

Greetings! This being the Moore County Historical Association's 63rd year, Joy and I are very excited to be serving as co-presidents for MCHA. Our Board is working hard on interesting events and creative ways to provide funds to preserve our properties. This in turn helps preserve the history of Moore County. WE NEED YOUR HELP! Check out our upcoming events. Then call Sarah at (910) 692-2051 to volunteer time to make these events successful.

Thank you! *Carolyn Burns & Joy Wise*

p.s. Have you mailed your membership?

## Upcoming Events

### Wood as Canvas: The Paint-decorated Furniture of Piedmont NC

June Lucas, Director of Research, Old Salem Museum and Gardens, Winston-Salem, presents a lecture to friends and members of MCHA Sunday, Sept. 27 at 2 p.m. First Baptist Church, 200 E. New York Avenue, Southern Pines. Visitors are welcome.

Her lecture, "Wood as Canvas: The Paint-decorated Furniture of Piedmont NC," elaborates on books and articles published by furniture historians in the last 50 years on late 18th and 19th century furniture produced in the Piedmont region. Most of the research centers on the hardwood case pieces created by well-known cabinetmakers Thomas Day, Peter Eddleman, James Gheen, William Little, Jesse Needham and John Swisegood.

Gaining comparatively little attention in publications are the paint-decorated examples brightening many Piedmont interiors. Furniture makers in this area frequently used pine and poplar as canvas on which to paint everything from traditional fylfot and compass roses to abstract designs almost impossible to interpret. The lecture presents an overview of known groups of paint-decorated furniture from the region as well as discusses the evolution of style changes. From the earliest Pennsylvania-inspired dower chests made in Alamance County to Catawba River cupboard with polychrome religious motifs, the paint-decorated furniture appeals to collectors today as it did to the original owners.

Native of Lenoir, Lucas received her BA, English from Meredith College and MA, English from Appalachian State U. She oversees the OSMG Library and the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts Research Center.

### Shaw House Fair

With over 40 venders, free admission, refreshments and a silent auction, MCHA announces our Vintage Collectibles and Antiques Fair, Saturday, October 10, 9 am – 3 pm. See [www.moorehistory.com](http://www.moorehistory.com) or call 692-2051 for more info.



## Antiques Sale and Show, November 6-8, 2009, Fair Barn, Pinehurst

Our Antiques Sale and Show has something for everyone. No matter your budget or tastes in decor, you'll find that special "something" on Friday, November 6 through Sunday, November 8 at the Fair Barn in Pinehurst. Antique dealers from New York to Florida will sell thousands of items in the climate-controlled Fair Barn. Included are sports memorabilia, furniture, porcelain, linens, pottery, oriental silks, art, cut and elegant glass, clocks, fine china, jewelry, dolls, and other collectibles ranging from \$3 to \$10,000.

In addition to the Sale and Show, doll and crystal repair will be available, and the Moore County Historical Association will be showcasing and selling photographs from their archives as well as offering gift items and books of local interest. We hope to see you Friday, November 6 and 7 from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm, and/or Sunday, November 8 from 11 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is \$5, a portion of the ticket proceeds benefitting MCHA. For more information, call (910) 692-2051. A \$1 off admission coupon is available at [www.moorehistory.com](http://www.moorehistory.com)

## Members Holiday Party

December 10, 5-7pm. 'Tis the season for yule tide greetings and to say to our members, "thank you for your support." So step back in time and join us in olde holiday cheer.

## Holiday Open Houses Set

With the Bryant House celebration leading the way Dec. 5 and 6, 1-4 pm, MCHA has scheduled its 2009 Christmas Open House. The annual members' party at The Shaw House is set for Thursday, Dec. 10, 5-7 pm, Open House to follow December 11, 12, 13, 1-4 pm. This year's Shaw House Open honors Barbara Blake, our hostess for many years. Barbara was a devoted volunteer now sorely missed by fellow volunteers and guests alike.

## Updates



### Shaw House Tours by Beverly Offutt

Since January, MCHA docents and our Sarah Mathews have shown The Shaw house properties to approximately 650 visitors. Another 153 saw the Garner House come alive in May for the play, *Oldest Living Confederate Widow: Her Confession*, with Kelly Hinson adding to the event in her reenactment attire. The Shaw House is blessed with dedicated volunteers consistently giving their time, one such being Nathalie Scott, recently 'retired' after many years of service to MCHA. Her warmth, knowledge and love of history served us well for many years. Accolades also to Marilyn Hartsell for devoting many hours this summer to MCHA's efforts.

The Shaw House is open for tours Tuesday – Friday, 1 – 4 pm and at other times by special arrangement. Bring your out-of-town guests and see how southern Moore County began. You are greeted with a friendly, enthusiastic volunteer, and you'll see us having so much fun that you'll want to join us! Call Beverly or Sarah, 692-2051 for training to be a docent for MCHA.

## Moore County Historic Photo Collection Project

Has your family lived in Moore County for many years? Do you have old photos



## Sincere Gratitude To The Following For Their Generous Contributions To Sustaining MCHA Historical Properties

Barbara O'Rand, Barbara Young, Beth Carpenter, Betty Hamblin, Beverly Cooper Hall, Beverly Offutt, Carolyn & Johnny Burns, Clement Capital Group, Col. E. J. Vaughn, Col. James Bradin, Cos Barnes, Danila Devins, David Wall, Dorothy Shankle, Elizabeth Hodgkins, Ellene Shannon, Ernest Hanford, Ester Krebs, Fowler Electric Contractors, Gary Goss, Grace Damon, Howard Schubert, Iron Horse Auction Company, Jay Spohn, Jean Burbage, Joe Ragone, John Dowd, Joseph Johnson, Joy Wise, Jugtown Pottery, Ken Creech, Kirk Travel, Larry Koster, Laverne Davis, Leland Little Auction and Estate Sales, Ltd., Linda Wargin, M. Louise Thomas Endowed Trust, Mae Boyer-Cooper, Marilyn Hartsell, Marshall Donathan, Maureen Sutton, Meredith Silhol, Milton Sills, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Cray, Mr. & Mrs. Gary Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gideon, Mrs. Donald Cutler, Mrs. Mac Baker, Nancy G. Blount, Nature's Own, PineStraw Magazine, Ray Owen, Reid & Mary Ann Page, Robert & Elaine Ballie, Robert Steward, Ruth Tyson, Sandhills Accounting, Sandhills Feed & Supply Company, Sarah Ross, Sue Pockmire, Sweet Basil, The Country Bookshop, Tom Worth, Tricia Hill, Virginia Taylor, W. C. Kerchof, William Clement, Wise Associates Estate Sales, Anonymous

## Memorials

Judy Danneberg by Gene Danneberg  
Mr. & Mrs. Wanna May Kareta by Mr. and Mrs. Donald Newberry  
Carlton Kennedy by Marie Robbins  
Virginia Walthour Moss by Veronese B. Atkins  
Roy R. Newton by Dorothy Shankle  
Richard J. Schloegl by Leslie J. Burlingame  
Veron Wicker by Keith Phillips

**RIGHT:** Annual Meeting May 17, 2008 at the Old Bethesda Church. Beverly Love with guest speaker, Bernie Harberts and his mule.



**LEFT:** Twenty-two members and friends traveled to the Hudson River Valley area for a week long tour this past spring.



**ABOVE:** Clenny Creek Day: Musicians on the porch of Bryant House and period reenactments on the grounds provided a day loaded with fun for all attending.

**BELOW:** Twenty members and friends traveled to the Mill Pong House in March for an afternoon tour.



**BELOW LEFT:** Oldest Living Confederate Widow: Her Confession - Nancy Blount, Joy Wise, Stuart Fulghum.

**RIGHT:** Nancy Blount, Allan Gurganus (author), Kelly Hinson, Jane Holding (actress), David Wall, friends, and, Ray Owen in front.



showing your street, church, old houses and buildings, schools, or public events? If yes, consider sharing these precious materials with the Historical Association. No donation is required. With your permission, we can borrow your photographs, scan them and add the images to our photo archives, then return your originals to you. Please contact the MCHA office 692-2051 to make arrangements.

### **Oldest Living Confederate Widow: Her Confession**

Many thanks to those who helped with and attended the Oldest Living Confederate Widow: Her Confession, by Allan Gurganus and Jane Holding. The fund campaign for the Britt Sanders Cabin Roof ended with \$7,000.00!

### **Landscaping Update**

Plants, fence repair, pruning, and ground maintenance are ongoing with a plan to identify original trees and plants. The plan includes a list of appropriate plant materials to facilitate budgeting and donations and may include a sustainable heritage kitchen garden.

### **MCHA Textiles and Furniture**

Our curator, Marilyn Hartsell, has recently begun efforts to protect MCHA's textiles and furniture from sun damage by tinting various windows in The Shaw House. Thank you, Marilyn!

### **Funding Updates**

MCHA was notified by the Foundation for the Carolinas that it has been named a recipient of the M. Louise Thomas Endowed Charitable Trust in honor of her sister, Marilyn Hartsell. Ms. Thomas, a NC native with an appreciation of history and preservation, is a pioneer in international marketing, being the first woman Sr. Vice-President of marketing for Thalhimers.

The Bryant House Restoration Fund received \$2652.90 from the Clenny Creek event. Thanks to all who assisted with the festivities!

To help restore the Garner House roof, MCHA recently received a \$1,000 grant from the Community Foundation. The roof's back portion was re-shingled two years ago, with estimates on the front portion expected soon. Given the economic situation, MCHA appreciates such assistance! Other fund-raising ideas are underway for additional monies. MCHA's commitment to preserving these structures for future generations is paramount, so donations toward the Garner House roof are encouraged and much appreciated!

## WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

Judy C. Casey  
Aldena Frye  
Rod & Robbie Harter  
Charles & Katherine Lillie  
Ray Linville  
J. Michelle Liveris  
Ellen Marcus  
Sue B. Morgan  
Daniel & Sara Jane Pate  
M. Ellene Shannon  
Gene Schoenfelder  
Robert & Ruth Stolting  
Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Thomasson  
Barbara A. Velat



The 2008 Antiques Show and Sale at the Fair Barn.



## 2009 EVENTS

September 27  
"Wood as Canvas"  
Lecture

October 10  
Shaw House Fair

November 6-8  
Antique Sale and Show

December 5-6  
Bryant House  
Holiday Open House

December 10  
Members Party

December 11-13  
Shaw House  
Holiday Open House

## 2009 – 2010

**Executive Officers**  
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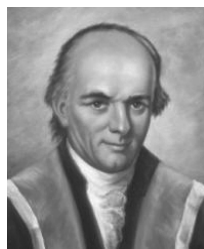
Moore County



# A Slice of History

## The Man Moore County Was Named For

By William D. Brewer, MCHA Trustee



When you look at a picture of Alfred Moore (1755-1810), the most striking features are the dark eyes and broad forehead. A slight man, he distinguished himself as a soldier, lawyer, and jurist. Born in Brunswick County (think Wilmington, beaches, and Calabash seafood), he had such a distinguished early career that he was only 29 years old when the state decided to name Moore County in his honor.

Moore County was formed in 1784 by taking the western part of Cumberland County; then in 1907 gave up the northeastern corner for the formation of Lee County. As far as we know, Alfred never set foot in Moore County – but he did make his mark on the eastern part of the state during the Revolutionary War.

At twenty, he was a captain in the Continental Army, and fought in the Battle of Moore's Creek Bridge, about 15 miles northwest of Wilmington (a goodly contingent of men from our area, mostly Scots, took part in the battle, fighting on the British side). By the end of the war he was a colonel in the local militia, and regarded as a hero in the Wilmington area for his actions against Major Craig, and later Cornwallis. Also at age 20, he was licensed to practice law. After the war, he was considered one of the two best lawyers in the state, and at age 28 became the Attorney General of North Carolina, serving in that position for nine years. It was in his second year as Attorney General that his name was given to Moore County.

Alfred had extensive plantations, with a number of crops, but he also found time to serve in the state assembly; to serve as a state judge for one year; and at age 44, was appointed by President John Adams to the United States Supreme Court – one of only two North Carolinians so honored. Arguably his most important contribution to our state, though, was his part in the founding of the University of North Carolina. He was one of two men (the second was the other of the two best lawyers in the state, William Davie, who also has a county named after him) who worked from 1784 to 1789 to get legislative approval of a charter for the school.

The town of Brunswick, on the lower Cape Fear River about halfway between Southport and Wilmington, is now a state historic site with a few ruins and some tombs. It was founded by Alfred's grandfather, Colonel Maurice Moore, and before the advent of Wilmington was a major port on the Cape Fear for the planters in the area; this is where Alfred was born. His father, also named Maurice, was the judge who presided at both trials of the Regulators at Hillsborough in 1768 and 1771. The Regulators were the "have-nots" of central (western at the time) North Carolina who were rebelling against "the greed and

high-handedness” of the “haves” of eastern North Carolina.

Alfred was buried in 1810 at Belfont plantation, the home of his daughter Anne. In 1905 the North Carolina Society of Colonial Dames saw fit to dig him up and re-bury him at the ruins of St. Philip’s Church at the historic site of Brunswick, the place of his birth.

The source for the above information is NAMESAKE, a book about Alfred Moore by Southern Pines resident Robert Mason. Copies are available at the Shaw House.

One final note: the next time you are in Wilmington, stop by the Pilot House restaurant for a very good meal and a view of the battleship North Carolina, moored across the river (that was intentional) at Eagles Island. Alfred Moore had a rice plantation on that island at an earlier time.



# The Book & Gift Shop

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Postcard .....	.50

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