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October Meeting Monday, October 17, 2011 7:30 pm

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

In the mid-1920s a young business man, J.R. Bame, came to Carolina Beach from Rowan County and opened a café on the boardwalk for the summer. His wife's parents had retired to the beach from Salisbury and the young family often visited them. This marked the beginning of



the Bame family's relationship with Carolina Beach. It would grow to include several beach businesses, hotels, piers, two Carolina Beach mayors, a fire chief and span three generations. This presentation will tell the story of this remarkable family who made such a mark on our beach community.



Elaine Blackmon Henson is the author of *Carolina Beach: A Postcard History* and has also written several articles on area history. She has served on the board of the Historical Society of the Lower Cape Fear and currently serves on the board of the Federal Point Historical Preservation Society.

Last Month's Meeting

Speaker for the evening was Larry Maisel, author of *Before We Were Quaint*, and president of Brunswick Co. History Society. Mr. Maisel recounted the history of southern Brunswick Co. from the Spanish attack on Brunswick Town in 1745, through all the wars affecting Fort Johnston through World War II. The Fort was the first stop of the British when they arrived in 1776 with 70 ships and 6,000 Redcoats only to find the citizens had burned the Fort.

There was no combat at the Fort during the Civil War but hundreds died of disease in that period. Late in the 19th Century Fort Caswell was built to train soldiers in preparation for the Spanish American War. Southport geared up to repel a Spanish invasion, which never happened.

President's Message

Hello Folks,

Hopefully this cold weather is not here to stay. It's hard to believe that Halloween is just around the corner.

Our thanks to Larry Maisel for his presentation in September. Those in attendance certainly learned some interesting, and new things about the Cape Fear area.

Don't forget Elaine Henson's presentation on Oct. 17 about the Bame family. We are proud to claim Elaine as one of our own.

At our board meeting we were brainstorming about some possible fund raising possibilities. If anyone has any ideas of any functions or other ways we might be able to produce some revenues your input will be greatly appreciated.

See you soon,

Barry

Dorothy McQuillan Part 3. Hegler's Restaurant Oral History by Ann Hertzler

Dot was a waitress at Smitty's Restaurant in the middle of the block on K Avenue in Kure Beach. Smitty's was known for all its nice, fresh seafood. On Mondays they got cases of shrimp to peel. Dot never peeled so many shrimp in all her days. Hush puppies were made by hand; so was cole slaw – mixed with a little vinegar, a little sugar, a little mustard, mayonnaise, and carrots. Some people loved onion in it, but no sour cream stuff. Dot says the best slaw that's not home made is Kentucky Fried Chicken and Smithfields.

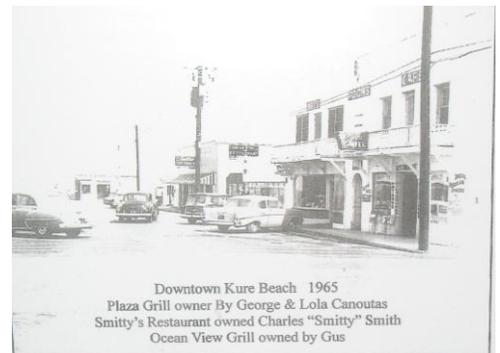
Dot met Hazel, Dub Heglar's wife, waitressing at Smitty's. Hazel Heglar started her restaurant in Kure Beach and hired Dot. Hazel did some of everything in her own restaurant. Hazel's restaurant opened the beginning of March and closed in November. She would always have a Christmas party.

Hazel loved to cook. She served "ole country" **chicken and pastry** - cook the chicken; take off the bone; put in the pot with gravy, a little salt and pepper, onions; roll out and cut pastry strips and add to the pot as it was cooking. When Dot makes **chicken and dumplings**, she stews a whole chicken and leaves it on the bones; and makes biscuits to add in.

A typical menu in Hazel's restaurant would be fish, shrimp, and crab - no clams and not too many scallops. They washed, breaded, and fried seafood and shrimp. Whoever sold Hazel fish, filleted them. Dot's family members were not selling her fish at the time. Hazel's menu would have 2 or 3 different kinds of meat. One was often country fried steak - fry your steak, brown your flour, put steak in with some onions over it; make a brown gravy. It was called country-style cause it's cooked in gravy. She served fried okra, butterbeans and all kinds of greens, especially collards. People drank mostly iced tea and a lot of coffee.

Hazel would bake wonderful cakes and bring them in. She'd say, "I baked a cake today. Y'all want a taste." Most of the time, they would eat the cake or give a piece to anybody that wanted some. Hazel made banana pudding too. Dot likes to make old fashioned banana pudding; not the kind you make with pudding mix. Every now and then Hazel would serve ice cream. Sometimes she would buy pies from people who would come by to sell them.

Dot went to work fairly early in the morning riding the bus to Hazel's restaurant. She worked a full day from 6 til 3 - Not much packaged food; it was all from scratch. Dinner was from noon to about 2, just time for Dot to come home and cook for her family. We'd often have a day or two off. The other cook was Sara Wade.



After Dot left Hazel, she went to the **Board of Education** and cooked in the school system about 10 or 12 years. When Dot first started with the school system, she cooked for old Sunset, then Carolina Beach, at Myrtle Grove, at Pine Valley, at Sunset and at the Bellamy.

Society Notes

- ❖ **DONATIONS!** Thomas Gray has donated *The National Cyclopedia of American Biography*. Published by James T. White in 1904. This 12 volumn set has histories and some steel engravings of many important Americans from the eighteenth and nineteenth certuries. And **Jenny Jennings-Gilbert** brought us some great materials for our gift shop.
- ❖ A huge thanks, along with a sigh of relief from our treasurer, for the \$4000 donation for operation of the History Center from the **Town of Carolina Beach**. It will help keep the History Center open to the general public for another year
- ❖ **New Members:** No new members this month. However **Polly Shaver renewed as a LIFETIME member**. That always helps keep things going.
- ❖ This month we recorded 46 visitors to the **History Center** and 48 members and visitors at our monthly meeting. The Gift Shop took in \$73.94.
- ❖ **Thanks to our History Center Volunteers:** **Lois Taylor**, for helping with the Newsletter mailing and **Demetria Sapienza** who comes every Tuesday to scan photos for the DIP. (Digital Image Project). Demetria and her husband Phil have taken over “squirrel patrol” this year and are checking the trap on the roof in hopes of “relocating” our usual fall visitors. Thanks to Pat, Elaine, Sylvia and Juanita who covered the History Center when Rebecca needed to be away. And thanks to the anonymous “brownies” who pitched in and cleaned the History Center this month.
- ❖ A huge thanks to Cheri McNeill for proofing the Newsletter every month. She can find stuff none of the rest of us see!
- ❖ **Treasurer’s Report:** We are one quarter through this budget year. Income is at 38% (above 25% is good) and expenses are at 22% (under 25% is good.) Thank you to everyone who paid their membership dues promptly. That doesn’t mean we don’t need to do several fund raisers this year. Under consideration are publishing a revised and updated FPHPS cookbook, and a community yard sale in early Spring – so start thinking about “de-cluttering” the house now!

Our Business Members

Beach Portraits Photography
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Boats
Winner Marine Construction
and Salvage, LLC

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

Gift Shop – SALE!

Mugs are still on sale! And we now have **gift boxes** to go with them. A PERFECT Holiday gift for friends and family.

Also on sale this month are a number of Susan Taylor Block’s Arcadia titles; *Cape Fear Beaches*, *Cape Fear Lost* and *Along the Cape Fear*. They normally sell for 19.95 but for this month they are priced at \$15.00.

Correction! Civil War Quiz

Paul Laird wins the (metaphorical) prize this month. One of the questions has a wrong answer.

#8 What Union General commanded the Union expedition to take Roanoke Island? Who was the Confederate Commander charged with the defense of the Albemarle and Pamlico Sounds?

I had: 8) USA General Ambrose Burnside; CSA General A. P. Hill.

Paul writes: By the way, in this issue's Civil War Quiz, on question number 8 – Are you sure A.P. Hill was the CS General in charge of the defense of the Pamlico and Albemarle Sounds? To my knowledge, Powell Hill's entire CW career was spent with Lee's Army of Northern Virginia and I don't know that he spent any time in NC although some of his NC troops would periodically return to NC for state defense and recruitment, etc. Maybe it was North Carolinian General D.H. Hill?

He's right. I should know better than to try to identify Confederate officers with this crowd. But at least I know somebody is actually reading this Newsletter.

Mark Your Calendar Now!

With the Civil War 150th now in progress there are all kinds of special events taking place around our community.

Louisa May Alcott is coming to Wilmington.

The New Hanover County Public Library and UNC-W have received a NEH grant to present programs about the life of Louisa May Alcott. Upcoming events are free and open to the general public.



Civil War Medicine, Saturday October 15: 1:00-3:00-Main Library in downtown Wilmington. Speakers include: Don Johnson, Assistant Professor of History, UNC-W; Jodi Koste, Archivist, Tompkins-McCaw Library for the Health Sciences, Virginia Commonwealth University

Louisa May Alcott and Social Reform, Thursday November 3, 7:00-8:30pm, UNCW. Randal Library Auditorium. Speakers include: Candice Bredbenner, Associate Professor of History, UNCW; Glen Harris, Associate Professor of History, UNCW Patricia Turrisi, Associate Professor of Philosophy & Religion, UNCW

Closing Event, Thursday November 17: Thalian Hall - 7:00-9:00pm Documentary Film *Louisa May Alcott: The Woman Behind Little Women*. Panel Discussion: Kathleen Berkeley, UNCW; Shannon Silva, UNCW. A reception and Louisa May Alcott Birthday Party to follow immediately at the Main Library.

Cape Fear Museum

Making Choices, Taking Sides: Life in North Carolina during the Civil War and Reconstruction

A series of four *Conversations* designed to broaden our understanding and engage in discussion about the Civil War history of the Lower Cape Fear region by exploring the following humanities issues:

Thurs., Oct.13, 2011 6:30 – 8:30 *Changes, Compromises, Conflict, Secession, and War*

Dr. Daniel Croft; Author of *Reluctant Confederates*; at The College of New Jersey; Dr. Marc Kruman; Author of *Parties and Politics in North Carolina 1836-1865*; Director of the Center for the Study of Citizenship, Wayne State University, Detroit. Changes, Compromises, Conflict, Secession, and War. What were factors that motivated Americans to war against each other? What strategies averted conflict and why did these strategies ultimately fail?



Tues., Dec. 13, 2011 6:30 – 8:30 *The Combatants*

Dr. Joseph Glatthaar; published on numerous topics at University of North Carolina Chapel Hill; Dr. Chris Fonvielle. published – particularly on Lower Cape Fear Civil War; UNC Wilmington. The Combatants. How did soldiers choose their battle? How did soldiers grapple with issues of loyalty? How did soldiers define a cause that was worth their life?

Tues., Feb. 21, 2012 6:30 – 8:30 *The Home Front*

Dr. Jane Turner Censer; published on women in NC; at George Mason University; Dr. Jamie Martinez; UNC Pembroke. The Home Front. What defines the home front when battles are fought on local turf? How do mothers, wives, and children respond to the absence of fathers, husbands, and brothers? Who keeps the businesses operating? Who takes advantage of the situations created by disruption?

Tues., April 17, 2012 6:30 – 8:30 *Reconstruction*

Dr. Laura F. Edwards; published on the politics of reconstruction; Duke University, Dr. Karin Zipf; writes on gender and reconstruction; East Carolina University. Reconstruction. How does the war's end impact the lives of people living in the region – returning soldiers, freed slaves, families, merchants, farmers, tradesmen, and professionals?

Seating is limited. Reservations can be made by calling (910) 798-4362. Cost of admission is \$5 for members and \$7 for non-members. A limited number of complimentary tickets will be available to students showing a current ID. Following the formal part of the program, we offer light refreshments to encourage the conversations to continue.

Freedom, Sacrifice, Memory: Civil War Sesquicentennial Photography Exhibit



Don't miss this special photography exhibit that opens **Saturday, October 1 at the New Hanover County Public Library**. The exhibit will remain on view through October 29 on the first floor of the **Main Library**, 201 Chestnut Street, Wilmington. Visitors will see well-known Confederate generals, women who served as Confederate spies, re-enactment images of soldiers and battles, and more. The battlefield, home front, African Americans and women all are reflected in the exhibit. A notebook accompanying the

exhibit will offer sketches of the generals of African Americans fleeing bondage, a woman whose home became a hospital, and other glimpses of lives from that turbulent time.

This exhibit is organized by the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources (www.ncculture.com) in observance of the **sesquicentennial of the Civil War** (1861-1865). It is traveling to 49 public libraries across the state between April 1, 2011, and Spring 2013. Images were gathered from divisions within the **N.C. Department of Cultural Resources**, including four document images and 10 pictures from the State Archives (www.archives.ncdcr.gov), five images from the N.C. Museum of History (www.nchistorymuseum.com) and five images from Civil War-related State Historic Sites (www.nchistoricsites.org).

For information on the tour visit www.nccivilwar150.com or call (919) 807-7389. Information on the N.C. Department of Cultural Resources is available 24/7 at www.ncculture.com.

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Events Calendar Summer/Fall 2011

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Monday, November 21, 2011: Membership Meeting. 7:30-9:00 pm. **Mark Wilde-Ramsing** is back to present the news from the wrecksite of *Queen Anne’s Revenge*, as well as other activities in the world of underwater archaeology including a look back 50 years to the beginnings of the Fort Fisher lab and the salvage of the blockade runner *Modern Greece*.

