the Sabbath School was reorganized on January 3rd 1875 to meet in the evenings instead of in the mornings. The volume contains lists of teachers, students, and Sabbath School leadership. It also notes numbers present and absent and monies collected.

The second oldest is the Church Register, 1887-1902, of the Knotts Island Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Included in this volume are lists of members, records of infant baptisms, a short history of Knotts Island Methodist Church, and an excerpt of an 1885 first person narrative by D. Clairborne Butts, the circuit pastor who served a church of about 250 members, according to him. Rev. Butts notes the outstanding character of the leaders of the church and gives a bit of local history and color of the time. Rev. Butts’ entire narrative may be found in *From Saddle to City by Buggy, Boat, and Railway*. (A 1922 edition is held in the Knapp reference collection at the Currituck Public Library.) Also included in the volume is a copy of the deed from Willoughby and Almedia White to the trustees of the church; they sold one acre of land to the church for one dollar.

The third volume of the collection is another Church Register covering dates from 1902-1955. It includes membership records, a listing of all pastors from 1888-1981, records of infant baptisms, and records of marriages.

An index is available for each volume on the Albemarle Genealogical Society website and copies of records may be obtained from the Currituck Public Library.

From the NCGS Newsletter: **2012 NCGS Award Winners**

The 2012 NCGS Awards were presented at the NCGS annual meeting during the Fall Workshop on 13 October 2012 at the McKimmon Center in Raleigh. Eight individuals and societies representing northeastern, Piedmont, and western North Carolina were recognized for outstanding publications and personal contributions to the North Carolina genealogical community.



*l-r: Jeanne Murray and Lynn Bancroft (accepting for Bob Peasely); Dorothy Hocutt; Terry Moore; Chris Oakley; Margo Lee Williams; Larry Crawford; and Betsy Dodd Pittman
Photo by NCGS member Phillip Heavner*

The award for excellence in web presence for a freely accessible website promoting North Carolina genealogy went to the Albemarle Genealogical Society website at <http://library.earlibrary.org/ags/>.

Dorothy Hocutt, Currituck County Library genealogist, accepted the award. The Albemarle Genealogical Society, which serves Currituck and Dare Counties, and the East Albemarle Regional Library teamed up to launch the AGS website in April 2012. Making genealogical resources specific to the area available to everyone on the Internet, this website already features the beginning of what will be an index to every name in Currituck County Library's extensive genealogy files on the state's earliest settlers, indexes to two private genealogy collections, Currituck and Dare County Bible records, family stories from contributors, and recent AGS newsletters. This young website is off to a good start in reaching genealogists near and far with online access to local, often unique, genealogical resources in the Currituck-Dare region.

http://www.ncgenealogy.org/index.php?option=com_docman&Itemid=15

North Carolina Records that have been lost or destroyed
(By county)

Fire:

Alleghany-1932	Hertford-1830 & 1822
Alexander-1865	Hyde-1789 & 1827
Anson-1863	Iredell-1854
Ashe -1865	Jones-1862
Bladen-1770 & 1800 & 1893	Lenoir-1878 & 1880
Brunswick-1957	Lincoln-1797
Buncombe-1830 & 1865	Martin-1862
Cabarrus-1876	Montgomery-1835 & 1840 & 1886
Cherokee-1865 & 1895 & 1926	Moore-1889
Chowan-1848	New Hanover-1789 & 1819 & 1840
Clay-1870	Onslow-1752 @ 1755
Craven-1712	Pitt-1857
Currituck-1842	Rutherford-1907
Davidson-1866	Sampson-1921
Gaston-1874	Swain-1879
Greene -1876	Wake-1832
Guilford-1781	Watauga-1873
Harnett-1892 & 1894	Wayne-1781

Civil War:

Brunswick-1865
Burke-1865
Rowan-1865
Washington-1862

Other means:

Craven-1712 destroyed by Indians
Haywood-1932 destroyed in move
Jackson-1913 records lost in move
Mitchell-1907 some records destroyed in move

Spry Bible Transcription

Marriages

Edmond Spry and
Adelia Miller was
United in the Holy
Bonds of matrimony on
Monday the 11th of
June 1858

[the following in a different hand, added
at a later date]

Margaret Alice spry daughter
Of Daniel Edmond and Margaret
Mercer Spry and Warren Truett
Casteen son of James Edward
And Sarah Ann Casetten were
Married July 26, 1947, at the
Home of her parents. Rev. Ralph

Mapp performed the ceremony.
Creeds, VA

Thomas W. Baxter and
Margaret A. Spry was
United in the holy
bonds of matrimony
on Wednesday the 20th
day of April/ 89

Edmond A Humphries
and Carrie V. Spry
was United in the
holy bonds of matri
mony on Wednesday
the 11th day of Dec./89

Births

Edmund Spry the Son
of Spencer Spry & Barba-
ra his wife was born
Oct. 1st 1834

Adelia Spry the daughter
of Thomas Lindsay &
Cordelia his wife
was born Jan 7 1850

Thomas F Miller the
Son of Caleb Miller
and his wife Adelia
was born Oct 14th 1851

Sarah Susan the
daughter of Caleb
Miller and his wife
Adelia, was born Feb
the 21st 1854.
John Spry the Son of

Edmond spry and
Adelia his wife
was born Oct 15 1858.

Spence Spry the Son
of Edmund Spry and
Adelia his wife was
born Feb 24th 1861.

Daniel E Spry the
Son of Edmund Spry
and his wife Adelia
was born June 6th
1864.

Carolina Virginia
Spry the daughter
of Edmund Spry
and Adelia his wife
was born Jan 11th
1868.

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Margaret Adelia Spry
daughter of Edmund &
Adelia Spry was born
March 15th 1870

Edmond T [?] Humphries
the son of E. F. Humphires
and Carrie his wife
was borned Jan 13 [?]/75

Adelia Grace Baxter
the daughter of
Thomas Baxter and
May his wife was
borned on Tuesday
September the 16th /90

Johnnie Humphries
the son of Edmond
F Humphries and
Carrie his wife was
born on Sunday the
25th day of Jan/91

Adelia Humphries
the daughter of E F Humph
ries & Carrie his wife was
borned July the 2nd one
Thousand Eight Hunderd
& ninety two

Births

[?] Vernon [?]
[?] 27/82

Nellie Louise Baxter
the daughter of Thomas
W. Baxter and May his
wife was borned Dec
24th One Thousand Eight
hudred & ninety-Two.

Delia Barnard Spry
the daughter of John
L Spry & Nancy his
wife was borned on
Tuesday 18 day of Sept/94

Howard Leland
Baxter the son of
T. W. Baxter and
May his wife was
born the 3rd of April
1895

Deaths

Spence Spry the Son
of Edmond Spry
and Adelia his wife died, September 22nd
1866.

Edmund Spry
Died Jan 27/1912

[in another hand]

Margaret Spry Casteen wife
of Warren Truett Casteen died
October 3, 1987 at Northampton-
Accomack Memorial Hispital
Nassawadox, Va. Graveside services
at Oak Grove Church Cemetery, Creeds
Oct. 6, 1987 by the Rev. Chester Robins
Pastor Trinity United Methodist
Church Cape Charles, Md.

Genealogy with Janeth

Currituck County Public Library is fortunate to have Janeth Murphy, Professional Genealogist, volunteer on Thursdays to assist those who need help tracing their ancestors.

Janeth is a graduate of the Boston University Genealogical Research Program. She has 20 years of genealogical research experience and holds numerous professional memberships including the Association of Professional Genealogists and the National Genealogical Society.

Janeth is only available to assist researchers; she does not do the research for you. If you would like to come to the Currituck County Public library and have Janeth help you, please contact her personally at MrsMurphy1@aol.com.

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