



# Shaw House Sketches

## 2007 Annual Meeting and Election

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 annual event, held this year at the restored historic Jackson Springs Depot.

A record number of members came to hear Senator Harris Blake talk about his home town and the rich history of Jackson Springs, the first resort town in Moore County.

Harris Blake, who served as the historical association's president for many years, and his wife Barbara presented to the group tales of the founding of the town and of the curative spring waters that won a World's Fair medal for second best in the world.

Jackson Springs was founded in the late 1700's, when William Jackson discovered a spring that would later be named for him. Plans were developed to make the town a health spa and recreational resort. A 120 room resort hotel was built, and a spur railroad line brought in guests. In 1932 the famed Jackson Springs Hotel burned and the area began to decline quickly. As a resort area, Jackson Springs only lasted about 40 years, but it set the tone for the future of Moore County.

The annual meeting is held each spring and nominations for new officers and trustees are presented. Presented and approved as new officers were Ms. Darlene Stark, president, Mr. Stuart Fulghum, vice-president, Mrs. Kay Antoine, secretary, and Mr. Mike McMillan, treasurer. Presented and approved as new trustees of the board were: Ms. Tricia Hill, Mrs. Beverly Offutt, Mr. Robert Sprenger, and Dr. Russell Tate. They will be replacing Mrs. Frieda Bruton, Mrs. Teri Underhill, Ms. Barbara Young, and Mrs. Penny May whose tenures have expired. "We are in deepest gratitude to these trustees. They have served on this board in a tireless and dedicated effort to carry out the mission of the Association," said Frieda Bruton, co-president of the association.

**LECTURE BY DR. JOHN WATERS:** 'Historic Preservation as an Environmental Ethic' was the topic of an interesting and informative program presented July 26th by Dr. John Waters, Director of Graduate Studies in Historic Preservation, University of Georgia. Dr. Waters is known around the world as an advocate for preservation, for sustaining the historic architecture in the Athens, Georgia community, and for providing infrastructure for future preservationists. The intense interest in local preservation by those in the audience was evident as demonstrated by the many questions from the more than 60 people present.

**HISTORY OF THE MOORE COUNTY HOUNDS LECTURE & EXHIBIT:** This year the Moore County Historical Association is honoring the equestrian community through our fall lecture program and photo exhibit.



The history of the hunt and the Moore County Hounds lecture was presented on September 23rd by Joint Master of Foxhounds, Cameron Slade, and Huntsman, Jody Murtagh. The program offered a rare opportunity for the public to glimpse into the formation and lives of those who started one of the most elite and oldest hunt clubs in the United States – The Moore County Hounds.

In conjunction with the program, a pictorial exhibit is on display at the Southern Pines Planning and Water Department next to the Post Office (old Southern Pines library).

**LIFE IN THE SANDHILLS IN THE EARLY 1900s:** On the fourth of July, the MCHA participated in the holiday activities at the Fair Barn in Pinehurst. Thousands of local residents stopped by the MCHA booth to see prints from our archives and view a wide-screen photo program on “Living in the Sandhills 100 Years Ago.” The MCHA will return in 2008 with a similar program.



**VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS:** Thanks to Al Dunham and his carpentry skills, a room at the Shaw House has been renovated and prepared as a storage room for the inventory of history books sold by the MCHA. Over the years Al has donated many hours and made many improvements to our historic properties. We are grateful to Al for his continuing dedication to the MCHA.

Thanks are also extended to Marilyn Hartsell for her continuing efforts as curator of all five historic properties. Marilyn reviews, updates, and rearranges the exhibits and furnishings in the museum houses so that they are appropriate for the changing seasons. She recently made lovely new curtains for the Shaw House parlor and repaired the handmade braided rug in the dining room. Thank you, Marilyn, for sharing your knowledge and creativity.

Last, thanks to our newest trustee, Tricia Hill, with the Moore County Hounds (MCH) for her organizing efforts in helping the Association identify thousands of equestrian photographs in our archives. With the help of Jan Fowler and Peter Winkelman and dozens of other MCH members, they have scanned and identified hundreds of images. Once complete, these photographs will be available for viewing on our photo archives computer at the Shaw House.

**GOOD LUCK, HEATHER MCDONALD:** The MCHA sends their best wishes along with Heather McDonald as she leaves to continue her studies for her Masters in Historic Preservation at the University of Georgia. Heather volunteered in many capacities during her time in Moore County and was especially helpful during the organization of the recent old house salvage sales. She was presented a print from our historic photo archives of the house where she lived while in Southern Pines. Good luck, Heather, and come back soon!!



## Upcoming Events

**MYSTERY TOUR!** Come join us for a MYSTERY DAY TOUR on Friday, October 5th. The motorcoach will leave Shaw House headed for our destination. Only after we are underway will the site of our adventure be disclosed.



### BRYANT HOUSE RESTORATION PROJECT CONTRIBUTORS

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### MEMORIALS

In memory of Marian Sue Benoit by:  
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**Above:** Twenty-one hardy souls from MCHA spent 12 wonderful days touring Alaska by coach and ship, beginning in Fairbanks and ending in Vancouver. Some of the highlights of the trip were dinner at a local Alaskan family home, a visit to Denali National Park, a train trip through the Alaskan wilderness, whale watching, tours on floatplanes and helicopters, visits to Haines, Juneau, Ketchikan, and a relaxing cruise on the Statendam. Great weather and wonderful new friends.



Dr. John Waters, Director of Graduate Studies in Historic Preservation, University of Georgia.



Heather McDonald and Dorothy Shankle. Dorothy presented Heather with a historic print of the house that she lived in while in Southern Pines.



**Special lecture event:** Ray Owen's "Founding Farmers: the Sandhills in the Country Place Era," Sunday, Oct. 28. From the upcoming program, shown left is Amelie Pumpelly and her three children, *Up From Mt. Misery* by Chris Florance, used by permission of Down Home Press.



**Above:** Harris Blake, past president of the historical association, and his wife, Barbara, share stories of early Jackson Springs at the association's 60th annual meeting held May 20th in Jackson Springs.

A grand time was had by all who participated in last year's mystery trip when the destination was Reynolda House and the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts in Winston-Salem. This year's trip will also be exciting and educational. You won't want to miss this opportunity.

Cost: \$35 MCHA members, \$45 non-members. Reserve your seat now by calling Sarah at (910) 692-2051.

## HISTORIC LECTURE SERIES

Ray Owen, renowned local historian and researcher, and past president of the MCHA will present an address, "Founding Farmers: the Sandhills in the Country Place Era," on Sunday, Oct. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Southern Pines Civic Club. The club is located at 105 S. Ashe St.

Owen will explore life in the Sandhills when our towns were the center of an agricultural region that stretched 30 miles in all directions.

Owen is an avid student of Moore County history and has called Southern Pines home for more than 30 years. His current project for the historical association involves planning for the restoration and interpretation of the Bryant House/McLendon Cabin site.



**47th PREVIEW PARTY & ANTIQUES SHOW and SALE:** Thursday, November 1st from 6:30 to 9:00 pm at the Fair Barn in Pinehurst. You won't want to miss our exclusive preview party of the 47th Annual Antiques Show and Sale. Ticket price of \$50 includes wine, hors d'oeuvres, and a private viewing and sale. Tickets can be purchased in advance from Sarah at the Shaw House.

November 2-4, find the treasure of your dreams at the Antiques Show and Sale at the Fair Barn in Pinehurst. Antique dealers from New York to Florida will fill the Fair Barn with thousands of items for sale – maybe with the right gift for someone on your special holiday list. Daily admission \$6 or a three-day pass for \$11. Visit our website for discount coupons!

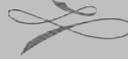
**HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE:** You won't want to miss the Historical Association's Old-Timey Open Houses. You've probably driven by them hundreds of times and have said, "someday, I'm going to stop and see what it

is all about." Well, this is a great opportunity ... and you'll get refreshments as well.

You'll get a chance to see how the early settlers in this county lived, celebrated and decorated for the holiday season. Plus, at the Shaw House site, not only will you see three house-museums, you'll also see our Historic Photo Archives. We now more than 5,000 images on our computer kiosk and a sampling of more than 500 prints that can be purchased.

December 6-9, Shaw House Properties

December 15-16, Bryant House Properties



## 2007/2008 EVENTS

NOW

Historical Equestrian  
Photo Exhibit

October 5, 2007  
Mystery Day Tour

October 16, 2007  
Ireland Tour Meeting

October 28, 2007  
Ray Owen Lecture

November 1, 2007  
47th Antiques Show & Sale  
Preview Party

November 2-4, 2007  
47th Antiques Show & Sale

December 6-9, 2007  
Shaw House Properties  
Holiday Open House

December 15-16, 2007  
Bryant House Properties  
Holiday Open House

May 20, 2008  
Shades of Ireland Tour  
[www.moorehistory.com](http://www.moorehistory.com)

## 2008 IRELAND TOUR

Carolyn Burns, has announced that the feature tour in 2008 will be a 13 day trip to Ireland leaving on May 20, 2008. An information meeting will be held at the Shaw House on Tuesday, October 16th at 10 am and 6 pm. For more information, visit our website or call Sarah at the Shaw House.

Highlights include:

- Tour of Giant's Causeway, the Ring of Kerry and the Blarney Castle.
- Gaze over the North Atlantic from Ireland's northernmost point, Malin Head.
- Overnight in a castle and delight in the pleasures of royalty.
- Tour and shop the Waterford Crystal factory.
- A tour of the "Fair City" of Dublin with a local guide and surround yourself with the merriment of traditional entertainment during an evening at the Irish cabaret.

... and so much more!

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## Happenings in Northern Moore



# Bryant House Updates

### CLENNY CREEK DAY *By Kaye Brown and Alice Thomas*

On the second annual Clenny Creek Day, the grounds at the McLendon Cabin were not unlike an old country quilt: a scrap of this and a scrap of that, all adding up to something homespun and beautiful.

Appalachian string music greeted visitors as they arrived at the cabin, while amiable vendors displayed a wide range of colorful wares--alpaca sweaters, handcrafted jewelry, pottery and plants among them. Inside the cabin, historians in period dress demonstrated 18th century cooking techniques to the hot dog and barbecue-eating spectators. Others traveled back to the Civil War era as they observed the uniformed re-enactors firing a real cannon. Children "fished" in the creek, raced through a bamboo maze, and enjoyed wagon rides. Last but not least, the beautiful weather made everyone feel that spring was right around the corner.

In the old days quilting parties were mainly social gatherings, but the finished product was also a testimony to friendship, family and artistic spirit. So, too, is Clenny Creek Day. There are so many dedicated people who lend their time and talents to make the day a success -- Shawn Poe who creates the signage; Neil Dowd who mows and readies the sand field for parking and activities; Anna Belle Campbell, who donated another beautiful quilt this year; Brenda Gamblin who donates a personal creation for each raffle; Debbie and Hannah Williams who don period dress and cook while greeting guests to the McLendon Cabin; the Sandhills Chapter of the Antique Automobile Club of America, and all of the period re-enactors who camped on site.

Musicians David McDonald, Allen Ashdown, and Steve Hildreth once more lent their lively blend of fiddle, mandolin, guitar, and banjo. Archie and Karen McKenzie donated their time and expertise in preparing the food, and there were many more who donated items for the raffle -- Brian Davis, Charles Lisk, Ariel Davis, Sherlynn Bissell, Harriet and Jerry Wicker of Medleyanna's, Gullistan Carpet, Aurora Hills, Amy Davis, The Spa in Pinehurst, and Middleton Place.

To those who are not mentioned in this writing, thank you for your support. Your gifts are so important and appreciated. Every year Clenny Creek Day gets better, and we look forward to seeing you in 2008 on Saturday April 19th.



# LOOKING BACK

by Kaye Brown

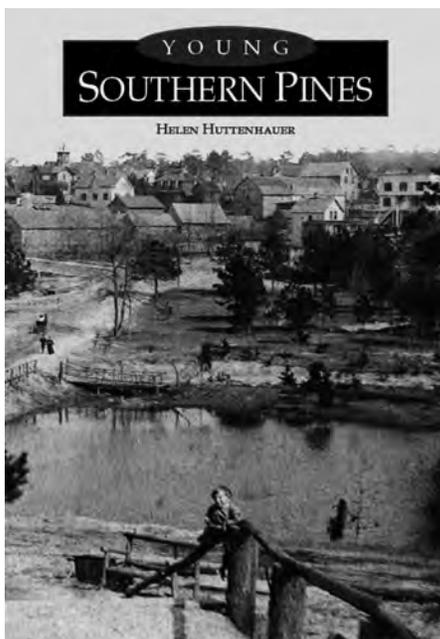
In March of 2005 the Bryant House/McLendon Cabin committee of the MCHA sent out letters to people – family, neighbors, and friends - anyone who had some connection with the two historic Moore County homes. Having taken over the care of these properties in 1969, the association had been able to keep the Bryant home place open to the public with the help and devotion of docents, such as Joyce Wilson and eventually on-site caretakers, Creola and Max Richardson. After Creola’s death in 2004 and Max’s move to a nursing home, the houses were no longer open to the public as requested by the donor, Flossie Bryant Davis. Unable to find docents for the homes and fearing vandalism, destruction, and further deterioration, the MCHA co-chair, Frieda Bruton, made a plea for help. Understanding the importance of preserving these two historic homes, the MCHA committee mailed out eighty plus letters asking for help. Six responses came in – only two from Moore County. Despite such a pitiful response, Frieda persevered with hopes that a Friends group might save the day. Thanks to her efforts, combined with those of other concerned MCHA members, a small group “Friends of the Bryant House” was formed. MCHA co-chairs, Frieda and Dorothy Shankle supported us in our efforts to keep the houses open and plan for the future. Milton Sills worked right alongside us doing whatever was needed. Creative and always patient, Sue Pockmire created wonderful signage and posters to get the word out about special events.

Since the small but determined Friends group was formed, the houses have undergone repairs and a restoration plan is now underway. The houses are again open for Sunday tours May through October and special events include a two day holiday open house in December and a spring fund raiser, “Clenny Creek Day”, complete with food, crafts, music, and historic re-enactments.

Had it not been for Frieda and others of the MCHA committee getting behind those in the family and community, I honestly don’t think that our group would have been formed or that the houses would be open today. Being involved with the houses and tours and special events takes up a lot of my time and energy but I’d like to thank Frieda from the bottom of my heart for opening my eyes to such an important cause.



The Bookshop



## The Bookshop at the Shaw House

Historic Buildings Inventory, Southern Pines, NC, Ann C. Alexander .....	\$44.95
Miscellaneous Ancient Records of Moore County, Rassic E. Wicker.....	\$19.95
Moore County-Images of America, Richard J. Schloegl .....	16.99
More Moore County, NC History 1784-2004, Larry Koster .....	9.95
My Pee Dee River Hills, Chris Florance .....	14.95
Namesake-Alfred Moore, Soldier-Jurist 1775-1810, Robert Mason .....	9.95
Patterns In Sand, Meade Seawell .....	9.95
Plain-Style, The Work of 18th and 19th Century Craftsmen in Moore County, NC.....	8.95
Sand in My Shoes, Katharine Ball Ripley.....	14.95
Tale of a Tar Heel Town, Meade Seawell .....	5.00
Tales of Pinehurst and More, Reid Page .....	49.95
The County of Moore 1747-1847, Blackwell Robinson .....	14.95
Errata and Addenda (for above), Rassic E. Wicker.....	1.95
The County of Moore 1847-1947, Manly Wade Wellman.....	14.95
The Story of Moore County, Manly Wade Wellman.....	14.95
The Story of Parkwood, A Moore County Community That Disappeared, Larry Koster.....	9.95
Young Southern Pines, Helen Huttenhauer.....	19.95