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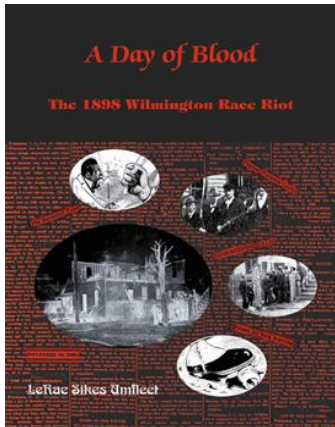
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November Meeting Monday, November 15, 2010 7:30 PM

The Federal Point Historic Preservation Society will hold its monthly meeting on **Monday, November 15 at 7:30 pm at the Federal Point History Center**, 1121-A North Lake Park Blvd., adjacent to Carolina Beach Town Hall.

“A Day of Blood” proclaimed Raleigh’s *News and Observer* about the events of November 10, 1898. On that date, white rioters in Wilmington murdered blacks in broad daylight and overthrew a legitimately elected Republican government without opposition by the public or intervention by the authorities.



Our speaker this month will be **LeRae Umfleet** author of *Day of Blood: The 1898 Wilmington Race Riot*. This thoroughly researched, definitive study examines the actions that precipitated the riot; the details of what happened in Wilmington on November 10, 1898; and the long-term impact of that day in both North Carolina and across the nation.

Ms. Umfleet joined the Department of Cultural Resources in 2003 as a research historian in the Research Branch of the Office of Archives and History. While in that office she completed an extensive report on the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot, which became the basis for *A Day of Blood*. LeRae was later promoted to serve as the Chief of Collections Management for the agency. In her new capacity, LeRae manages how the agency cares

for, collects, stores, and exhibits the objects in its custody. LeRae also manages the NC Connecting to Collections project, an IMLS grant-funded initiative.

Originally from Bath, North Carolina, LeRae graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill in 1991 with a Bachelor’s Degree in History. She then attended the Archival Management Program at NC State and transferred to East Carolina University where she graduated with a Master’s Degree in 1998. Reflecting her personal interest in plantation slavery, her Master’s thesis was entitled “Slavery in Microcosm: Bertie County, North Carolina 1790-1810.”

Last Month’s Meeting

Leslie introduced our speakers, Judge Gilbert Burnett, Dub Heglar and Earl Page who related their experiences in World War II and also their recent participation in an Honor Flight to Washington DC where veterans were recognized for their service. Gil Burnett served as a pilot from 1943 and came home to become a lawyer and eventually a judge. Earl Page joined the Navy in 1943 and spent the subsequent years working at the Fort Fisher pier and in commercial refrigeration. Dub Heglar also joined the Navy and became a commercial fisherman and later director of public works for Kure Beach.

Dub Heglar said the Honor Flight became the highlight of his life. It was superbly organized from the take off amid a fire engine water canon salute to being ferried around DC in wheelchairs and fabulous food. A highlight was Earl showing us the tattered flag that flew on his ship during the typhoon in 1945. Dub Heglar talked about the occupation of Honshu in 1945 and collecting Japanese rifles for the entire crew as souvenirs. It was a very humorous but nostalgic evening.

President's Message

Well, the voters have spoken once again. Congratulations to Judge Jay Hockenbury on his "landslide" re-election. Our October events went very well with Elaine Henson's program on October 17th, followed by a reception in the History Center, and the program led by the WWII Veterans at our regular meeting on October 18th. We appreciate those men coming out to share their stories with us.

Our monthly meeting this month will be on the earliest possible date of the 15th. The program will deal with the race riots that occurred in Wilmington in 1898. Please join us.

I hope you all have a very enjoyable Thanksgiving. - Ron

October was a Busy Month!

Besides our regular meeting on October 18th we had two other very successful programs.

I've found a photograph of my Civil War ancestor! In preparation for our October 2 workshop on preserving family photographs I got my sister to dig out all the old family "stuff." Low and behold, I discovered several ambrotype photographs from the 1860's including one of August Walgren, Corporal in the 4th Iowa Calvary in his uniform. Wow! And now I know where to take it to be reframed and protected.

On Saturday October 2 North Carolina State Archivist Dick Lankford led an incredibly informative workshop for the twenty people gathered at the History Center. Lankford lead us through a short history of photography from the invention of the basic process in France in the mid 1820's by Joseph Nicéphore Niépce and Louis Daguerre to George Eastman's development of "film" and a process that would lead to the Kodak Brownie camera in 1901. He also talked at length about the proper ways to store old photographs and documents and that they should be kept at a constant, moderate temperature as well as in low humidity surroundings. (Well we can all try!)

For those interested you can find acid free boxes, folders, and envelopes at Gaylord Archival www.gaylord.com. (We have their catalog here at the History Center if you want to take a look.) For things so precious that you want to consult a professional Preservationist we are lucky to have Etherington Conservation



Services located in Brown Summit, NC. I plan to take a number of those family ambrotypes to them the next time I visit my sister in Kernersville.



Joint Meeting With Historical Society of the Lower Cape Fear

If you thought you'd heard Elaine Henson's talk about Carolina Beach you missed a great program. She's expanded it considerably since she presented it at our meeting several years ago and has added some fascinating stories and pictures. We had a great turnout, over 75 people, with members of HCLCF, FPHPS and other local history organizations mingling at the reception held after the talk here at the Federal Point History Center.

A huge thanks to Elaine Henson and Marjorie Way who planned and organized this program, and to Virginia Francis, Anne Terry, Juanita Winner, Demetria Sapienza, Nancy Debnam, and Darlene Bright for pitching in and helping us present such a classy refreshment table for our guests. Thanks too, to the Mayor and Town Council for letting us use the Council Chamber for the program and to Capt. Kurt Bartley for making the arrangements for us to get into the building on a Sunday. An all round collaborative venture that was a great success.



At the reception everyone RAVED about Juanita Winner's Cheese Ball so here's the recipe:

Chipped Beef Cheese Ball (originally by Pat Jones)

- 2 8 oz. cream cheese – softened
- 1 package dry beef - chopped
- 1 T. Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 t. seasoning (Lowrey's)
- 2 green onions chopped finely
- 2 Cups chopped pecans

Mix well – Shape into ball and roll in remaining nuts -- Refrigerate.

And we were asked several times for the recipe for Darlene's Pumpkn Dip

Pumpkin Dip/Spread

- ½ can pumpkin
- 1 8 oz. pkg, cream cheese (softened)
- 8 oz Marshmallo Cream
- 1/4 t. cinnamon
- ¼ t. nutmeg

Mix all ingredients until smooth. Gingersnaps, or fresh fruit can be used to dip.

Oral History by Ann Hertzner

Dub and Hazel Heglar

Dub Heglar was Superintendent of Public Works for Kure Beach from 1961 to 1986 in charge of water, sewer, streets, and sanitation (trash). The town switched from septic systems to the sewer system when Kure Beach incorporated. They had permission to pump raw sewerage to the river. Henicker Ditch drained all of Wilmington Beach and the overflow from the Carolina Beach Lake. EPA stopped that.



Dub put in water and sewer lines as Kure Beach added on. A lagoon treatment plant was built right after Dub went to work for the town about '64 or '65. Kure Beach still has one down there. Everything from Kure Beach Village and Hanby goes into that modern one and is much cheaper.

Ft. Fisher Blvd., Atlantic Ave, 3rd Street, 4th Street, 5th Street, over to 7th had water and sewer put in about 1953. These 3 and 4-inch foot pieces of old terra cotta pipe are the lines that they're updating. Joints have come loose, draining water. Hopefully, water bills will come down when all the work is done in Kure Beach because so much surface water collecting in the old sewer lines has been pumped to Carolina Beach. Kure Beach pays for Carolina Beach treatment.

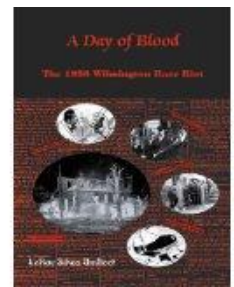
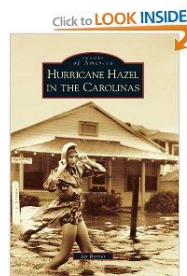
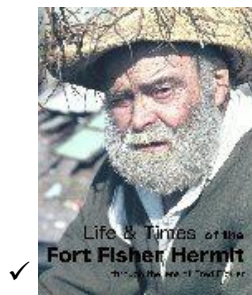
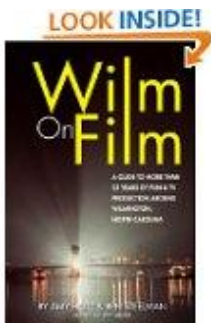
Kure Beach gets water out of ground wells - one at Ocean Dunes, one on I Street in the median between 3rd and 4th, one on 7th Street, one on N Street, and one on the northwest corner of Kure Beach Village off Settler Lane that was put in the year before Dub retired. The fire department can put down wells about 30' deep, but not commercial wells. The shallowest commercial well in KB is

164feet and the deepest one is 202 feet. Water treatment is done at the wells - chlorine or anything else. The one on N Street is the best tasting water, also the hardest water because it has more iron in it. Hanby Beach got water and sewer less than 10 years ago. Glenn Tucker and Lawrence Kure owned the water system at Wilmington and Hanby Beach which they sold to Ally Moore who is still living in Brunswick County.

The wells pump water into the system. Water the system doesn't need goes right into the storage tank. And then it falls out and that's how we get pressure. What isn't used coming out of the well goes to the tank. The well keeps running and pumping as long as the pressure is below 55 pounds. If the water reaches 55 pounds pressure at the bottom of the tank or at the well, it will stop. When the pressure goes back down, the pump will come back on. Until recently, only one water line ran from one tank all the way to Ft. Fisher to the Riggins and Ocean Dunes [see photo]. Pumping water out of that one line for a major fire would not be water enough for 2 or 3 big fire apparatuses pumping to extinguish a fire. As close as those buildings a reaction fire would take one building right after another. A second tower is now in place.

Holiday Shopping

Are you beginning to think about gifts to give this Holiday season? Books are always appreciated and are easy to wrap and inexpensive to mail. New books we've added this year include:



- ✓ **WILM on FILM** by **Ben Steelman and Amy Hotz**. A guide to more than 25 years of film and TV production around Wilmington, North Carolina. \$14.95
- ✓ **Bench Marks** by **Judge Gil Burnett**. Stories from his career as District Court Judge from 1968 – 1991. \$12.95
- ✓ **Song of the Cape Fear** by **Bill McDonald**. Tales from the Golden Age of Sport Fishing. \$17.95.
- ✓ **Hurricane Hazel in the Carolinas** by **Jay Barnes**. Pictures of the extensive damage from Myrtle Beach, Southport, Carolina Beach, Wrightsville Beach and up to Carteret County.
- ✓ **A Day of Blood** by **LeRae Sikes Umfleet**. The 1898 Race Riot. \$21.99
- ✓ **The Civil War in North Carolina** by **John S. Carbone** from the battle for Hatteras Island (and lighthouse) to blockade running on the Cape Fear the coast of North Carolina played a significant role in the defense of Confederacy and assault by the Union. \$18.00
- ✓ **The Life and Times of the Fort Fisher Hermit** by **Fred Pickler**. This photo essay chronicles Robert Harrill's life at the edge of the sea.

And don't forget our Bestsellers!

- ✓ **My Friend the Enemy: The Battle at Fort Fisher as recalled by Colonel Lamb, CSA & General Curtis, USA**. \$10.00
- ✓ **Carolina Beach** by **Elaine Blackmon Henson**. From the Arcadia "Postcard History" Series. \$21.99.
- ✓ **The Wilmington Campaign** by **Chris Fonvielle**. The story of Wilmington and the Lower Cape Fear's importance to the Confederate cause.

Society Notes

- ❖ This month we recorded 50 members and visitors at our monthly meeting. We also had 75 people attend the joint meeting held October 17th with the members of the Historical Society of the Lower Cape Fear AND 20 people attended the Old Photo Workshop on October 2. We had 101 visitors to the History Center and gift shop sales of \$316.64. Early voting over at Town Hall brought in a whole group of people who'd never noticed us before!
- ❖ A HUGE thanks to our History Center Volunteers who pitched in when I had to travel to Arkansas on family business. **Lois Taylor, Juanita Winner, Ron Griffin, Darlene Bright, Jeannie Gordon** and **Elaine Henson** all helped keep the History Center open on very short notice. I don't know what we'd do without them. Thanks too, to Lois Taylor and Donna Carr who prepared the October Newsletter for mailing and Demetria Sapienza who comes every Tuesday to scan photos for the DIP. (Digital Image Project)
- ❖ Another round of thanks goes to **Virginia Francis, Anne Terry, Juanita Winner, Demetria Sapienza, Nancy Debnam, and Darlene Bright** who did an outstanding job on our refreshment table for the Joint Meeting on the 17th.
- ❖ *Don't Forget! The History Center is now open 10-4 on Tuesday, Friday and Saturday.* This year's board approved an additional two hours on Tuesdays so all three days are uniform.
- ❖ New Members: Welcome to **Robert Ainspac** from Wilmington and new business member **Winner Marine Construction and Salvage.**
- ❖ **Treasurer's Report** by Demetria Sapienza. Dues - \$255.00 individuals new and renewal. \$35.00 new business total - \$290.00 Gift shop - \$317.21. Best we have had in this fiscal year!

FOR SALE! We have reprinted our booklet *Monuments and Markers of Federal Point* that was compiled by Sandy Jackson and typed and edited by Darlene Bright back in 1998. Taken primarily from the Bill Reaves files with color pictures of the most important markers, this volume traces the history of the area through its memorials. The 50 page booklet is \$12.50 and available in the History Center Gift Shop.

Also available: We now have spiral bound copies of **ALL of our Newsletters** available for sale. The price is: 1 year \$3.00, 2 years \$5.00, 5 years \$12.00, 10 years \$22.00. For a full run of 15 years the cost is \$34.00

The History Center needs more volunteers, especially ones with clerical or basic computer skills. In the wake of our TAP (Traveling Archivist Program) Grant, we've worked to get more organized and get several different projects ready to go. If you could give us 2-3 hours a week to help with computer input and indexing, PLEASE let Rebecca know!

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Please take time to let our Business Members know how much you appreciate their support.

FPHPS Upcoming Events -- Fall 2010

Monday, November 15, 2010: Membership Meeting. 7:30-900 pm. LeRae Umfleet, author of the newest book on the 1898 race riots, *Day of Blood*, will speak about her experiences working with the *1898 Wilmington Race Riot Commission* and on the conclusions the Commission reached. Beverly Tetterton of the New Hanover County Public Library says *A Day of Blood* is the best work yet on the event. There will be copies available for autographing.

Saturday November 20, 2010: Newton Cemetery Cleanup. 9am We'll meet behind the Methodist Cemetery off of Dow Rd. Please plan to join us for our yearly cleanup of the grounds of the historic Newton Cemetery. Bring gloves, clippers, rakes, and other yard tools you favor.

Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour

The Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour ushers in the holiday season on Saturday, December 4, from 4 -8 p.m. and Sunday, December 5, from 2-6 p.m. The festive tour, now in its 37th year, is presented by the Historical Society of the Lower Cape Fear. Tickets are \$25 per person through November 20 and then they are \$30. Tickets, which include a map of all the sites, are available at the Latimer House, 126 South Third Street, Belk at Westfield Mall, The Sterling House, Candles Etc., the Ivy Cottage, Southport Visitors' Center, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Sophie V. West Florist, Two Sisters Bookery and House of Wine and Cheese in Leland. Old Wilmington by Candlelight Tour information can be found on the Historical Society of the Lower Cape Fear web site at www.latimerhouse.org, or for more information, phone 910 762-0492.

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