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September Meeting Monday September 21, 2009



The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, September 17, at 7:30 pm at the Federal Point History Center, 1121-A North Lake Park Blvd., adjacent to Carolina Beach Town Hall.**

Historian and author **Richard Triebe** will talk about the tragic destiny of the Confederate soldiers who were captured at the Fall of Fort Fisher. Sent to a number of POW camps in the North, the death toll at one camp in Elmira, NY reached 1,233 North Carolinians before they were repatriated. Richard's program brings us a fascinating new look at the historic ending of the Fort Fisher story.



A sketch made by W. Newman, a Confederate prisoner, on Sept. 10, 1864.

We also have a number of copies of Mr. Triebe's novel *On a Rising Tide, A*

Tale of Running the Civil War Blockade in the gift shop, which I'm sure he'll be willing to sign for anyone who purchases one.

Last Month's Meeting

At our August meeting we heard from author **Ann Cottle** who discussed Penderlea, the experimental rural homestead community founded in Pender County at the beginning of the Great Depression. From stories of the original CCC construction to Eleanor Roosevelt's visit in 1937, Ann shared stories of everyday life in the community and invited all FPHPS members to take a trip up to visit their Homestead Museum. Ann signed copies of her book *The Roots of Penderlea* after the presentation.

President's Message

I hope everyone has had an enjoyable summer season. I personally enjoyed some of the Pleasure Island activities, such as the fireworks at Carolina Beach and the concerts at Fort Fisher. In addition, I had some family visiting in August and then attended the wedding of my eldest granddaughter in MD.

I am pleased to see the guests and visitors at our monthly meetings. Some of these folks have applied for membership.

I am looking forward to our September meeting and program on the fate of Fort Fisher POWs. Hope to see you all there.

-Ron Griffin, President FPHPS

Check Out These Prices!

Food & Prices by Ann Hertzler

Food prices have changed in Kure Beach since the 1920s. A&P ads for July 4 specials in the *Wilmington Morning Star* were compared for 1927, 1937, 1947, and 1957. All A&P stores were closed during the July 4th holiday. Ground beef did not appear in any July 4th A&P newspaper ad during this time.

- ✓ Ham was featured in every July 4 ad - 29¢ a pound in 1927; 53¢ a pound in 1957
- ✓ Hot dogs (Frankfurters, Franks) were 23¢ a pound in 1937; 49¢ for 12 oz. in 1967. The price doubled and the package size decreased in this time period. *All meat* hot dogs were advertised in 1957.
- ✓ Peanut Butter was 19¢ a jar (size not listed) in 1927, and 55¢ for a 24 oz. jar in 1957.
- ✓ In 1984 Food Lion advertised 5 lb. ground beef at 98 ¢ / lb (fresh daily); Ground Chuck 58 ¢ / lb
- ✓ Ingredients for making baked beans, coleslaw, and potato salad were advertised, but not the finished item.

Food & Prices In 1978 in the *Island Gazette*, Food Lion advertised Cucumbers or Green Bell Peppers - 4/\$1
Thompson Seedless Grapes – 69 ¢/lb.

Chuck Roast - \$1.18 / lb.

Broccoli - 79 ¢ /bunch

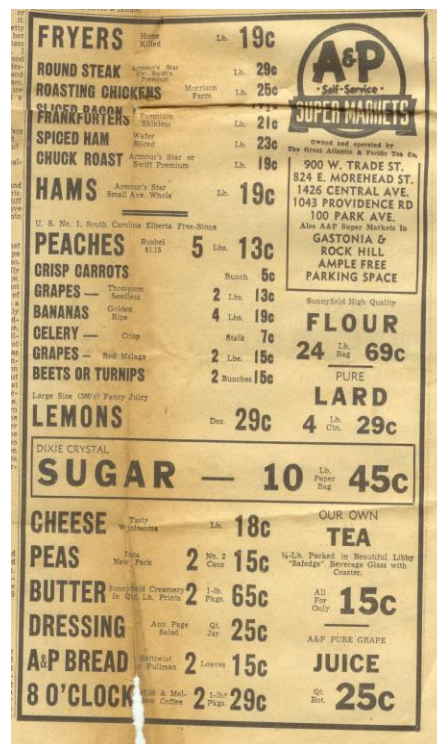
Coke 6-Pack - \$0.99

pound sugar - \$0.27

gallon milk - \$1.01

dozen eggs - \$0.87

Convenience mixes advertised in 1978 were Hamburger Helper, Shake n' Bake, Stove Top Dressings, Coffee Creamers, Frozen Pie Crusts, Green Giant Frozen Foods.



Lunch in a restaurant was \$1.56. Popular food items at beach restaurants were fried fish, sweet tea, one pot meals, French fries, and corn meal items. (*Island Gazette* 1978- 2003 Collectors Edition)

From the Bill Reaves Files July 1, 1920

A.W. Pate, proprietor of the Greystone Inn, Carolina Beach, offered the following rates:

American Plan	\$5.50	Weekly (without bath)	\$28.00
European Plan	\$2.00 - \$2.50	Weekly (with bath)	\$31.50
Meals	\$1.25		

June 16, 1929 (advertisement) BAME'S CAFÉ, Carolina Beach, Now Open for Season. We Serve Regular Sea Food Dinners. Also Vegetable Dinners and Chicken Dinners. Try Our **Fish and Corn Fritters and Coffee – 50 cents**. Special Rates to Parties. **We Sell \$5.50 Meal Ticket for \$5.00**. We Appreciate Your Patronage. J.R.BAME, Manager. WILM.NEWS DISPATCH, 6-16-1929

Land Values in the early Twentieth Century

April 22, 1904. Real Estate Transfer- Marion F. Schroeder transferred to Brooks & Taylor, for **\$75, tract of land containing 50 acres**, more or less, in Federal Point Township, beginning at a point known as the Old Newton Landing. WILMINGTON STAR, 4-23-1904.

November, 17, 1905. Real Estate Transfer - Ed Taylor and wife and John W. Brooks and wife to Samuel A. Lewis, of Shallotte, Brunswick County, for **\$95, a tract of land containing 50 acres** and situated on the eastern side of the Cape Fear River near the old Newton Landing. WILMINGTON MESSENGER, 11-18-1905.

June 1, 1906. Real Estate Transfer - Melvin L. Smith and wife to Ellen Kure, for **the sum of \$325, lot on Carolina Beach**. WILMINGTON MESSENGER, 6-1-1906.

December 20, 1910 Real Estate Transfer – W. F. F. Newton and wife, et al., transfer to Archibald J. Hanby, for **\$100 and other considerations, 103 acres of land in Federal Point Township**, adjoining lands of W. A. Ainsworth and others. WILMINGTON STAR, 12-21-1910.

And Then There's Taxes!

1889 FEDERAL POINT

The delinquent **property and taxes due for the year 1888.** FEDERAL POINT TOWNSHIP.

Craig, Heirs of Joseph	100 acres	adj. to Mary R. Craig,	\$ 1.70
Davis, Joseph	30 acres	adj. J. T. Biddle	\$ 4.51
Grissom, Edgar A.	2 acres	adj. John Taylor	\$ 1.03
Moore Elijah	30 acres	adj. W. R. Green	\$ 3.11
Reynolds, Eliza J.	100 acres	adj. Jos. Craig	\$ 2.07
Harriss, Wm. J.	80 acres	adj. Wm. Grissom	\$ 3.20
Mayo, W.E.	400 acres	adj. Kidder	\$ 7.70
Wescott, John L.	300 acres	adj. R.B. Freeman	\$ 9.20

Society Notes

□ **Membership Information:** Annette Winner, Chairperson. A big welcome to new members **William and Connie Mangum** of Kure Beach, **Linda Snider** of Wilmington and **Robert Reeves** of Carolina Beach. We have also added two new businesses to our sponsors, **Bert Croom Private Investigations** and **Jeremy Bailey at Harbor Masters Restaurant**.

The membership committee for 2009-2010 has now formed and is getting down to work on a Business Member recruitment plan. Committee members are: **Annette Winner, Daniel Norris, Elaine Henson, and Demetria Sapinza**.

At their first meeting they drafted a revised membership structure to present to the Board at the October meeting. They also assigned businesses to be visited and discussed several ways to enhance our business member's contribution.

Please patronize our business members!

*WANTED: Information on **Vonage** Internet phone service. If you use Vonage, or can provide first-hand information, please contact Rebecca, 458-0502. The Society could cut our phone bill in half by using Vonage, but we want member input before making the switch.*

□ **History Center News:** Darlene Bright, Director. Volunteers who helped keep the History Center open in August were Lois Taylor, Demetria Sapienza, and Ginny Wagner. In addition to 40 members and guests at our August meeting, we had 45 visitors at the History Center. Gift Shop Sales totaled \$99.81. Got'em-on-Live and the UDC also held their montly meetings at the center.

Support our Business Members!

BB&T

Bame Ace Hardware

Bert Croom Investigations

Britt's Donut Shop

Coastal K-9 Bakery, Inc.

Courtyard by Marriott

Fort Fisher Restoration Committee

Frank's Pizza

Friends of Brunswick Town

Got-Em-On-Live Bait Club

Hanover Iron Works, Inc.

Harbor Masters Restaurant

Historical Society of Topsail Island

Island Gazette

B. Parker Protective & Lock

Pleasure Island Chamber of Commerce

Dr. Vincent Smith, DDS

Snow's Cut Monthly Magazine

Taylor's Heating & Air, Inc.

Tucker Bros. Realty Company

Please take time to let our Business Members know how you appreciate their support of our work!

Upcoming Community Events

September 26, 10 am – 12 pm *Oakdale Cemetery Walking Tour* of North Carolina's oldest rural cemetery. No Advance reservations – Admission is \$8 per person, free to all Friends of Oakdale members. Participants should park outside the cemetery gates at the end of Fifteenth Street. Tour will be canceled if there is inclement weather.

Sunday September 27, pm - 7 pm. *Antiques & Collectibles Evaluation Clinic* presented by the historic Bellamy Mansion. This event features numerous Cape Fear area antique dealers and experts who will share their expertise via mini-lectures at 3:00 and 5:00 PM in the period rooms and visitors' orientation center. Afterward, they will provide informal evaluations on presented items. **Call to order tickets at 910.386.6126.** Fees: \$10 per person for entry: includes choice of 2 lectures - details on the scheduled lectures is available at the mansion's website: www.bellamymansion.org/events.html \$5 per item for evaluations; limit of 3 items (for large and bulky items please bring a photograph) Please - no musical instruments or weapons

Monday October 12, 7pm. *US Air Force Concert Band and The Singing Sergeants.* Concert at the Minnie Evans Center beside Ashley High School. FREE but you must have tickets, available around the community including here at the Federal Point History Center.

Saturday October 24, 10am. *Dedication of monument for Major James Reilly* at Oakdale Cemetery. Descendents, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Sons of Confederate Veterans, and the Military Order of the Stars and Bars are all participating. A full Confederate military salute will be given by Confederate reenactors from the 20th NC State Troops, Adams Battery, and the Fort Fisher gun crew. John Golden will provide the music.

Cape Fear History Bowl -- Find Out How Much North Carolina History You Know!

This year the Historical Society of the Lower Cape Fear will be holding the first ever ADULT History Bowl on February 11, 2010. [They have held History Bowls for the county's 8th graders for years.] The FPHPS Board of Directors has approved entering a team, consisting of 4 members and an alternate, IF we can raise the \$200 entry fee which is due October 2. We raised more than half of the amount by "passing the hat" at our August meeting but would be glad to receive donations from ANYONE who'd like to see FPHPS compete against other historic entities, such as the Bellamy Mansion or Wrightsville Beach Museum or the Fort Fisher Historic Site. Send donation checks to the FPHPS address, be sure to mark them FOR THE HISTORY BOWL. We will also be holding "practice sessions" at each upcoming meeting.

Officers

President – Ron Griffin
Vice-President – Annette Winner
Secretary – Lois Taylor
Treasurer - Jeannie Gordon

Directors

Leslie Bright, Chair	James Dugan	Ray Flowers
Elaine Henson	Daniel Norris	Cheri McNeill
Jack Travis	Pat Bolander	Sylvia Snook

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