



# Shaw House Sketches

## PRESIDENTS' LETTER

The foundation of our organization is the wonderful spirit of volunteerism, hardworking people who strive to preserve the historic past for future generations. We aim toward this goal through membership dues, charitable donations, grants and fundraisers—and plain old hard work and time generously spent by you—devoted volunteers.

We have been able to maintain our five historic house museums, preserve our photo archives and offer educational speakers and programs to the public. We will continue that. We're working to protect the Kenneth Black cemetery linked to the historic House in the Horseshoe battle in 1781 during the American Revolution.

Our board of trustees is a group of dedicated individuals who give their time, skills, and energy. Listed below are a few of the things accomplished in the past year.

- Planted shrub border along the west property line of the Shaw House.
- Revived a herb garden at the 18th century Sanders cabin.
- Made repairs to the Shaw House, Bryant House and Garner cabin. (The Bryant House's new storage shed is expected to be in use this summer.)
- Established a local history research library at the Shaw House.
- Installed a new water line to increase pressure at the Shaw House.
- Toured the Biltmore Estate exhibit of costumes from the PBS television series, "Downton Abbey."

As you can see we are busy making MCHA the best it can be. We invite you to browse our website and Facebook page. We encourage you to attend our special programs and tours. Volunteers are welcome. We are a 501c(3) tax exempt organization. We encourage you to consider MCHA an important part of your charitable giving...and planning.

*Co-President Judy Snider, Co-President Greg Zywocinski*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### 7th Annual Shaw House Fair

The next Shaw House Fair of vintage collectibles and antiques is Saturday, Oct. 10, 9-4 p.m. Donated items for the Moore Treasures sale are now being accepted. Drop them off at the Shaw House between 1 and 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays.

All the family can enjoy demonstrations and tours, live music, vendors wares and the delicious food so you can eat lunch and stay all day.

The Fair is a fundraiser for the Historical Association. It's these people, our volunteers, and you the members and public, who have made it successful all along. We are charging a small \$2 donation for admission this year which includes one raffle ticket. Additional raffle



tickets may be purchased for \$2. Children 12 and under are admitted free.

## Holiday Open Houses

The traditional yuletide Open Houses are set for December and admission is free.

Volunteers decorate the five house museums for Christmas using old fashioned materials, conduct tours with demonstrations, live music, refreshments. Docents will answer questions about the homes and the people who lived in them in the old days. Served up is the fellowship and good cheer you expect.

The Friends of the Bryant House volunteer group play host first on Sunday, Dec. 6 from 1-4 at the (1820s) Bryant House and the (1760s) McLendon Cabin.

The next weekend is Shaw Homestead's Open House. The annual membership Christmas Party is Thursday night, Dec. 10, 5-7 at the Shaw House. The next three days, Friday, Dec. 11 through Sunday, Dec. 13 will be open houses 1-4 p.m.

## UPCOMING TOURS

### Wilmington Trip Planned

Marva Kirk of Kirk Tours and MCHA volunteer Beverly Offutt are working together to create a mid-October trip to beautiful and historic Wilmington. Watch the mail for firm details and mark your calendars for Oct. 13-16.

They expect to include: Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson; Poplar Grove Plantation; the Bellamy Mansion; the Burgwin-Wright House, the Latimer House, and Thalian Hall. They also hope to receive permission to visit Orton Plantation on this trip. Orton is normally closed to the public.

### Canadian Tour Oct. 2-11

This fall tour is reported full. You can add your name on a waiting list should an unexpected opening develop. Reservations/waiting list are open until Aug. 1; necessary refunds can be made. The final date to commit/ pay for the trip in full is Aug. 3.

Your price includes round trip air transportation from Raleigh/Durham International Airport, including air taxes and fees or surcharges, and hotel transfers. This tour is handled by Collette Company on behalf of the MCHA.

If interested, contact Liz Whitmore at (910) 639-3823 or the Shaw House at (910) 692-2051. Or e-mail [Liz.whitmore@sanfordnc.net](mailto:Liz.whitmore@sanfordnc.net) or [info@moorehistory.com](mailto:info@moorehistory.com).

## NEWS

The annual membership meeting was held Sunday, June 14 at Rubicon Farm near Carthage. Russell Sugg and his wife Elizabeth Norfleet Sugg own the property. The home is also known as the Black-Cole House, built in the early 1820s, and on the National Register of Historic Places. It was at one time a 1,000 acre farm. Now it's a private getaway. Sugg gave MCHA members a talk and tour of the sturdy house built of heart pine. It's resistant to termites and has never needed—nor received a coat of paint.

Officers for the 2015-2016 year were introduced: They are Co-Presidents Judy Snider and Greg Zywockinski; Vice President, Jim Jones, Secretary, Paula Caddell,

## A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU

### MEMBERSHIP

#### Welcome New Members!

Mrs. Carol Angle, Beefeater's Restaurant, Boles Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. John Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Darst, Mrs. Joan Fish, George Little & Associates, Ms. Barbara Goodwin, Harris Printing Company, Inc., Mr. Ken Holder, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Jones, Kees Appliance Center, Kirk Tours & Transportation, Ms. Kimberly Mozingo, Pinehurst Area Realty, Powell Funeral Home, Robbins, May and Rich, LLC, Sandhills Accounting Service LLC, Ms. Diane Small, Southmoore Heating & Cooling, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Russell Sugg, Suzy Morgan Residential Design, Ms. Mary Taylor, The Country Bookshop, The Insurance Center, US 1 Realty

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First Bank, Ms. Marilyn Hartsell, Mr. & Mrs. John Hunter, Mr. John Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sills

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Mr. Howard Schubert

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Ms. Julia Bambauer, Mrs. Barbara Baum, Ms. Bebe Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Burns, Mrs. Edna Earle and Lucinda Cole, Mr. Gene Danneberg, Ms. Laverne Davis, Mr. Norris Hodgkins, Jr., Mrs. Susan Huberth, Ms. Alison Ives, Mr. and Mrs. John Johnston, Dr. and Mrs. Kirby Kilpatrick, Kirk Tours & Transportation, Mr. Charles Mason, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Frank McNeill, Dr. and Mrs. Larry McNeill, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. James Offutt, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pate, US 1 Realty, Col. and Mrs. Ed Vaughn, Mr. Bud Wallen

#### CONTRIBUTIONS

Ms. Barbara Kennedy, Kirk Tours & Transportation, Ms. Konni McMurray, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perrotta, Ms. Susan Pockmire, Mr. Gene Schoenfelder, Ms. Ruth Whitaker

#### Bryant House Restoration Fund

Mr. Joseph Cassidy, Meadow Creek Tile, Inc., Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sills

#### Kenneth Black Cemetery Preservation Fund

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abernathy,  
Ms. Gaye Frady,  
Mr. and Mrs. John Brown,  
Mr. Nolan Moran

#### DONATIONS

Mr. Ed Bauer, Gulley's Garden Center, Ms. Marie Hardister, Ms. Tricia Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Tom MacCallum, Mr. Don McKenzie, Mrs. Ellie Mischinski, Mr. William Moran, Ms. Gladys Nines, Mrs. Dorothy Pockmire, Mrs. Dorothy Shankle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stolting



Greg Zywocinski, Judy Snider, and Marilyn Hartsell plant a redbud tree at the Shaw House in honor of Bill Snelgrove. Bill was a docent and greeted guests as "Squire Shaw."



A special thank you to Jim and Grace Jones for planting and reviving the Sanders Cabin herb garden.

Treasurer, Johnny Burns. Outgoing Co-President Dorothy Shankle, was presented with a photograph of her father, Roy Newton, taken in the 1950s reconstructing the Sanders Cabin located on the Shaw House property. Her father is a descendant of the Shaw family.

Grace Snelgrove, a former trustee, expressed appreciation for a redbud tree planted next to the Shaw House memorializing her late husband and volunteer Bill Snelgrove.

New Trustees of the MCHA board were accepted: Paula Caddell, Katie McCrimmon Chisolm, and Eileen Malan. A fourth trustee will be appointed later, since Barbara Harris-Para, who was to fill that position, died unexpectedly.



Left, Brian Avery "boxing" a tree at the Shaw House in demonstration of traditional tar and turpentine production. "Boxing" is being cut to be a reservoir for the resin.



Our 2015-2015 Executive Board was introduced at the historical association's annual meeting at Rubicon Farm.. L/R Greg Zywocinski and Judy Snider, co-presidents, Jim Jones, vice-president, Johnny Burns, treasurer, and Paula Caddell, secretary.

### HVAC Grant

An energy audit of the Shaw House, funded with a \$1,000 grant from the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation, paves the way for \$4,500 award to replace the 26-year-old heating and cooling equipment at the Shaw House.

### Hearth Cooking Tools Donated

Longtime member and supporter of MCHA Marie Hardister has donated 32 pieces of 18th century wrought-iron tools and equipment used in hearth cooking.

Various items were made by her son Frank Hardister, who was blacksmith at Tryon Palace and the Jamestown Settlement in Virginia. Jerry Darnell, master blacksmith, helped acquire a crane for the McLendon Cabin. Mike Brown installed the crane.

The Hardister gift will be used by volunteer Debbie Williams to demonstrate hearth cooking at the McLendon Cabin. The tools will come in useful also at the Sanders cabin.



The Shaw family checking out the display of old Southern Pines photos at the Shaw House at Springfest. Over 100 people came to see the photos and tour the houses.



Marie Hardister with one of her 32 donations of 18th century tools and equipment used in hearth cooking.

### Donation

Cav Peterson accepted a donation to the Sandhills Women's Exchange, a non-profit organization in Pinehurst. MCHA Co-President Greg Zywocinski presented the check. Peterson is the new president of the Exchange. MCHA also presented Peterson with vintage clothing and other items for the Exchange to use.

### Docents Needed

Many of our members would make excellent docents at the Shaw Homestead. Please call Sarah at 692-2051 or Beverly at 692-6142 to set up a training session.

### In Memory and Honor

In Memory of Catherine Burns by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fulghum, Mrs. Dorothy Shankle.

In Memory of Angus Edward Mason Mr. Charles Mason, Jr..



Becky Keith, a volunteer archivist, is working on the new research library. She just finished cataloging the genealogy files which are available online.



Greg Zywocinski presents a check to Cav Peterson in support of the Sandhills Women's Exchange. Cav is the new President.

In Memory of Judy Danneberg by Mr. Gene Danneberg.  
In Memory of Peg Thompson by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fulghum.  
In Memory of Richard Page, Jr. by Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fulghum.  
In Memory of Clemm Shankle by Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Burns, Mr. and Mrs. James Offutt.  
In Memory of Bill Snelgrove by Ms. Donna Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Burns, Ms. Tamara Coffey, Ms. Jeanne Crowell, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Fulghum, Ms. Jane Gehl, Mr. and Mrs. William Mamel, Mr. Jim Menges, Mr. and Mrs. James Offutt, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Pate, Ms. Susan Pockmire, Mrs. Dorothy Shankle, Ms. Judy Snider, Mr. Greg Zywocinski. Plus, in Honor of Bud Wallen by Ms. Anne Crabbe. In Honor of Susan Pockmire by Mrs. Dorothy Shankle. In Honor of Marilyn Hartsell by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sills. In Honor of David and Frieda Bruton by Mr. and Mrs. Milton Sills.

## EVENTS RECAP

### Clenny Creek Day

The 10th annual Clenny Creek Day was Saturday, April 18. About 400 people had fun on site of the 1820s Bryant House and the 1760s McLendon Cabin.

### Springfest

We held a special historic photo exhibit of old Southern Pines at the Shaw House for Springfest, Saturday, April 25. The open house drew hundreds of visitors in town for the annual Southern Pines event.

### Naval Stores

Brian Avery gave a live demonstration Sunday, May 24 of traditional tar and turpentine making, a big industry here in the old days. They started at the Shaw House and concluded at the Malcolm Blue Farm in Aberdeen.

## 2015 – 2016

### Officers & Trustees

Greg Zywocinski – Co-President

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## NEW HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION PROJECT Kenneth Black Cemetery



# More Sketches

The Moore County Historical Association has a new preservation project and this one is as old as the American Revolution here in Moore County.

It is the site where murdered Scotsman Kenneth Black was buried 234 years ago which needs mapping and marking to preserve it intact.

The burial site is surrounded by wasteland and more than 45 acres of other privately owned property off U.S. 15-501 in Southern Pines, on what was formerly a golf driving range behind Chick-fil-A restaurant. About one-third of an acre likely includes additional graves of people related to the Kenneth Black family and others. Black's home was just north of this burial site and cemetery. His home was where the Residence Inn is now located across from Kohl's Shopping Plaza.

To fully protect the historic cemetery, would entail about \$2,800 to hire a ground penetrating radar service that specializes in finding unmarked graves. The Pinehurst Outlook and other early histories of Moore County give strong evidence that previously visible structures, such as a rock wall encompassing the cemetery but subsequently scattered and dismantled, must be analyzed to locate less visible bits of history being covered over and forgotten.

Kenneth Black was killed July 20, 1781 in a swampy area near the Ray's Mill Pond near intersection of Fort Bragg Road and Saunders Boulevard on property that today was part of the Southern Pines Country Club. Within living memory a memorial to the site was marked by a small fence and marker, but that too has disappeared as new homes were built and covered over the marker.

Loyalist Black was killed by henchmen sent by Philip Alston, a "Patriot." The Pinehurst Outlook described Kenneth Black as a "Highland Chief" although he'd been in America since 1740.

Black provided shelter to Scottish heroine Flora Macdonald who had unsuccessfully backed a Stuart Pretender to the English throne in the 1740s, fled with other Highlanders to America, then returned to the British Isles when the revolution came.

More fatefully, Black hosted David Fanning, another Loyalist which led to Kenneth Black's death 234 years ago.

Fanning was on his way back to Wilmington when his horse had become lame. After visiting Black, they switched horses. Kenneth Black was killed because of mistaken identity historians say, when Fanning would be the intended victim. This theory is strengthened that an apparently enraged Fanning attacked the Alston House in the Horseshoe a few days after Black's murder as revenge. Every year the skirmish at the House in the Horseshoe is reenacted at the state site. The original skirmish lasted three hours.

Today remains one-third of an acre of ground that ought to be examined for more covered gravesites. Only one-third of an acre is cleared, the bulk of it over the last few months by volunteers hacking and clearing vegetation and weeds on the site, to reveal the grave site and a few standing monument stones note Black and his tragic "contribution" to the Revolution. As the late historian Tony Parker once wrote, "The murder of Kenneth Black, whose chief crime was only that of harboring Loyalists and Flora MacDonald, aroused both Patriots and Loyalists alike."

The Moore County Historical Association has agreed to serve as representative agent of Bill

and Nolan Moran, family descendants who have periodically sought help from local media to protect the historic site.

Several different developers over the years have proposed projects that would affect the undeveloped land surrounding the tiny cemetery site. A new potential developer has been identified and made aware that MCHA and the Morans hope to completely map all graves there, to fix a definite boundary to preserve from bulldozers.

North Carolina archaeologist John Mintz cautions that finding all existing graves is critical. 'I've seen too many graves lost because they were not marked.' For more information call (910) 692-2051 weekdays or e-mail info@moorehistory.com. Tax-free donations to assist in locating all the graves and preserving the cemetery can be made on the website at www.moorehistory.com, or mailed to the MCHA, PO Box 324, Southern Pines, NC 28388, or by phone by calling (910) 692-2051.

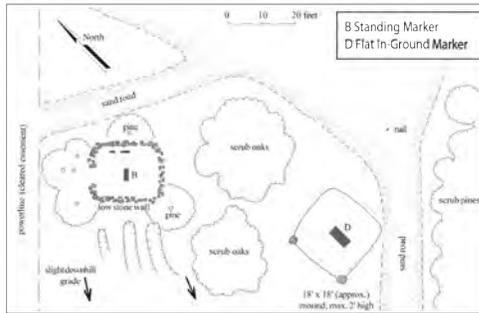
## ABOUT THE KENNETH BLACK CEMETERY

The Kenneth Black Cemetery contains the graves of possibly 50 or more family members and others, dating from 1781 to the 1820s. The precise boundaries are uncertain but it is believed that most of the site is contained within a 0.21 acre area. It originally included a walled grave area of the immediate family as well as additional graves outside the wall.

In the 1960s Tony Parker visited the cemetery during his research on Moore County cemeteries. According to Tony, at that time all of the inscribed stones had been removed, and the wall was tumbled down. Then in 1992, modifications were made due to the property's acquisition by Sandhills Golf. Since the remnant stone wall was located within an area to be used as a driving range, the fallen wall was reconstructed about 40 feet away and a memorial site was built. First Security Bank erected a large granite memorial to Kenneth Black at the new location, and a flat granite marker was placed flush with the ground at the former grave site.



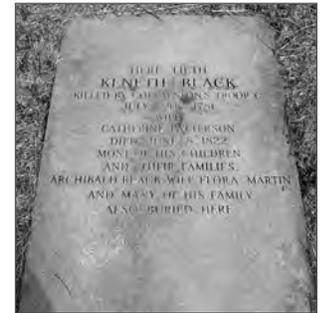
The walled grave area in 1916.



The memorial site has a large granite memorial (B) and the original walled grave area has a flat marker (D).



The large granite memorial (B).



The flat grave marker (D).



Dorothy Shankle, Steady Meares, and Jim Jones measuring the memorial site.



Steady Meares getting ready to do some brush clearing.



What was tackled. There is a memorial and grave site in there.



Special thanks to Ed Bauer who found our property marker... and sadly some poison ivy.



Guess what was located next door to the cemetery?



The memorial site today.



The grave site today. A new wall will be built with original paint rock stones.



Steady makes it official.