

Clenny Creek Day! The Bryant House and McLendon Cabin were built on a hillside overlooking McLendon's Creek. The locals refer to the stream as Clenny's Creek. It is that bit of lore that the Friends of the Bryant House used to name the "fun-raiser" held on April 22 to raise monies to restore the two buildings.

"I had a ball!" exclaimed Win Williams who served up the main fare (hot dogs with all the trimmings) at Clenny Creek Day. A couple rounds of thunder, wind, and rain did little to dampen the spirits of those who took part in the event. Everyone ran for cover and waited it out until the sun came shining though again. Front porch musicians (Clyde Maness, Teddy White, Stella McDonald, and David Overby) barely missed a beat as they grabbed up their instruments and moved inside to continue a round of toe tapping bluegrass. A table laden with homemade cookies and cakes was moved to the front porch of the cabin alongside Carol and Noah Richardson's display of hand painted gourds. Green Hill Pots' tent held firm and protected the colorful pottery collection being offered for sale. Twig and Stella McDonald loaded their sturdy wood crafts into the back of their van until the rain subsided. Medleyanna's yard decorations and herbs and flowers from Aurora Hills Nursery and Possum Run Garden Center fared well under the spring showers. The Java Mules settled in on the front porch and kicked off the second (drier) half of the day with a blend of Appalachian string and some old-time favorites. Smoke rose from the chimney of the old cabin as Debbie Wilson and granddaughter, Hannah, held an 18th century living history cooking demonstration. Every hour on the hour the boom of a Civil War reproduction cannon could be heard across the meadow and through the woods. Period re-enactors, Marshall Caddell, Jim Hathway, and Eddie Grey looked right at home in their Civil War encampment at the edge of the yard.

Thanks to the time, talent, and financial support of volunteers, musicians, cooks, vendors, and visitors, the first Clenny Creek Day earned over \$2,500 which will be used towards restoration needs. Several businesses (Harris Printing, Donathan's Pumping Service, Hawkins & Harkness, Win's Weiner Wagon, and Unique Embroidery) generously donated all or a portion of their services in support of this project.

Will there be another Clenny Creek Day? We hope so!

Shaw House Barbeque On Friday, April 21st, the second annual Barbecue Benefit was held at the Shaw House. The Spring weather provided a wonderful sunny day. The barbecue committee, under the leadership of Mike McMillan, had great support from MCHA members and volunteers. Carolyn Burns and her helpers served up homemade goodies at the dessert stand. Over 790 plates of barbecue were served and a profit of almost \$3,900 was realized. The evening entertainment by Joe and Abby McDonald added to the pleasure of those who enjoyed their dinner under the tents set up for the occasion.



MCHA ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: It was BYOC (bring your own chair) and standing room only at the 60th annual members meeting of the Moore County Historical Association. Over 60 members and their guests attended the Association's annual spring meeting held this year at Auman's Peach Orchard in West End.

A record number of members came to hear Watts Auman, son of famed Clyde Auman talk about the history of peach growing in the Sandhills. Even local notables including Harris Blake, Leonard Tufts and Bill Samuels were in attendance for the meeting, presentation, and peach ice cream social donated by Two-Scoops Ice Cream in Carthage.

In his program, Watts Auman presented to the group tales of the founding of the peach orchard and the stories of German prisoners of war during WWII who helped farm the peaches in Moore County. As he spoke of tales of the early days, he called upon his sister, Laura Pitts of Greensboro, to explain the proper way to preserve peaches, as done by their mother, Sally Auman.

Auman's Peach Orchard is one of the most noted in this state. It is located in West End a few minutes from the traffic light. Peaches are in season around the middle of June and will remain in season until September. "There was a time when we shipped the peaches up north... now, the northerners come south to pick them up themselves," stated Watts.

Teri Underhill presented the Nominating Committee's recommendations for new Trustees and officers for the coming year. Presented and approved as new members of the board were: Ms. Darlene Stark of Southern Pines, Bill Brewer of Eagle Springs, and Mrs. Martha O'Connor of Pinehurst. They will be replacing Butch Chandler, Bill Clement, and Jay Greer whose tenures have expired. Officers elected were: Frieda Bruton and Dorothy Shankle, co-presidents; Darlene Stark, president-elect; Marshall Donathan, vice president; Joyce White, secretary; and Mike McMillan, treasurer.



OLD HOUSE SALVAGE PROJECT: Three old cottages in Southern Pines that were destined for demolition have become 'old house organ donors' through the efforts of the Historical Association and the generosity of the First Baptist Church.

In June, hundreds of old house owners, restorers and anyone with a need for 'old house parts' purchased and salvaged architectural elements from three 1920s cottages located in Southern Pines. Items salvaged included bathroom and kitchen fixtures and cabinets, appliances, shrubs and plants, plus building components including windows, doors, wood flooring, moldings, fireplace mantels and hardware.

This fall, the final "Stone House" a 1912 home will be salvaged.

Information about the Old House Salvage Project can be found on our website, www.moorehistory.com / Projects Page.



JULY TAG SALE: A fund-raiser tag sale will be held on Saturday, July 29. We need your donations to make the sale a success so please look around and clean



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OLD HOUSE SALVAGE PROJECT. Volunteers of all ages from 24 to 74 helped tag, measure and clean the houses for the big salvage event held June 23rd and 24th. The next salvage event at 235 E. Massachusetts Avenue in Southern Pines is scheduled for late fall.

Pictured are the volunteers and future purchasers at the May 20th tagging.

SHAW HOUSE BAR-BEQUE. Joyce White, hostess of the dessert table, is all set to tempt those at the BBQ to indulge in homemade treats.

The event was a great success under the direction of Mike McMillan and his committee members, Milton Sills, Dorothy Shankle, Freida Bruton, Marshall Donathan, Susan Pockmire, Carolyn Burns and Mary Jane Knight plus all the volunteers who gave their time for the project.



SPRINGFEST IN SOUTHERN PINES. Carolyn Burns, Dorothy Shankle and Stuart Fulghum were all set to host the Moore County Historical Association booth at the April event. The MCHA introduced to the public for the first time the extensive photo archives originally developed by Norris Hodgkins and Deirdre Newton.

out your closets, attics, and basements. All household items and furnishings can be accepted as long as they are in saleable condition. We cannot accept clothing, however, furniture, art work, china, silver, lamps, jewelry, garden items and furnishings, cameras, CDs, computers, books, etc. will be greatly appreciated. A receipt for your tax-deductible contribution will be provided.

Donations can be dropped off at Shaw House on Tuesdays through Fridays from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm. For large items or large quantity of items, call Sarah (692-2051) to arrange a free pick-up.



OCTOBER SPEAKER EVENT: Milton J. Sills will present "Early Churches of Moore County" at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 1, at the Southern Pines Civic Club, 150 S. Ashe Street.

A student of history, architecture, antiques, and Southern culture, Sills was educated at Barton College, East Carolina University, and UNC-Chapel Hill. A Sampson County native, Sills moved to Moore County in 1966 to work with Moore County Schools. His central focus was teaching, curriculum, evaluation and staff development. A lifetime member of MCHA, he is also a member of the Sons of the Revolution, Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities, and a Board Member of the Horticulture Society at SCC. A charter member of Kiwanis of the Pines, he has served at all levels, twice as President. Sills is a Commissioned Lay Pastor for the Presbyterian Church (USA). Married to Elaine Morgan Sills, they have one son, Morgan Sills, who lives and works in New York City.

Refreshments will be served following the presentation. Admission is free.



YOUNG SOUTHERN PINES BOOK: The Moore County Historical Association is nearing completion of the reprint of the Helen Huttenhauer book, *Young Southern Pines*. First published in 1980, the book is an intimate, informal picture of day-by-day living in Southern Pines when the town was young.

The book will be available at the Shaw House Bookshop and at local bookshops.

MEMBERSHIP DRIVE: Our annual membership drive is underway. Please remember to return your renewal. If you have misplaced your information, call Sarah (692-2051) for replacement. We have interesting and exciting events planned for the coming year and you don't want to miss any of them.



SOUTHERN PINES HISTORIC BUILDING INVENTORY BOOK AVAILABLE: Several dozen new copies of the out-of-print Registry have been located and are for sale in our Bookshop at the Shaw House.

The 97-page book is a comprehensive survey of the historical houses and structures in Southern Pines.

The book is priced at \$44.95. Call the MCHA at (910) 692-2051 to check availability. *Members receive a 10% discount on book prices.*



UPCOMING EVENTS

July 29
Tag Sale

Sept 7-16
Canadian Tour

Oct 1
Sills "Early Churches"

Oct 28
Hart's Square Tour

Nov 2
Antiques Sale & Show
Preview Party

Nov 3-5
Antiques Sale & Show

Dec 7-10* (9-10**)
Holiday Open House

* Shaw House
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The Southern Pines Hotel



A Slice of History

It was May 1895 in Meriden, Massachusetts, when J. H. Murray, of Cleveland, Ohio, purveyor of printers inks, convinced William Emerson Giles to purchase two lots in a place called Southern Pines. The \$200 investment and a Physician's advice, brought Mr. Giles to that place where he felt better and subsequently constructed a home on Kensington Road. He was joined by his wife Angelina and three children: Prudence, Emerson William, and Clara.

Giles, a Connecticut Yankee, appears immaculate and precise. Some may have called him "a dandy". His wife, Angelina Baribault, daughter of French Canadians who immigrated to Meriden, was known to have a flair for finer things. Some might call her "aspiring" (fig. 1&2). They and their children created the ambiance around their Southern Pines Hotel, which they graced with style.

Construction of the Hotel, downtown at the corner of New York Avenue and Railroad Street (now South East Broad Street), was complete when the New England Manufacturing, Mining and Estates Company sold the property to Mr. Giles. He and Angelina were 30 years old when he purchased the property for \$10,000. It opened as the Southern Pines Hotel in 1900.

The building was a 'three story', constructed entirely of local long leaf pine. Its architecture was typical of the period with twin gables and quasi bell tower (fig. 3). The entrance, later graced with wisteria (fig. 4) was the gateway to an expansive lobby, parlor, dining room, music room, gentlemen's smoking room (photo 5) and 110 single and double guest rooms. Room rates were \$2 to \$4 with steam heat and bath. Landscaping was supervised by Mr. Giles who selected and planted the two Holly trees which remain today in front of the present Post Office.

The Hotel was the largest and best equipped in the downtown area. It was two blocks from the Seaboard Airline Railway Station, with the majority of the city's businesses located between the two sites. Traffic varied with the season and with the northern economic climate. Though the latest, 'state of the art' transportation was just outside the front door, folks once off the overnight 'Pullmans', depended on foot or buggies to get around. Buggies served as autos of the day and "schooner wagons", seen in fig. 3, were used as tractor-trailers to transport merchandise and farm products.

Visitors, accompanied by photographers (the then techies) toured "plantations", farms, mills, lakes, pine barrens and "historic sites" such as the Cornwallis Tree and the McDeeds crossing where one of Sherman's cannons was said to have been lost in quick sand.

Many of the photos captured by photographers, were sold and mailed as postcards. One 1903 Hotel card says "We walked about a mile today-this is a perfect picture of the Hotel-we were over to Pinehurst yesterday". Another says "Just had a Salmagundi Party, blowing cones on strings, drawing things then all guessing what they are, carrying peanuts on a knife. I was late to the party, Dr. Blair kept me till almost seven and sent me home in his buggy. I went into the dining room just before the doors closed without taking off hat or coat and so had to dress afterwards. I wore my new dove color dress and like it very much". And the newspaper reported "Christmas doings: The Southern Pines Hotel, ably assisted by Mrs. H. Hendrickson of Albany, N.Y., arranged a beautiful tree in the center of the dining room, and gave everybody in the house,



family and employees included, a handsome present”.

Good times prevailed for several years. The kids were then teenagers, able to help manage and participate in Hotel activities. The Giles’ polished the Hotel and practiced their cheery greeting: “Good Morning, good to see you”. During the summer they closed the Hotel and departed to Blowing Rock where from June to October, they operated the Blowing Rock Hotel (Fig.6). The risk of doing business however, was just as great then as it is today, and a winning combination can, as we all know, be ‘shattered’ by the unexpected and the unexpected happened on January 20th, 1906, when Giles at age 36, after helping with the layout the Southern Pines Golf Course, contracted and succumbed to pneumonia. The funeral conducted by Rev. Foss and assisted by Revs. H.T. Gregory and C.M. Emory, was held at the Hotel. Business owners closed their doors to attend. Internment was in the Southern Pines Mount Hope Cemetery.

It was 1906, way before women’s liberation and almost 15 years before women won the right to vote. Angelina and children composed themselves, took a deep breath, and continued Hotel operations. Then the Panic of 1907 shocked the nation and reduced travelers to a trickle. Traffic was down and times were tough.

In 1908 the Administrator of the Giles Estate auctioned the Hotel on the Court House steps. The maximum bid of \$7,900 was made by Daniel F. McAdams, a local businessman originally from Somerville, Massachusetts. He, with Angelina as manager, continued to operate the Hotel. Things seemed to click, and in June of 1908, Daniel and Angelina were married. The economy picked up nation-wide. The first Ford “Model T” rolled off the production line in Cleveland, and the Hotel, entering its second decade of service, was the place to be seen.

During the second decade of service, extensive improvements and modifications were made, and the exterior and interior were reconstructed. The original two gable bell tower appearance gave way to a flat continuous larger looking edifice (Fig. 7). Interior improvements included improved electrical distribution, fixtures and the best available insulation of the day: sawdust. As a result the almost new Hotel continued as a “top notch” place to stay, and the place to meet and greet visitors who brought news and personal experiences from the North.

Guests described their stays on unusually beautiful, hand colored postcards and descriptive letters back home. The Southern Pines Tourist extensively covered Hotel activities. The Tourist quoted one guest as saying “here I feel the most at home, for the table is exceptionally fine and everything everywhere about the hotel is immaculate, and I feel more comfortable and at home right here than anywhere else I have ever tried”. A glimpse of the fare is shown (Fig. 8).

Good times prevailed. In 1919 the Sandhill Citizen, successor to the Southern Pines Tourist, reported “Another Musical Event” where “Mr. and Mrs. McAdams kindly opening the doors of their pleasant hostelry. The event, given by the Ladies Aid of the Congregational Church, was attended by a large number of music lovers. The program was opened with a fine piano solo by Miss Chandler”. As the attendees grew, “seating was arranged in the parlor, lobby, and even the dining room”. Even so, “many stood throughout the program with a patience and good-nature that were truly heroic, and very complimentary to the performers”.

On February 28, 1919 there were 85 arrivals at the Hotel, all of whom were listed in the Sandhill Citizen. Amongst the many from the northeast, there were two from Nova Scotia, a family from Montreal, and a Lieutenant Stafford from Texas.

Good times continued into the “roaring twenties”. The automobile replaced the buggy, “schooner wagons” were about gone, and the Charleston was the dance craze. The future looked good, and in 1924 the McAdams’ sold the Hotel to Mr. J.J. Harrington of Bethlehem, New Hampshire. Daniel and Angelina moved to Washington, D.C. where they purchased a new home in the northeast section, then the suburbs. Soon Angelina became associated with the popular Willard Hotel which, at the time, was the politi-



Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 8



Figure 3



Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6 (Left)

Figure 7 (Bottom)



cal hub of the Capital. She greeted and was well known as a hostess and was invited to inaugurations, balls and other social events. The Willard was, as was the Southern Pines Hotel, the place to be seen.

Mr. McAdams died in Washington in 1927 and was interred in Somerville, Mass. Angelina resided in Washington until her death in 1944. She is interred in the Giles plot in Mount Hope Cemetery.

The Hotel continued in service through the 20's; however, as newer more accommodating hotels were built away from the noise of tracks, the Hotel while retaining many of its regular guests, also became popular with traveling men looking for downtown accommodations. In 1931 as Frank Harrington, Manager and son of Mr. J.J. Harrington, was in process of closing for the summer, a fire broke out and consumed the 'heart pine' structure. It was said the sawdust insulated building burned furiously with Southern Pines, Pinehurst and Aberdeen Fire Departments fighting the fire to no avail; however their courageous effort saved all adjacent buildings. Newspaper reports indicate what remained quickly disappeared, and that "Tourist will miss this old land mark on Broad Street which during the past thirty-five years has dispensed hospitality to a host of northern visitors". Estimated loss was \$200,000.

The next time you visit the Southern Pines Post Office, notice the two holly trees on your way in, and then imagine walking into the foyer of the Southern Pines Hotel, immaculate in its Victorian decor, being graciously received, hearing the latest news, and relaxing and visiting a bit with locals and tourists. Interestingly, the spirit of the site has not been lost, it is still the place that many meet, exchange greetings, share news, and visit with both neighbors and visitors. And you will, we are sure, hear a cheery:

Good Morning! It is good to see you!

This article written by:

Carson A. Blue, Jr. son of Prudence Giles and Carson A. Blue. Prudence was the daughter of William Emerson Giles and Angelina Birabault. Mershon White, granddaughter of Prudence Giles and Carson A. Blue, daughter of Marguerite Giles Blue and Floyd Stith Davis. Mershon's mother, Marguerite, was the daughter of Prudence Giles and Carson A. Blue. Gene White, husband of Mershon Davis White. Gene is son of Jesse Walton White and Lillie Mae Williams.



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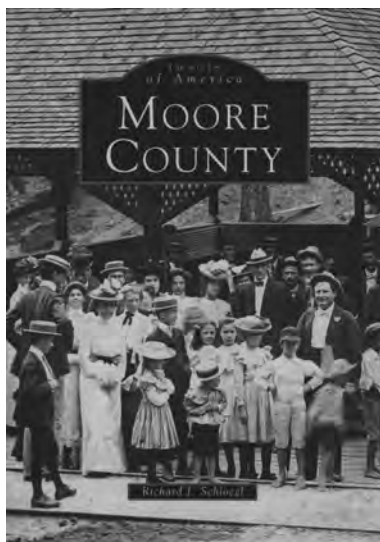
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