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Merry Christmas!

The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will meet Monday, December 19, 2005, **6:30 PM**, at the Federal Point History Center, 1121-A North Lake Park Blvd., adjacent to Carolina Beach Town Hall.

It's party time again! It is time to eat, drink and celebrate the Christmas Season! Everyone is invited to bring a friend and a covered dish. You must come and enjoy the decorations and lighting at the History Center. It will get your mind right to have a very merry Christmas!

Last Month

It is truly a small world when we get two of five Pearl Harbor survivors present at the History Center at one meeting. Retired Warrant Officer Harry Clough addressed approximately 28 members and guests of the Federal Point Historic Preservation Society during our last meeting. Harry recounted his experiences of the Pearl Harbor attack along with Leslie "Bud" Hollenbeck who also experienced the attack. A number of questions were asked of the two by the eager audience.

Harry, who is 95 years old, currently living in lower New Hanover County on Sea View Road with his wife, Eleanor, remains active and continues to bowl three times weekly. We all thank Harry for taking the time to visit the Society and for his contribution during World War II keeping America free.

Message From Your President

By Judy Rhudy Thompson

Thank you to Lynn Benson, DK Dempster, Cindy Clark, Leslie Bright, Chris Bell, Mary Ann Martin, Tamsie Lynch, Malorie Lynch, Robert Knowles, and Zone 8 Gardens for decorating the History Center for the Island of Lights Home Tour. We had lots of visitors Saturday night, and they were very interested in our displays.

We still need volunteers for Fridays and Saturdays, especially, since sometimes scheduled workers cannot always be here.

I look forward to seeing everyone Monday, December 19th, at 6:30 pm, for great Christmas fellowship, not to mention all the delicious food that everyone brings. Also, the Island is absolutely beautiful with all the Christmas lights and decorations – take time to drive around and enjoy them.

See ya Monday night!

Significant Dates During North Carolina's First Two Hundred Years

By Leslie S. Bright

(With Extractions From "North Carolina" by H. T. Lefler and A. R. Newsome, UNC Press)

During the first 200 years after Europeans set foot on North Carolina soil, significant events were slow in coming. Economics abroad, world events, politics, and the nature of North Carolina's treacherous coast and dangerous waterways slowed exploration and settlement.

Abundant pine forests provided tar, pitch, rosin, and turpentine for naval stores, along with boards, shingles, barrels, staves, and other products proved profitable for export, thus enticing settlers. North Carolina's forests provided a variety of large game for food, however, these birds and "beastes" posed a problem to

farming attempts. “Birds and fowl, especially wild turkeys, were great destroyers of Pease, Wheat, and Indian Corn; parakeets frequently ruined whole apple crops; foxes, raccoons, mink, weasels, and hawks killed many chickens; eagles were very destructive of Poultry, Lams, young fawns, and pigs, and bears were great devourers of swine, and also of potatoes, which they would root out of the ground. A colonial writer estimated that every grown wolf did £20 to £30 in damage to crops yearly”. Conflicts with the Indians caused further problems. Initial interaction with local Indians were peaceful as European settlers relied on them to gain a foothold on the land. Attitudes soon changed to resentment as Europeans began to consider the Indian inferior, uncivilized, and savage; little better than animals. Hostilities between the two cultures became rampant. In spite of these adversities, the population of North Carolina reached approximately 30,000 by 1724 throughout its approximate area of 49,000 square miles.

The following are significant dates occurring in North Carolina during the first 200 years between Verrazzano’s visit and beginning settlement of Brunswick Town on the Cape Fear River:

- 1524 Verrazzano, Florentine navigator in the service of France, explored North Carolina coast;
- 1526 Spanish expedition, led by D’Ayllon, attempted settlement in Carolina coastal area;
- 1540 Expedition, headed by De Soto, explored portions of western North Carolina;
- 1584 Amadas and Barlowe, sent out by Walter Raleigh, explored Roanoke Island and surrounding vicinity. Land was named Virginia, in honor of Queen Elizabeth;
- 1585-’86 Ralph Lane’s colony at Roanoke Island. First English colony in the New World.
- 1587 John White’s “Lost Colony” at Roanoke Island, August 18: Birth of Viginia Dare, first child of English parents in New World;
- 1607 English planted first permanent colony in the New World at Jamestown, Virginia;
- 1622 John Pory of Virginia explored Chowan River region;
- 1629 Charles I granted Carolina to Robert Heath;
- 1653 Virginia legislature granted lands along Roanoke and Chowan Rivers to Roger Green;
- 1653-’60 (?) Settlers from Virginia began to move into the Albemarle Sound area;
- 1662 Oldest recorded land grant in North Carolina;
- 1663 Charles II granted Carolina to eight Lords Proprietors;
- 1664 Plans formulated for three counties in Carolina: Albemarle, Clarendon, and Craven. William Drummond appointed governor of Albemarle;
- 1665 Charles II granted second charter to Lords Proprietors. Boundaries of Carolina extended northward and southward. Sir John Yeamans appointed governor of Clarendon. Albemarle County Assembly had its first meeting;
- 1167 Clarendon County abandoned;
- 1169 Fundamental Constitutions of Carolina promulgated;
- 1672 William Edmundson and George Fox, Quaker ministers, preached in Albemarle Sound region;
- 1677 John Culpeper and George Durant headed revolt against acting-governor Miller; “rebels” controlled government for a year;
- 1689 Albemarle County ceased to exist. Government of Carolina “north and east of Cape Fear” established;
- 1700(?) First “public library” in North Carolina at Bath.
- 1701 Vestry Act, the first church law in North Carolina. December 15. Chowan Parish organized;
- 1705(1706n.s.)Town of Bath incorporated. First town in North Carolina;
- 1705-’08 Charles Griffin taught school in Pasquotank County. First recorded school teacher in North Carolina;
- 1710 New Bern founded under leadership of Von Graffenried and John Lawson;
- 1711 Cary’s Rebellion. Tuscarora War Began. Aid sent from South Carolina;

- 1712 Edward Hyde became first governor of North Carolina as a separate province. Christopher Gale appointed first Chief Justice of North Carolina;
- 1713 Tuscarora War resumed. More aid sent from South Carolina. First paper money authorized by colonial legislature;
- 1715 Law passed to build courthouse and assembly house at “forks of Queen Anne’s Creek” later known as Edenton;
- 1717 Reservation, later known as “Indian Woods,” created for Tuscaroras still remaining in North Carolina;
- 1718 Piracy along coast reached its climax. Blackbeard killed near Ocracoke Inlet and Bonnet and many other pirates hanged in Charleston;
- 1722 Edenton incorporated. Town of Beaufort laid out;
- 1725(?) Settlement begun in Brunswick area. Beginning of town of Brunswick about 1727.

Society Notes

Support our Business Members!

A & G Barbeque and Chicken
 Bank of America
 Branch Banking & Trust Company
 Britt’s Donut Shop
 The Cottage Restaurant
 Friends of Brunswick Town
 Fort Fisher Restoration Committee
 Got-Em-On-Live Bait Club
 Hanover Iron Works, Inc.
 Historical Society of Topsail Island
 Laney Real Estate Company
 Dr. Vincent Smith, DDS
 Taylor’s Heating & Air, Inc.
 Tucker Brothers Realty Company

● **Membership Information:** Renewal notices are being sent on the anniversary of your joining the Society. If you have been receiving a newsletter, and we have not heard from you within 90 days of the billing date, your name will be placed in the inactive file and no newsletter will be sent. Thanks to all who have responded promptly! Our renewals are up! Your support of our local preservation efforts with your membership is very important as it is the lifeblood of our organization.

● **Welcome!** To new members **Tim and Marti Fuller** of Kure Beach! Tim and Marti are the sixth family to join the Society since our membership picnic back in September and we are so pleased to continue to be growing!

You may also have noticed several new business names in the last few months: Laney Real Estate is now a member and BB&T has renewed its support. The membership committee has been making an effort to encourage more businesses to join by distributing information packets to local organizations and by

showcasing our business members in each issue of the newsletter. And to further demonstrate our appreciation for the support that area businesses provide our Society, the officers and Board are presenting a plaque, suitable for display, to each business as it joins or renews its membership. Businesses who have not yet received their plaque will be getting one in January. If you know of a business that might be interested in supporting the Society, please leave a message for Jeannie, 458-0502.

● **History Center News!** This was our first year participating in the Island of Lights Home Tour. It was a wonderful way to bring visitors into our facility and let them learn who we are and what we are about. Thanks so much to all the folks who worked so hard in decorating the Center: Lynn Benson, DK Dempster, Tamsie Lynch, Malorie Lynch, Chris Bell, Mary Ann Martin, Robert Knowles, Cindy Clark, and Leslie Bright – it is absolutely beautiful! And we cannot forget Zone 8 Gardens for the gorgeous poinsettias and baskets of greenery. Ninety-eight visitors signed our registry, many giving high marks. In addition to those 98 visitors and 28 members and guests who were here for our November meeting, we had 40 visitors to our Center this past month. Thanks to our volunteers: Jeannie Gordon-15 hours; Darlene Bright-20 hours; Leslie Bright-9 hours.

And also, our faithful workers: DK Dempster, Cindy Clark, and Pat Bolander. The History Center is open every Friday and Saturday, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, or other times by appointment. Helping hands are always needed to work in doing inventory and indexing files, photos, and other materials. If you can spare an hour or two, please let us know. Also, visit our Gift Shop, we still have copies of the **2006 Attactions Dining and Value Guide For Sale!** And other books, prints, CDs, etc., which make nice Christmas gifts while supporting your local History Society!

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