



# Shaw House Sketches

Thanks to the late Dr. Robert Gale Martin, one of the founders of Carolina Eye Associates, the Moore County Historical Association obtained and has awarded salvage rights to the grandson of the builder of an historic old cottage or clubhouse built in the 1920s, long abandoned and located behind Carolina Eye.

The building is the only remaining structure from an unusual custom bow and arrow manufacturing business on Midland Road, called Archers Company. Mike Thompson of Southern Pines submitted the high bid in March, 2010, allowing him to salvage parts worth saving of the former Archers Cottage. The small stucco cottage served as a clubhouse for the elite customers from nearby Pinehurst who took instruction, tried out, and ordered the archery products made by skilled craftsmen from the Archers Company that occupied a separate building on an adjoining lot. The company was established in 1926 on Midland Road by a New Orleans businessman to serve as an amenity for The Carolina Hotel guests, by permission of Richard Tufts whose family established and owned the resort at the time. Archery was popular as a sport all over the United States, and Moore County was no exception with the help of Archers Company, which sponsored instruction and competitions.

Mike Thompson's grandfather Carl Thompson Sr. was the President of Archers Company, taking over in 1931, and he was the last, as the Depression overtook the business as it did many others. Thompson Sr., a craftsman and archery champion in his own right, built parts of the clubhouse, which Mike has discovered has teak flooring and stamped wood with the name of the company on it.

A couple of years ago, then-Carolina Eye employee Sue Pockmire, a volunteer with MCHA, had mentioned the successful completion of another architectural salvage project where the association had been given salvage rights, then allowed people to buy key elements of soon-to-be removed historic old cottages that a church wanted to tear down. Dr. Martin readily agreed on the spot to donate salvage rights to the Archers Cottage to MCHA when the time came that Carolina Eye would need to remove the building for expansion. That time has come and it will be removed after the Thompson descendants finish taking out what's worth saving, including a rock chimney made of soft stone and the exotic teak parts.

Luckily Mike Thompson learned of the bidding this spring for rights to salvage his grandfather's cottage, and he scraped together the money to obtain what's left of Archery Company for the family history. Both the Thompsons and MCHA came out winners!

## Upcoming Events

### **Grand Opening of the Kitchen Garden at Britt Sanders Cabin**

*June 5, 2010, 4:00 pm, Sanders Cabin at the Shaw House*

Along with enthusiastic support from his parents, Gail and Gary, Micheal Frazer invites us to attend the unveiling of his Eagle Scout Project, the Revamping of the Traditional Kitchen Garden beside the Britt Sanders Cabin on the Shaw House Grounds. Thank you so



much, Micheal and Family, for your dedication to this project, which helps illustrate some of the ways our ancestors managed and utilized the land for sustainable food production.

### **MCHA Annual Meeting**

*June 6, 2010, Pumpelly House of "Sand in My Shoes"*

*Eagle Springs, NC • 3:00 pm • Members and Guests of Members*

Bring your own lawn chair on Sunday, June 6, for MCHA's Annual Meeting and a special treat: An outdoor get-together starting at 3 p.m. at the famous old house owned by the author of "Sand in My Shoes." Historian Ray Owen will give the program, Peach Farming & Pumpelly Family, highlighting details from the 1920s when peach orchards were the thing in the Sandhills and the Raphael Pumpelly orchards (and those of others) covered the land where Samarkand Youth Development Center now stands off N.C. 211 at Eagle Springs.

The meeting will be at the historic home of Mr. and Mrs. Clement Williams, who live in the house that Katharine Ball Ripley wrote about in "Sand in My Shoes," a book about living on a peach farm for seven years, trying to make a go of it back in the 1920s. Ripley's book is still in print thanks to the Down Home Press and the Moore County Historical Association. It may be purchased at the Shaw House and at the meeting. Annual reports and the introduction of new trustees will be followed by refreshments including ice cream. The Williamses will allow us to tour the lower floor of their historic home.

The Williams' home is six miles from the stoplight at Seven Lakes on N.C. 211. Take a left off Highway 211 onto Clement Road, go a quarter mile and the house is on the left.

Please RVSP to Sarah at the Shaw House at (910) 692-2051 if you plan to attend. Don't forget to bring a lawn chair! See you there!

### **A Day Trip to Kenansville**

*Wednesday, September 22, 2010, Leaving from the Shaw House*

*Members and Non-Members Cost to be Announced*

A guided tour of Liberty Hall Plantation, built in the early 19th century by Thomas Kenan II. This two-story homestead is an outstanding example of Greek Revival Architecture, the eleven rooms fully decorated in period style, with its parlor having hosted the wedding of Henry Flagler and Mary Lily Kenan in 1901. On the grounds we will tour the overseer's cottage, carriage house, chicken coop and smokehouse. Next door is the Chowan Museum that is housed in an 1848 house and features several thousand rare and unusual artifacts of early rural America. On the grounds are a log school house, one room log cabin, a country store, a post office, and a log tobacco barn.

We will lunch at the historic Country Squire, winery and gift shop, after which we have the rare opportunity of visiting Buckner Hill Plantation (1762 – current dwelling circa 1855). While touring the house, we will be reminded of the Warner Bros.' "Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood," filmed there. Dr. Hill who built the house was one of the wealthiest men in NC. (John Sprunt Hill was his great nephew.)

Mid-afternoon begins our return to Southern Pines with great memories of our day in Kenansville. Call Sarah (692-2051) or Marilyn (692-2365) to reserve your space, transportation to be by van or car depending upon the number attending.



### **Welcome New Members**

Suzanne Daughtridge  
Douglas & Caroline Kelly  
Bruce Jaufmann & Carol Wadon  
Ofelia Melley  
Helen & Eric Von Salzen  
Shirley Starkey

### **Special Thank You**

#### **Donations to Shaw House**

Polly & Al Dunham  
(Ben Owen Pottery)

Susan & Rick Fumer (Refrigerator)

Marilyn Hartsell  
(Handmade Antique Rope Bed,  
1850 Needle Point Picture)

Betsy & Hal Hyde  
(Pottery & Antique Tools)

Georgia Minges  
(Pitcher From Piney Woods Inn)

Barbara Williams  
(Rare Book Collection From  
The Pumpelly Family)

#### **Donations to Bryant House**

Mac Davis Baker  
(Dough Bowl, Mirror)

Marilyn Hartsell  
(6 gallon Salt Glazed Churn)

#### **Donations/Contributions**

Amy Bresky, Marilyn Hartsell,  
Cleon Hayes, Beverly Offutt,  
Sue Pockmire, Dorothy & Clemm  
Shankle, Grace Snelgrove,  
Southern Pines Civic Club,  
Michael Thompson

#### **Donations to The Palustris Festival MCHA Events**

Anonymous, Cos Barnes,  
Jane Clark, Beth Carpenter,  
Frieda & David Bruton,  
John Burns, Elizabeth Griffin,  
Marie Hardister,  
Marilyn Hartsell, George Hoffman,  
Jane McPhaul, Joyce White,  
Kim Wise/Behavioral Care

#### **Donations/Contributions to Bryant House Restoration Fund**

Marie Hardister,  
Milton & Elaine Sills

**RIGHT:** Palustris Festival, Shaw House Open House, March 26th. Gail Frazer explains to the visitors about clothing worn in the 1700s. During the festival, over 240 guests visited the Shaw House properties.



**LEFT:** Spring Cleanup at the Shaw House, May 1st. Helping with the snippin' and clippin' were L/R Alex Hartsell, Milton Sills, Dunlap West, Larry Koster, Grace Snelgrove, Marilyn Hartsell, Carolyn and

Johnny Burns, Beverly and Jim Offutt, and Greg Zywocinski. Not pictured are Dorothy and Clemm Shankle, Gail and Gary Frazer, Tom Hartsell, Vickie Rounds, Bill Samuels, and Steady Meares.



**ABOVE:** Clenny Creek Day, April 17th. Several hundred visitors came to enjoy the day. Top right, Marie Hardister and Marilyn Hartsell. Bottom right, Lina Brooks showing her wares of the Silver Chest.



**LEFT:** Making scuppernong vine wreaths. L/R, Carolyn Burns, Grace Snelgrove, and Beverly Offutt. Dorothy Shankle was also helping... and took the picture! The wreaths are sold at the Shaw House and at Seagrove Candle in Southern Pines.

**BELOW LEFT:** Confederate Memorial Day, May 15th. L/R, Barbara and her friend David Wall, and Kelly Hinson.



**BELOW RIGHT:** Longstreet Church Tour, February 10th. It was a chilly day, but 26 folks visited the historic church and cemetery at Ft. Bragg.



## Shaw House Vintage Collectible & Antique Fair

October 9, 2010, Shaw House

9:00 am to 3:00 pm • No Admission Charge

Moore County Historical Association is holding the second annual Shaw House Fair, a sale of vintage collectibles and antiques at the Shaw House grounds. The event will be held rain or shine. Free admission, food, live traditional music, guided tours of the three historic dwellings on the property, gifts and books about local and regional history, and a silent auction promise to make it a fun day for all the family.



## Updates

**McLendon Cabin Roof.** The MCHA must soon replace the McLendon Cabin's roof. The estimate is \$4,000.00. Contributions will be greatly appreciated! Please note 'McLendon Cabin Roof' on your check. Thanks so much!

**Confederate Memorial Day Program.** The historic Bethesda Presbyterian Church in Aberdeen was the perfect setting for the program and covered dish lunch held Saturday, May 15th. The program started with the raising of the flag by the Sons of the Confederate Veterans Color Guard followed by music provided by Paula Cadell, opening remarks by Dorothy Thomas, and a special program by Milton Sills, "Confederacy in the Sandhills: Fact, Fantasy, & Fiction." The name of each veteran, 31 Confederate and 3 Union, was read and a representative came forward to accept a flag and a wreath to be taken into the old cemetery and placed on the gravesite of the veteran. Afterwards the attendees enjoyed an old-time feast. Numerous ladies dressed in Civil War era attire and the uniformed SCV members leant a feeling of realism to the event. This program is held annually and everyone is invited to attend. Mark your calendar for May 21, 2011 and plan to be there.

**Shaw House Property Visitors.** Since June 2009 the Shaw House Property has received more than 1,925 visitors. Both the Shaw House Fair and the Palustris Festival have boosted our numbers higher than in previous years. We have definitely learned that people want to visit our house museums. We are especially grateful to the docents working to make these visits enjoyable, each one adding his or her personal touch. New docents are always needed. We welcome Bill Snelgrove and Peggy Thompson. Bill helped out in the Garner House during the Palustris Festival and Peggy begins soon. They're joining a group who enjoys meeting people and sharing

our wonderful museum site.

A special thanks to Nancy Coburn for her years as a docent. She has recently curtailed these activities because of health concerns. We will also miss Yvonne Johnston while she and Jack are in Canada until the fall. We look forward to greeting our visitors throughout the summer and to watching the new herbs garden grow beside the Sanders Cabin. Thank you, Micheal!

**Archives.** The archives now contain over 6,000 images thanks to Jay Spohn who helps us with the scanning. The photos can be viewed at the Shaw House archives computer. Currently Jay is working on the genealogy files which we hope to get on our website some time this year!

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**UPCOMING  
EVENTS**

June 5, 2010  
Sanders Cabin Kitchen  
Garden Dedication

June 6, 2010  
Annual MCHA Meeting

September 22, 2010  
Day Tour to  
Kenansville

September 30, 2010  
Discover Tuscany  
Italy, 10-Day Tour

October 9, 2010  
Shaw House Antiques  
and Collectible Fair

November 5-7, 2010  
Antiques Show and Sale  
at the Fair Barn

December 4 - 5, 2010  
Bryant House Holiday  
Open House

December 9, 2010  
Members Holiday Party

December 10 - 12, 2010  
Shaw House Holiday  
Open House

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The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual **Shaw House Fair** will be held **Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm** on the Shaw House grounds. Last year's Fair was a big success with vendors selling vintage collectibles and antiques, a silent auction, food by the Friends of the Bryant House, and other attractions to entertain the many shoppers and visitors.

This year we are again asking for your help and support to make the event a success.

If you would like to contribute by being a **sponsor**, please complete the slip below and return with your tax-deductible donation of at least \$50.00. A donation receipt will be provided for your tax records.

For the **silent auction** and **Moore Treasures** sales we are asking members, friends, and supporters to donate items. We need items such as pottery, jewelry, silver, art work, vintage collectibles, and other small items of value. Donations can be dropped off at the Shaw House between 1:00 and 4:00 Tuesday through Friday. If pick-up is needed, call Sarah (692-2051) to make arrangements. A donation receipt will be provided for your tax records.

If you know of an antiques **dealer** or **individual** who might be interested in booth space to sell their wares, please call Grace Snelgrove (693-1019) and Grace will take it from there.

Plan to **shop the Fair** and have lunch on the Shaw House grounds on Saturday, October 9<sup>th</sup>. Food and homemade desserts, live music, and tours of the historic houses will all be available.

**Please support the MCHA by participating in this event**  
**Proceeds to benefit the MCHA**  
**SEE YOU AT THE FAIR**

Shaw House Fair Committee

Beverly Offutt, Co-Chair  
Grace Snelgrove, Vendors  
Joy Wise & George Hoffman, Silent Auction  
Frieda Bruton, Volunteers  
Steady Meares & Clemm Shankle, Grounds  
Friends of Bryant House, Food

Dorothy Shankle, Co-Chair  
Sara Lindau, Publicity  
Joyce White, Moore Treasures  
Sue Pockmire, Graphics Design  
Maureen Sutton, Non-profits Table

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**Please indicate how you would like to be listed in the Shaw House Fair program**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Return this form along with your tax-deductible donation of at least \$50.00 to:

**Moore County Historical Association**  
**PO Box 324, Southern Pines, NC 28388**



## LOCAL GUN FACTORY PUT OUT WAR WEAPONS

*(Excerpted from an article published in the Centennial Edition of The Moore County News, February 19, 1975) By Hilda Bukowski*

On the “falls of Bear Creek” at the site where today stands the Robbins Water Plant, there once flourished a plant which was “the largest gun factory in this part of the South” and employed as many as 75 hands. During the early 1800’s the Kennedy gun factory was Moore County’s most important industry according to Blackwell P. Robinson in his book on Moore County history.

History and legends are unclear as to the exact particulars of the factory’s founding. Powell Kennedy recorded that, during the Revolutionary War, Alexander Kennedy of Philadelphia, a gunsmith, fled with tools and equipment as the British threatened that city. He settled in upper Moore County where he soon began again to supply the Continental army with the Kennedy rifles.

Robinson wrote, however, that the gun works were established in 1795 by David Kennedy, son of Alexander Kennedy, who bought part interest in a small gun shop owned by William Williams. Kennedy later bought out Williams’ interest.

Various types of guns and swords were produced at the factory. It became known as Mechanic’s Hill and also included a saw mill. Water-powered grindstones shaped the barrels which were molded around a steel rod and welded from end to end. The more expensive rifles were heavily ornamented with silver obtained by melting down silver dollars.

By 1809 or 1810, Kennedy’s profits were said to have reached \$15,000 a year. The factory produced some 650 rifles a year, each of which sold for \$25 or more.

The rifles were used during the War of 1812, but by the 1830’s business was lagging. After several financial reverses, David Kennedy sold his factory for a pittance and his 300 acres of land for \$4, and he moved to Alabama. Soon after, gold was discovered on the land, bringing its new owners several thousand dollars.

Kennedy’s brother John continued to produce guns in Moore County for several years, but Mechanic’s Hill has seen its prime.

## SAVING OUR HISTORY

The Joel McLendon Cabin on Mount Carmel Road is Moore County’s oldest structure on its original foundation. The McLendons were Scots, and migrated to northeastern North Carolina prior to 1696. Joel was one of several family members who moved westward to Moore County (then part of Cumberland County). He received a grant of two hundred acres on both sides of Buck Creek, later renamed McLendon’s Creek. By 1760 he had built a cabin, a grist mill, and had cleared much of the land.

In 1764, the Cumberland Court ordered a road built joining the road to Cross Creek

(now Fayetteville) around Vass, and running westward into what is now Montgomery County. Joel was one of the overseers appointed to the construction, and the road became known as Joel Road. A portion of today's Mount Carmel Road in front of the Bryant House still follows the path of the original 1764 Joel Road.

In 1787 McLendon sold his land to Robert Graham; Graham's daughter married a Bryant; their son built the Bryant House adjacent to the McLendon Cabin around 1825. According to living family members born in the house, there was never a kitchen in the Bryant House – the McLendon Cabin was always used as their kitchen.

In 1969 the family of Flossie Bryant Davis donated the site to the Moore County Historical Association, and in the years since a number of people – including Rassic Wicker, author of MISCELLANEOUS ANCIENT RECORDS OF MOORE COUNTY, and Harris Blake, now our state Senator – have endeavored to restore and preserve these houses for future generations.

The McLendon Cabin and Bryant House are both open to visitors on the 2nd and 4th Sundays, June through September, from 2 to 4 PM. The address is 3361 Mount Carmel Road, Carthage.



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