

D-OGS Newsletter – March 2017

News & Articles of Interest to Durham-Orange genealogists

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D-OGS MEETING FOR 1 MARCH 2017

The 1 March meeting will be held at 7:00pm at the OWASA Community Meeting Room at 440 Jones Ferry Road, Carrboro NC. Our speaker will be D-OGS member Stewart Dunaway. The title of his talk is ***Claude Joseph Sauthier – His life and activity in NC***

Stewart Dunaway will review Sauthier's life activity from his childhood home of Strasbourg, France to North Carolina, New York, and England. What was his role at Tryon Palace, the War of the Regulation, and the American Revolution? These topics as well as a brief review of his ten-town maps of North Carolina will be presented. In addition, all of his town maps were reproduced in color and will be available to be viewed (24" x 20") after the presentation (as well as one of his famous maps of New York showing his land grant and Gov. Tryon in today's Vermont). This presentation covers a portion of this author's recent book, "***Claude J. Sauthier and his maps of North Carolina – An interpretive Guide***".

Stewart Dunaway, a 5th generation Floridian, moved to North Carolina in 2001. Meeting a genealogist at the Hillsborough public library, he instantly started to research the American Revolution. This research led him to the State Archives, where he began researching road petition documents. Now, more than 10 years later, he has completed every county's road, bridge, mill, ordinary, and ferry records for the entire State. This represents 48,673 pages published in almost 175 volumes. .

MEETING MINUTES FROM THE D-OGS MEETING OF 1 FEBRUARY

The minutes from our February meeting have not been received by publication time.

The speaker at the February meeting was D-OGS member Reece Jones. Reece told us of his experiences working in the local history section of the Chatham Community Library. He helps people who come into the library looking to learn about their family. He told us several interesting stories about how he was able to help someone trace a family and discover their own past.

6 THINGS TO LOOK FOR IN FAMILYSEARCH IN 2017

(From the FamilySearch blog)

Worldwide interest in online genealogy services and activities will continue to grow solidly in 2017. And [FamilySearch](http://www.familysearch.org) plans to play a major role in creating millions of new, fun family discoveries and online connections. Here are 6 exciting developments to look

forward to from FamilySearch in 2017, a global leader in free online family history services.

1. PERSONALIZED DASHBOARD

Now available in 2017, if you log in to your free [FamilySearch](#) account today, you will be greeted with your own, customized home page full of interesting, relevant activity feeds, notifications, and suggestions on your personal dashboard. The more you work on your personal FamilySearch family tree, the more new, applicable content the system will automatically send to you through your dashboard throughout the year. In other words, it continues to work for you even when you're not.

New features include:

Recommended Tasks. "Next-step" suggestions for specific ancestors in FamilySearch Family Tree that can lead to new discoveries.

- **Ancestor Hints.** As millions of new historical records are added to FamilySearch weekly, the savvy search engine maps them against your Family Tree. High probability matches are presented for your consideration as "hints" on your dashboard. Keep checking back to see what new information it has been dug up on your ancestors. Add it to your ancestor's source page.
- **Recent Ancestors.** Forgot what you did the last time you visited your tree? Your new dashboard will automatically keep track of the ancestors you are researching each time and create a list that makes it easy to pick up where you left off a few minutes ago or during a previous visit.
- **To-do Lists.** Make quick notes in this convenient new feature to help you remember what you want to do on your next visit to your Family Tree. Jot short reminder notes about records to search, people to contact, photos or documents to upload and add to an ancestor's profile, or personal and family stories you want to capture for posterity in the Memories feature.
- **To-do Cards.** See fun new photos, stories, and relevant documents about your ancestors that have been recently added by other family members and cousins to your collective family tree. It's a fun way to identify relatives who are currently working on your family lines and make new discoveries or connections with extended family members.
- Learn more about this new [custom logged-in experience](#).

2. NEW AND IMPROVED MOBILE APPS

FamilySearch's two mobile apps—FamilySearch Family Tree and FamilySearch Memories—will see cool new updates. Users will be able to search Ancestry.com from the convenience of the FamilySearch mobile app. Imagine being able to search the two largest online sources of family history records from your mobile device! A new descendency view feature will give users the ability to create notes for specific ancestors, easily see a log of any changes made by others, and download user-contributed memories (Memories app). Multiple windows in the Family Tree app will significantly increase the speed of research from mobile devices.

3. IMPROVED SEARCHING

The FamilySearch.org search engine is already best-in-class, but in 2017, users will notice even faster search results from newly published historic records worldwide, and quicker hints from those new records and user-contributed trees.

4. NEW INDEXING TOOLS

“We are really excited to launch the web-based version of our successful indexing software in 2017,” said Craig Miller, FamilySearch's Senior Vice President of Product Development and Engineering. “It will be easy to use and will work on any digital device with a web browser (excluding cell phones), eliminating the need to download the indexing software. That means more volunteers worldwide will be able to contribute in making more of the world’s historical records searchable by name online, and more quickly.”

[Indexing](#) is the nifty, web-based tool FamilySearch volunteers use to make hundreds of millions of historic records worldwide searchable by name for free online each year. These indexes are the secret ingredient to your ability to discover ancestral connections online quickly and easily. Additional innovations to the tool in 2017 will include more rapid completion of tasks, improved help, and even automated indexing for some record sets (obituaries) which means more records searchable at your fingertips, faster.

5. NEW DISCOVERY EXPERIENCES

The Family History Library in Salt Lake City is a top tourist attraction for the state of Utah. In February, 2017, FamilySearch will open a wonderful, state-of-the-art Discovery Experience attraction on the Library's main floor. The new feature will enable guests to have fun, large-as-life personal discovery experiences with their family history using the latest technologies. Similar discovery experiences will be implemented in select locations worldwide in 2017.

6. MORE FREE HISTORIC RECORDS

Over 330 FamilySearch digital camera teams worldwide will digitally preserve 125–150 million historical records in 2017 for free online access. Another 200 million images will be added from FamilySearch's microfilm conversion project that uses 25 specialized machines to convert its vast microfilm collection at its Granite Mountain Records Vault for online access. Over 30 percent of the 2.4 million rolls of microfilm have already been digitized and published online. The digital collections can be located in the FamilySearch catalog online and by perusing collection lists by location.

FamilySearch's online community of volunteers will be focused on creating searchable name indexes to two major collections in the United States (marriage records and immigration records that will include passenger lists, border crossings, and naturalization petitions), and core record collections from select high priority countries.

AN ATTEMPT TO SAVE SOUTH CAROLINA’S HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS IS DESTROYING THEM

This should be a lesson to all genealogists, archivists, historians, and to anyone with old documents or pictures they would like to preserve: Don't laminate them!

Back in the 1950s, many people thought that laminating something was a method of preserving it. Even some archivists recommended laminating old documents. As the years went by, these people learned the folly of their recommendations. Laminating something actually hastens its deterioration.

For 20 years, beginning in the 1950s, the state of South Carolina laminated documents to protect them from aging. However, a chemical reaction caused the documents to deteriorate faster than they would have had they been left un laminated. The natural acids from the paper mix with the degrading laminate to create a noxious vinegar. Each passing year will further degrade the document until it's gone.

"You're effectively forming an envelope where you're keeping the acids in the paper, not allowing them to migrate out," says Molly McGath, a researcher at Johns Hopkins University.

McGath has written extensively about lamination, and she says South Carolina isn't the only state with this problem. She says the method was performed around the U.S., and other countries, throughout the 20th century. There are as many as 6 million laminated historical documents.

You can read more about the South Carolina experience in an article by Cooper McKim in the NPR News web site at <https://goo.gl/ZpUAKw>.

My thanks to newsletter reader Larry Zabik for telling me about this story.

(Reprinted from Dick Eastman's Online Genealogical Newsletter)

TLC REVEALS NEW CELEBRITY CONTRIBUTORS FOR WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? (US VERSION)

The following announcement was written by TLC:

TLC's Emmy Award-winning series, **WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?** returns this spring with a new group of celebrities ready to delve into their lineage and get answers to the questions they've wondered about their entire lives. Eight new one-hour episodes bring more unexpected turns and surprising discoveries of great historical significance. Executive Produced by Lisa Kudrow and Dan Bucatinsky, the new season premieres on Sunday, March 5th at 10/9c.

This season's celebrity contributors include:

- **Jessica Biel** makes surprising discoveries that change what she thought knew about her heritage.

- **Julie Bowen** uncovers the story of two relatives whose moral codes are from opposite ends of the spectrum.
- **Courteney Cox** traces her maternal line back seven centuries to the Medieval times to discover royalty in her lineage and an unbelievable tale of family drama.
- **Jennifer Grey** uncovers new information about the grandfather she thought she knew, learning how he survived adversity to become a beacon of his community.
- **Smokey Robinson** searches for answers behind the mystery of why his grandfather disappeared from his children's lives and finds a man tangled in a swirl of controversy.
- **John Stamos** digs into the mystery of how his grandfather became an orphan, and learns of tensions between families that led to a horrible crime.
- **Liv Tyler** learns that her family is tied into the complicated racial narrative of America.
- **Noah Wyle** unravels the mystery of his maternal line, uncovering an ancestor who survived one of America's bloodiest battles.

Ancestry, the leading family history company, is teaming up again with TLC as a sponsor of the upcoming season. As part of the show sponsorship, Ancestry provides exhaustive family history research on each of the featured celebrities to help make discoveries possible and build out the story of each episode.

WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE? is produced for TLC by Shed Media (part of the alternative department at Warner Bros. Television) and Is or Isn't Entertainment. The series is based on an original format created by Wall to Wall Media and Alex Graham. More information can be found at TLC.com/WDYTYA. 'Like' Who Do You Think You Are? on [Facebook.com/WDYTYA](https://www.facebook.com/WDYTYA) and follow @WDYTYA on Twitter.

ABOUT TLC

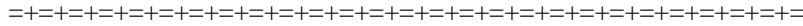
Offering remarkable real-life stories without judgment, TLC shares everyday heart, humor, hope, and human connection with programming genres that include fascinating families, heartwarming transformations, and life's milestone moments. TLC ended 2016 strong ranked as the #6 Female ad-supported Cable network in prime with W25-54; a top 10 network for the 10th year in a row.

TLC is a global brand available in more than 91 million homes in the US and 325 million households in 220 countries and territories. Viewers can enjoy their favorite shows anytime, anywhere through TLCgo – the network's TVE offering featuring live and on demand access to complete seasons. A destination online, TLC.com offers in-depth fan sites and exclusive original video content. Fans can also interact with TLC on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Snapchat and Pinterest. TLC is part of Discovery Communications (NASDAQ: DISCA, DISCB, DISCK), reaching 3 billion cumulative viewers in 220 countries and territories to satisfy curiosity and engage superfans with a portfolio of premium nonfiction, sports and kids programming brands.

GENEALOGY TIPS OF THE MONTH FROM MICHAEL JOHN NEILL

Do the In-Laws Have It?

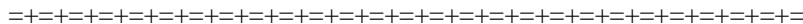
When thinking about who might have pictures of family members, think about the various pictures in which that person may have appeared. Is it possible that your grandmother attended reunions of her husband's family? Does she appear in any pictures taken at those reunions?



Does the Internet Feed Your Distractions?

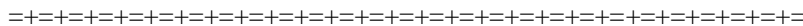
Is a constant sense of "connection" disrupting your genealogical research? When you are trying to tackle that genealogical problem, try turning off the computer (or at least the internet), putting the cell phone on vibrate, and maybe even just using pencil and paper. The constant barrage of "messages" and the ability to immediately try a new search idea may be negatively impacting your ability to concentrate.

Sometimes I make the most headway on research problems with pencil and paper copies (digital or paper) of various records--with no internet and no phone.



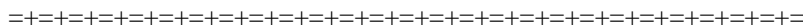
Thank Those Who Help

When the clerk or librarian helps you with your search, thank them and let them know that you appreciate their help. And be polite when asking others to help you with your search. You will have more success when you do so.



Paper Neighbors?

Are you looking at the "paper neighbors" of your relatives? The first declaration of intention shown here is for the person of interest. The one immediately after his was done on the very same day by another person with allegiance to the same country. There were no other declarations made on that day. Odd that the two men coincidentally arrived on the same day.



Get Familiar With the Map

How familiar are you with the local geographical features (both natural and political) near where your ancestor used to live? It is not bad to refer to a map when doing your

research, but if you aren't familiar with some of the basic features (adjacent counties, nearby towns, states, rivers, etc.) it may inadvertently hinder your research.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

CHARLOTTE HAWKINS BROWN MUSEUM - "Crossroads" explores the life and legacy of Palmer Memorial Institute's second president, Wilhelmina Marguerita Crosson. Ms. Crosson was a pioneer in the field of remedial reading and a life-long advocate for the inclusion of African American history and literature in the curriculum. The exhibit includes documents and images from our collection and a children's area ("Ms. Crosson's Bookshelf") featuring hands-on activities and excerpts from Ms. Crosson's favorite books. Exhibit open through March 31, 2017. Closed on state holidays. Free admission!

BENNETT PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE - Month of March: "The Civilian's War" Lecture Series - *Saturdays, 1 - 2 pm* - March is women's history month and we will be highlighting the role women took both during and following the Civil War with an exciting line up of lectures each Saturday in March. Come and listen to these historians and authors as they showcase some of the exceptional women who lived, loved and struggled to survive during the tumultuous years of the American Civil War. The cost is \$5 per lecture. March 4 - Angela Marritt: ***Women Working During Reconstruction***; March 11 - Michele Lanier: ***African American Women During the Civil War***; March 18 - Linda Humphries: ***Mourning Etiquette & Rituals During the Civil War***; March 25 - Brenda McKean: ***Shortages on the Home Front During the Civil War***.

GRANVILLE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - March 2nd - Featured Speaker: **Stewart Dunaway** - "**History of Mills in North Carolina**" - The program for the March 2, 2017 meeting of the Granville County Genealogical Society will be presented by Mr. Stewart Dunaway on "History of Mills in N.C. – the rise and fall of water powered mills." This presentation will provide a basic overview about mills in the North Carolina piedmont and our state in general. This talk includes a brief overview of the laws, mill design, mill types, and what impacted this important and unique industry. Throughout the presentation, Stewart Dunaway will illustrate what type of information can be found in these records, and how it can be used by genealogists.

Stewart has transcribed all of the mill records preserved and housed in the State Archives. In addition, he has authored several mill histories in Orange and Guilford County, including a detailed history for Duke University (Korstian division of Duke Forest property has a mill from the 1790s).

Stewart Dunaway retired as Vice President of Siemens Telecom near Orlando, Florida. His wife Maryellen and daughter Sarah, reside in Hillsborough, going on their 16th year. Sarah graduated from High Point University, is employed in Charlotte. A 5th generation Floridian, Stewart has enjoyed researching early North Carolina history for many years.

Please join members of the Granville County Genealogical Society in attending this meeting, to be held at 6:30 P.M. on March 2, 2017 in the conference room at the Richard

H. Thornton Library in Oxford, N.C. All GCGS meetings are open to the public, and visitors and guests are always cordially invited to attend.

N.C. TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM - SPENCER – March 3 - At the Throttle is back at the N.C. Transportation Museum. You can power down the tracks behind the Lehigh Valley Coal #126 and learn how to run a vintage diesel locomotive. As a participant, you'll enjoy a one-on-one training session and 1/2 hour of "at the throttle" time. No previous locomotive experience is required. Admission: \$160

GUILFORD COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY - 18 March 2017, 10:00 am to noon - Peggy Johnson, President of the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, will dress in the character of her ancestor, Elizabeth Blackwell Frazier, to present "My Name is Elizabeth: The Story of a War Mother 1861-1863". Her journey to find family started in 1962 but fast-forward in 2005 when husband Troy gifted her with a genealogical research program and a new computer. With Aunt Essie, the family historian's passing, her nieces found a farm wagon load of her photos and papers in her two-story. Peggy found a metal, slightly rusty PA map box full of papers which included letters that gave her much of the program she presents about Elizabeth Blackwell Frazier, "A Mother's Story, 1863".

Our new meeting location is at the Greensboro Public Library, 219 N. Church Street in downtown Greensboro, NC. Click [here](#) for a map. Downtown deck and on-street parking are free on the weekend. The parking deck arm will be up when you arrive for easy access.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE – March 11 - 10am & Festival from 11am-7pm – City Plaza, Raleigh

PERSIAN NEW YEAR FESTIVAL – March 14 – Harrill Center State Fairgrounds, Raleigh – 6-10pm

ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELTIC HERITAGE FESTIVAL – March 17 – Hargett St., downtown Raleigh – 6-11:30pm

INDIA FEST, A CULTURAL SHOWCASE – March 18-19 – State Fairgrounds, Raleigh - fees

BENTONVILLE BATTLEGROUND STATE HISTORIC SITE – March 18 & 19 - **War So Terrible- Medical Living History Program** - Compare and contrast the treatment received by soldiers during the Civil War with the treatment that our wounded warriors now receive by viewing examples of modern military field hospitals. Then tour the Harper House to learn about Civil War era medicine. The program will also feature artillery, infantry, and home-front demonstrations throughout both days.10:00-4:00

Nighttime Hospital Tours: Saturday Evening Only (March 18) The Harper House and grounds will be transformed back in time to the XIV Corps field hospital as it may have looked on that first night of the battle, 152 years ago. Tour guides will lead visitors on a

historical journey as they search for loved ones that were injured in the fighting. Tickets may only be purchased the day of the event. Due to the graphic nature of this program, parental discretion is advised.

DUKE HOMESTEAD STATE HISTORIC SITE – 25 March 2017 – from 2:00-8:30pm - Duke Homestead is usually known as the birthplace of the future American Tobacco Company, but it was also the birthplace of three Duke children. Connect with this universal (and historical) human experience during Born at Duke Homestead on March 25, 2017. Special guided tours through the historic house will explore life for the women at Duke Homestead. Lead by costumed interpreters, visitors will be invited to imagine the home in 1856, the year that the youngest child James B. Duke was born. Not only will visitors learn from site staff, midwives from the Durham Women's Clinic will be joining visitors to talk about how this experience has changed for women in Durham over the past 150 years. This event is sponsored by the Durham Women's Clinic and is put on in partnership with the Country Doctor Museum.

HIGH POINT MUSEUM - 25 March 2017 (Saturday), 2:00 to 4:00 pm - "Genetic Genealogy: Basic Science and Real Life Case Studies", Lecture Gallery, [High Point Museum](#), 1859 E Lexington Ave, High Point, NC 27262. Bryana Campbell of 23andMe presents hour one with a basic overview of the science behind genetic genealogy and how it can be useful in overcoming some of your brick walls. She will also introduce participants to the 23andMe DNA test offerings. Larry Cates follows in hour two with a series of case studies taken from his own research using his own and his father's autosomal DNA results. Y-DNA results will also be used to show how he reached certain genealogical conclusions using the test results of total strangers.

WAKE COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY – March 28 - Deeds and Probate: A Winning Combination - 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm - Olivia Raney Local History Library, 4016 Carya Dr., Raleigh, NC 27610 - Speaker: Victoria Young

Learn through several examples how to use evidence found in both deed and probate records that together prove family connections.

This lecture will be presented at the National Genealogical Society Conference in May 2017. This is a beginner level talk, so join Vicky to learn or brush up on your skills at using deeds and probate records together.

Victoria Young is a full-time professional genealogist specializing in Southern U.S. and forensic research. She is the president of the North Carolina Genealogical Society and serves as the North Carolina Chapter Representative of the Association for Professional Genealogists.

All WCGS meetings are free and open to the public. Bring a friend! Refreshments will be served during social time after the presentation.

RESEARCH IN THE INTERNATIONAL TRACING SERVICE (ITS) COLLECTION AT THE UNITED STATES HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL MUSEUM - Thursday, March 30 - 7:30 pm - Kilmer Middle School Lecture Room G-107, 8100 Wolftrap Road, Vienna, VA 22027

Presenter: Diane Afoumado

Lecture Description: The ITS collection contains various documents such as: camp arrival lists, grave locations, transport lists, prisoner cards, forced labor lists, death lists, displaced person applications for assistance, deportation lists, emigration applications/questionnaires, registration and work cards, sometimes with photographs. The USHMM staff helps people find their families and learn their fate using several millions of documents. The Holocaust Survivors and Victims' Resource Center ensures that the individual experiences of survivors and victims of the Holocaust and Nazi-era persecution are collected, preserved and disseminated for future generations.

This PowerPoint presentation will show how the Museum Research staff uses the ITS collection to help survivors, their families, and families of victims.

Diane is Chief of the Research and Reference Branch at the Holocaust Survivors and Victims Resource Center at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. Formerly Assistant Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Paris X-Nanterre and the Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales (INALCO) in Paris, she worked for the two French Commissions related to compensation to Jewish victims. She also worked as a Historian for the Archival Division of the Centre de Documentation Juive Contemporaine-Mémorial de la Shoah.

ARK-LA-TEX GENEALOGICAL ASSOCIATION SEMINAR - The Ark-La-Tex Genealogical Association will have an all day seminar on Saturday April 1, 2017. Featured speaker will be Caroline M. Pointer, professional genealogist. Her lectures will include: (1) Power Your Research with a Research Plan; (2) Did You Really Look Everywhere Online?; (3) Research Success is Built on a Line: the Research Timeline; (4) Ten Tech Tools to Help You Collaborate with Family for Your Research. Location for the seminar will be the St Jude Catholic Church Community Center, 4700 Palmetto Rd, Benton, LA (between Benton and Bossier City). Lunch and syllabus included if pre-registered by March 27. Numerous door prizes. Online registration available. For more details and a printable registration form, go to our website:

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FRIENDS OF THE CHATHAM COMMUNITY LIBRARY BOOK SALE. The library will hold its Spring 2017 Book Sale on Thursday, April 6 from 9am-7pm, Friday April 7 from 9am-7pm and Saturday, April 8 from 9am-3pm. The Library is located in the Chatham Community Library building on the Central Carolina Community College campus in Pittsboro. For more info, go to their website at www.friendsccl.org.

NEIGHBORHOODS HIKE: WEST DURHAM, EAST CAMPUS & BEYOND - Saturday, 15 April 2017 at noon - Meet at Ninth & Green (free)

Where was the West Durham airport? Where did Madonna take early dance lessons? Why was Duke Hospital built on top of Durham's old bone yard? Who wrote the song, Tobacco Road, and was "born on a kitchen table" behind Monuts? Why is Ninth Street called Ninth Street? Who wrote "The Gambler" for Kenny Rogers and lived in a mill house on Ninth Street? Where does Coach K get his haircut? Where did Elvis sleep incognito, in a caboose? Where was Kevin Costner spotted in his boxer shorts, near East Campus? Why do neighborhoods change so quickly in Durham? Come along and find out...

Three-mile loop starts at Ninth & Green, across from White Star Laundry.

We'll start with the South Ellerbe Creek Nature Area and continue through an old mill village. We'll see an old liquor house, Buck Dean's bungalow, a Sears House and a quiet urban garden in Old West Durham. We'll then continue into the Watts-Hillandale neighborhood and walk past Oval Park and the old Watts Hospital.

We'll go down a hidden alley and see where a songwriter for Norah Jones, Lou Rawls and Jefferson Airplane was born. We'll head over to Walltown and hear about Duke's original plans to build here. Then we'll go by Richard Nixon's house in Trinity Heights and continue past the homes of Duke's famous faculty and coaches on Buchanan -- including Cap Card, the father of Duke basketball and Wallace Wade, whose bowl games paid for Cameron Indoor Stadium.

We'll go down Watts Street, past Trinity Park park, and see where Mr. Costner was filmed in his boxers in Bull Durham. Then we'll head across East Campus to Ninth Street, past Erwin Cotton Mills and back to where we started.

You'll see a little nature and learn some Durham history on the route. We'll also talk about urban trees and the ridge, between the Neuse and Cape Fear basins, that forms the backbone of our town. We might even get into current events in the Bull City and talk about all this development.

Local history lover John Schelp will narrate along the way. No need to register. Parking is available on streets near Ninth & Green. (Bike racks are also nearby.)

Hike takes about three hours (but folks can peel off anytime.) Optional post-tour gathering at Dain's Place at 754 Ninth Street -- for a cold drink and further conversation.

Co-sponsored by Museum of Durham History, Sierra Club and the Old West Durham Neighborhood Association. Rain or shine.

HUMOR

Will Rogers' humor:

- Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.
- There are two theories to arguing with a woman; neither works.
- Never miss a good chance to shut up
- Always drink upstream from the herd.
- If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.

PARTING THOUGHT

Giving when it Counts...

Many years ago, when I worked as a volunteer at a hospital, I got to know a little girl named Liz who was suffering from a rare and serious disease. Her only chance of recovery appeared to be a blood transfusion from her 5-year old brother, who had miraculously survived the same disease and had developed the antibodies needed to combat the illness.

The doctor explained the situation to her little brother, and asked the little boy if he would be willing to give his blood to his sister. I saw him hesitate for only a moment before taking a deep breath and saying,

'Yes I'll do it if it will save her.' As the transfusion progressed, he lay in bed next to his sister and smiled, as we all did, seeing the color returning to her cheek. Then his face grew pale and his smile faded.

He looked up at the doctor and asked with a trembling voice, 'Will I start to die right away?'

Being young, the little boy had misunderstood the doctor; he thought he was going to have to give his sister all of his blood in order to save her.

If you have any items of interest that you would like to submit for future publication, please contact Richard Ellington at mailto:richard_ellington@unc.edu or 919.967.4168