



# Federal Point Historic Preservation Society

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## Newsletter

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### February Meeting

The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will hold its regular monthly meeting on Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm at the Federal Point History Center, 1121-A North Lake Park Blvd., adjacent to Carolina Beach Town Hall. Members and the general public are cordially invited. Refreshments will be served following the meeting.

The topic for this month's meeting will be "Chaplains in the Confederacy: Spiritual Revival Among the Troops," by Judge Jay D. Hockenbury. This will be a rare opportunity to learn about spirituality and religion during a difficult period in American history, based on research by Judge Hockenbury. The program will include a 10-minute re-enactment of a chaplain prayer meeting with the troops, with Deborah Hockenbury (Jay's wife) singing two period gospel hymns.

### Last Month

The very brilliant and dynamic 'Fessa John Hook mesmerized an audience of approximately 30 members and guests with his vast knowledge of the evolution of Beach Music. Mr. Hook's life mission appears to be dedicated to the study and promotion of Beach Music whether through the air waves or the printed word.

Mr. Hook, who introduced his books, "The Beach Music Guide," and "Shagging in the Carolinas," explains where it all began. If you like Beach Music, these books are for you. We hope to have 'Fessa John Hook back soon to demonstrate a few shag steps.

### Walking Tour With Dr. Chris Fonvielle

On Thursday, March 20, 2008, a walking tour of Civil War earthworks associated with the Sugar Loaf Defenses on Federal Point will be conducted at 2:00 pm. Participants should wear something fitting for the bush (long pants and tough shoes) and be prepared to walk approximately 1 ½ hours.

Dr. Chris Fonvielle will describe the features and talk about the defense by the Confederates and assault on the Sugar Loaf works by the Union after the fall of Fort Fisher.

For more info, call 458-0502 – leave message.

### Why I Am An American Patriot

By Trey Bright

Editors Note: *Trey Bright, was born Leslie Samuel Bright, III, on April 18, 1994, in Fayetteville, NC, to Carol and Sam Bright, the same year of our Society's incorporation. Trey has always been interested in his surroundings and loves to get involved. When our Society began work on the History Center, he was five years old. He volunteered to bolt the wall plates single-handedly during his visits to Carolina Beach to see his grandparents. Since then, Trey stays in touch with the Society and helps out when he can. Recently, with additional help from his sister, Olivia, and brother, Cole Thomas, he helped to erect the History Center's big sign out front. Trey is an outstanding student and athlete. He is challenged by difficult tasks and manages to excel. Trey is now 13 and recently entered an essay contest sponsored by Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) entitled, "Why I Am An American Patriot." Trey won first locally, and first in his district. Seventeen districts*

*across North Carolina competed at the State level. With hundreds of 8<sup>th</sup> graders competing, Trey came in third in the State. His essay was submitted by proud parents and grandparents.*

According to the Childcraft Dictionary, the word patriot means a person loyal to his or her country. The Student Dictionary by Houghton Mifflin Company goes further to define the word patriot as a person who loves, supports, and defends one's country. I think that the word patriot has an even deeper meaning. I believe I am a patriot because I cherish and am truly devoted to this remarkable country so many of us call home. I feel a deep pride and respect when I see an American flag waving in the wind. Due to my fiery love of this great country, showed by every goose bump I receive when listening to our historical national anthem, I conclude that I am much more than a citizen, I am an American Patriot.

Our founding-fathers built this country so that those devoted to it could flourish and prosper. One of the many reasons I love this country is because of the many opportunities it offers me as well as people around the world, but John F. Kennedy once said, "Ask not what your country can do for you, but what you can do for your country."

As patriots we must fight to defend our country whenever necessary, and meet any task to preserve our freedom, just as the Second Continental Army did to win the Revolutionary War and declare our independence. I can say without a doubt that if my country needed me I would surely serve.

In many countries rights, freedoms, and liberties are often hard to come by, but in the United States of America the Constitution gives us many. These privileges make it easy to be proud to be an American. Just saying that I am proud isn't enough for patriots, we must show our loyalty and love of the country by celebrating the Fourth of July, putting our hands on our hearts during the national anthem, never letting our beautiful red, white, and blue star spangled banner touch the ground, and never betraying or putting down America.

Without patriots there would be no valiant soldiers, there wouldn't be the great government so many countries have based their governments upon, and no one would have been courageous enough to attempt to rescue someone in the twin towers back in September 11, 2001. I am proud to be an American patriot.

## **Website of the Month**

### **"Louis T. Moore and Dr. Fales on-line Photograph Collections"**

**Review by Rebecca Taylor**

In working to catalog and organize the pictures we've collected here at the History Center, I've been reminded again of the wonderfully rich resource we have access to at the click of a mouse button. Owned and published on the web by the New Hanover County Public Library are the Dr. Robert Fales "A History of Wilmington in Pictures Collection" and the L. T. Moore "Wilmington in Pictures Collection."

Dr. Robert M. Fales M.D. was a long time area physician who spent his retirement years collecting well over 1000 images of the Lower Cape Fear area. He originally intended to collect only photos of area physicians who had practiced in Wilmington during the early part of the twentieth century. But as news got out that Dr. Fales was collecting old pictures, people began to loan and give him all kinds of "old photos." Originally Dr. Fales made slides of the pictures and spend a good deal of time doing slide shows throughout the community.

Louis T Moore, a descendant of THE Moore Family, was the secretary of the Wilmigton Chamber of Commerce from 1921 to 1941 He was a tenacious promoter of his hometown and the area surrounding it. His daughter, Peggy, recalls: "It was a ritual every Sunday afternoon. Daddy had this great big box camera and every Sunday we would drive out and take pictures." Moore wrote numerous articles for such magazines as The World Traveler, and the Nautical Gazette promoting tourism to the Wilmington and New Hanover County. His most famous literary effort was the publication in 1956 of STORIES OLD AND NEW OF THE CAPE FEAR REGION. The photograph collection contains almost 1000 pictures and in 1982 the Friends of the Library funded a project to copy all the silver nitrate negatives and make contact prints of the entire collection. The effort to digitize the collection was a joint project of the New Hanover Public Library and the Lower Cape Fear Historical Society.

Though Wilmington is the historic entity that appears in the title of both collections they each contain a large number of images of our own “Federal Point.” They provide a wealth of information for anyone doing research on the area as well as being just plain fun to look at.

To find these wonderful resources type [www.nhclibrary.org](http://www.nhclibrary.org) in your browser’s address bar OR simply type: *New Hanover County Public Library* in Google’s search box. That will take you to the Library’s home page. Just to the right of the catalog search box you will find a tab labeled “e-resources.” Clicking on the e-resources page will bring up a long list of great sites accessible through the library or from home so you might want to take a look at a number of these links.

To find the photograph collections scroll down this list to find either the “Fales Photo Collection” or the “L. T. Moore Collection.” Both are searchable by subject, the Fales collection can also be searched by date. The Fales photos can be printed on your printer or by right clicking you can “copy” them to a file or into a document. The Moore Pics are a bit more complicated to copy but you can do it if you are proficient with a program that can edit pictures including “Paint” which comes as an accessory to Windows.



Carolina Beach steam locomotive train on pier over the Cape Fear River  
From the Robert Fales Collection, NHCPL



Cape Fear Avenue from the L. C. Moore Collection

## Society Notes

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Taylor's Heating & Air, Inc.  
Tucker Bros. Realty Company  
Zorba's Steak & Seafood

● **Membership Information:** Debbie Price, Chairperson. This month we welcome Laura Ludwig Ferguson as a new LIFETIME member. With her application she sent some great material on the Ludwig family for our archives. Welcome Laura, she lives in Hampstead so may not make many of our meetings but we hope to see her at one of our socials!

***Our current count is 219 personal members, and 23 business members!***

● **Newsletters:** If you wish to **receive** your FPHS newsletter electronically, please send an email request to [fphps@yahoo.com](mailto:fphps@yahoo.com). To ensure that your message is not overlooked, please put the word "NEWSLETTER" in the subject line.

● **History Center News:** Darlene Bright, Director. In January, our volunteers at the History Center included; **Lois Taylor, Ron Griffen, and Elaine Henson**. They helped a total of 27 visitors. We've been open on just two Tuesdays and have had 7 visitors stop by.

***Don't forget THE HISTORY CENTER IS NOW OPEN: Tuesdays 12-4 as well as Fridays and Saturdays from 10-4.***

New in the Gift Shop this month is the DVD of the Emmy nominated documentary THE FORT FISHER HERMIT: THE LIFE AND DEATH OF ROBERT E. HARRILL. The Narrated by Barry Corbin this 54 minute film "examines the reasons that led a man to become a hermit, his growing popularity and the mysterious circumstances surrounding his death.

And we've still got plenty of the our own MY FRIEND THE ENEMY. Which sells for just \$10.00 and is a fascinating look at the Battle of Fort Fisher as well as both of Daniel Norris's CAROLINA BEACH books and Elaine Henson's CAROLINA BEACH IN POSTCARDS.

Speaking on postcards, we've warmed up the scanner and are in the process of scanning all the postcards donated by Thomas Grey into digital files so they will be easily accessible to everyone. The people working on the Carolina Beach MasterPlan came by this month and ask to use a number of our pics which has gotten us fired up about getting ALL the pictures files on the Society's computer organized and accessible. (Elaine also generously shared many of her files with them, via e-mail)

We're also still plugging away at the Bill Reaves files; we're up to the 1890's and also have a chunk in the 1930s done. And of course we're still cataloging the library and our Newsletter, in our spare time. If any members would like to pitch in to help with any of these projects just give Reecca a call at 458-0502. If you love history any of these projects can be fascinating and fun.

● **SAVE THE DATE AND PARTICIPATE!** Mark your calendars for the **13<sup>th</sup> Annual "Be A Tourist in Your Own Hometown" for New Hanover County residents on Sunday, March 2, 2008**. It is on this day that participating area attractions open their doors to New Hanover County residents free of charge and residents become "tourists in their own hometown." Our History Center will be participating in this popular

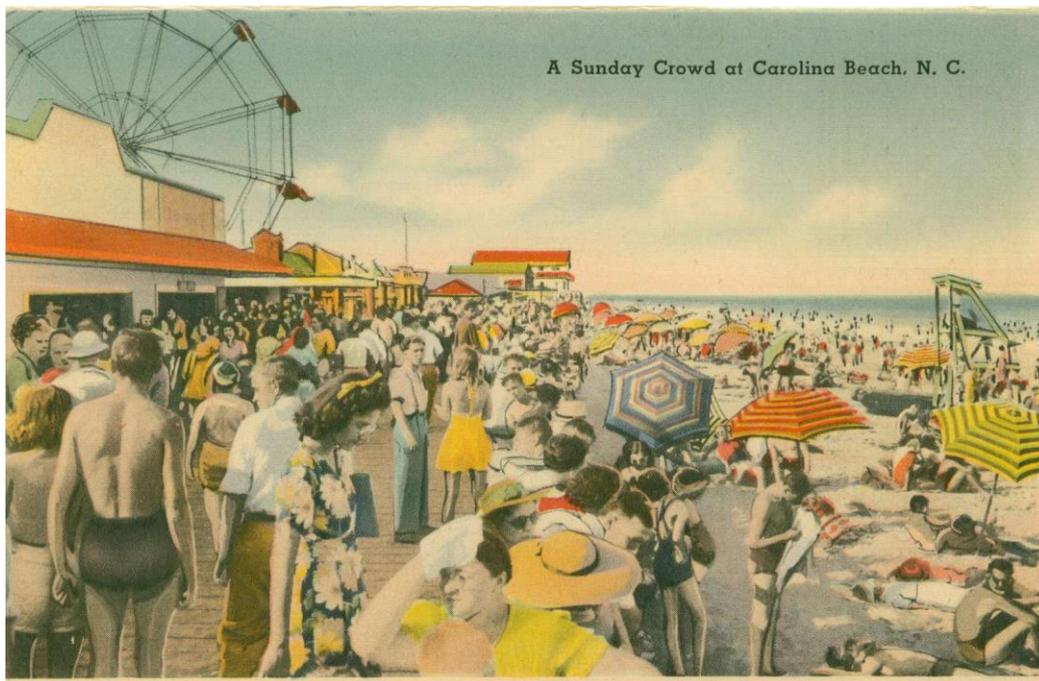
event and volunteers will be needed to help. There will be a sign-up sheet at our next meeting, or you may call the Center – 458-0502, leave a message.

- **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Brunswick Town State Historic Site** will be commemorating the 143<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Fort Anderson, with cannon firing on the hour and musket firing on the half hour. Also, there will be talks by local historians, including Dr. Chris Fonvielle and Dr. Max Williams, and an evolution of weapons program. For more info, call 371-6613.

- **Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, CAMELLIA TOUR OF OAKDALE CEMETERY** Bill Wilcox and Ed Powers will conduct a two-hour tour of the camellias blooming in Oakdale Cemetery on Sunday, February 17, beginning at 2 PM . Both Wilcox and Powers are members of Wilmington's Tidewater Camellia Club, certified judges of the American Camellia Society and experts in their fields.

Join other flower-lovers for a tour of North Carolina's oldest rural cemetery. Cemeteries have long been favorite spots for flower-gazing, and this tour opportunity focuses on camellias in Oakdale. Bring your cameras. Participants should park outside the gate and meet at the entrance gate at the end of North 15<sup>th</sup> Street .The fee is \$8.00 per person, but is free for members of The Friends of Oakdale Cemetery. **Please phone the cemetery office at 762-5682 to make a reservation.**

- **Friday February 22<sup>nd</sup> to Sunday, February 24<sup>th</sup>** the Cameron Art Museum will hold its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Civil War Living History Weekend. Events will include the 4<sup>th</sup> annual US Colored Troops Symposium during which such topics as the Underground Railroad, the Black Spy Network, and Black Sailors in the Union Navy will be discussed. William Gould IV will be the Symposium's Special Guest. Other groups and individuals involved include UDC, Cape Fear Chapter, the Bellamy Mansion, the Cape Fear Civil War Roundtable and Chris Fonvielle. A reenactment of the Battle of Forks Road will take place from 2-3:30 on BOTH Saturday and Sunday. For more information and details of the schedule, contact the Museum at, 395-5999 or check their web site at <http://cameronartmuseum.com>.



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