

southport historical society

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FALL 2015 - - IMPORTANT DATE

**SHS General Meeting September 24, Covered-dish Dinner 6:30pm,
Lori Sanderin, Curator of Education, NC Maritime Museum, Speaker, 7pm
Southport Community Building**

Musings from Musette, President SHS

Publication of the Southport Historical Society, a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

The purpose of this society shall be to bring together persons interested in the history of Southport and surrounding areas. We endeavor to provide programs of historical interest at regular meetings, publish articles and books for the purpose of education and encourage community participation in the preservation of our heritage.

Southport Historical Society was established January 1976 and maintains the Old Jail Museum and the Susie S Carson Research Room in the Garrison.

The photograph at the bottom of this page is the most recent evidence of the Southport Historical Society's interest in the Smithville Burying Ground. One of the first committees established by the founders of our Society in 1976 was "the cemetery committee". There was even an attempt to have a foundation to support the maintenance of the cemetery. By 1980, the Society had published its first book, which was an inventory of the town's cemeteries compiled by Dot Schmidt. Our present secretary, Charles Christianson, recently completed a survey of every gravesite in the Burying Ground and plotted them on a grid.

Over the years, members' interest in the cemetery has been like the tides. It rises and falls with regularity. When the Society began the cleanup days in 2006, one could not see across the cemetery due to decades of neglect. In fact, prisoners from an adjacent county collected four dump truck loads of leaves, limbs and other debris before we began monthly cleanup days for several years. Since 2012, there have been only 7 cleanup days with a total of 2 or 3 volunteers each day! But on June 27, 2015, over 30 people raked leaves that filled 113 twenty-gallon bags. As always, we appreciate Stewart's Hardware donating the bags.

The next cleanup day will be October 30 from 10:00am until noon as we prepare for two important events. On October 31 from 1:00pm - 3:00pm, we will have more Living Voices from the Past interpreting Southport's history. On November 11, the Junior ROTC from South Brunswick High School will place a flag on the grave of each veteran.

The Smithville Burying Ground is not only a sacred place to be respected but it is also the oldest (1792) and most historic area established by the founders of our town.



BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

The Southport Historical Society is governed by a Board of Directors who are responsible for the management of the numerous projects, programs, and assets of the Society. With the new year in 2016, the Board will require new Board members to replace those whose terms are expiring.

Further, President Musette Steck will be completing her second term and will step down as President per the Constitution. Clearly, 2016 will be a pivotal year in which we experience a significant transition on the Board.

Vice President Don Parker has been appointed to canvas our membership and solicit folks who may want to be considered to become a Board member in 2016. Duties and responsibilities of Board members vary based upon the needs of the Society and Board member interest but, generally speaking, a Board member will typically fulfill a core responsibility of the organization in addition to ensuring stewardship of our resources. Our projects are numerous and require constant oversight.

For example, the Old Jail, the Susie Carson Research Room, the Old Burying Ground, Christmas Tour of Homes, Book Sales, History Classes, and General Membership meeting programs are just a few of the enduring Society contributions to our community. The Board meets on the third Thursday in January, February, March, April, May, September, and October. It meets on the second Thursday in November (to accommodate Thanksgiving) and does not normally meet in December nor the summer months of June, July and August.

Our membership is very robust and continues to gain great members. We are hopeful that there are some of you who may want to enhance your experience within the Society by becoming a Board member in 2016. If you are interested, please contact Don Parker at coastingdon@gmail.com or on his cell phone at 910-368-3291. Thank you!

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

On September 24th Lori Sanderlin, Curator of Education for NC Maritime Museum at Southport, will present "Upon My Honor as a Gentleman: W.H.C. Whiting and the Politics of Command."

Mark your calendars now for the November 19th program featuring Jim McKee, Site Manager for the Brunswick Town Historic Site. He will discuss recent artifact discoveries at Brunswick Town and Fort Anderson and what they reveal about life along the river during both Colonial times and Civil War era.

We will conduct our annual business meeting on January 28th and simultaneously celebrate our 40th anniversary as a Society! Please join in the celebration!

Dr. Chris Fonvielle of the University of North Carolina at Wilmington will return in March 2016.

SUSAN SELLERS CARSON SCHOLARSHIP

The success of the Christmas Tour of Homes allows SHS to continue to give the Susan Carson Scholarship. This year there were two awardees, Hannah Jones and Grant Huffman both of Southport. They are will be attending East Carolina University in Greenville.

Congratulations to Hannah and Grant!

CHRISTMAS TOUR OF HOMES

It is time again for the Southport Historical Society's 26th Anniversary Christmas Tour of Homes. The tour is held annually, and is a fund-raising event for the Society. Proceeds are used to further our mission to bring together persons interested in the history of Southport and to promote a better appreciation of our heritage. Funds from this event will enable the Society to continue to maintain the Old Jail on Nash Street. The Tour also provides funds for scholarships at South Brunswick High School.



An incredible amount of time and effort by the Home Tour committee members and the homeowners goes into organizing the Tour. The Home Tour committee greatly appreciates the members' and homeowners' support and interest in the Tour. This year's Tour will take place on December 12 from 2pm to 7pm, with tickets priced at \$10 in advance and \$15 the day of the tour. If you want to mark your calendar for future Home Tours, it is always held on the Second Saturday in December. As always, **we are in need of Homes for the Tour**, so if you are willing to have your home on the tour please contact Shirley Wilson at 910-617-6720 or Phil Fravel at 910-512-7597 or contact the Society from our Web Site, <http://www.southporthistoricalsociety.org/>

Fellow Southport Historical Society Members

You are invited to be a docent during the 2015 Christmas Tour of Homes on Saturday, December 12. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend time in one of the very special homes within the historic district of Southport. As in the past, there will be two (2) shifts. The first shift will be from 2:00 PM until 4:30 PM. The second shift will be from 4:30 PM to 7:00 PM. As a thank you, volunteers are given a complimentary pass to visit all of the homes on the Tour. Please consider helping the Historical Society to once again make this year's Tour a successful fund-raiser!

You may respond by email to Audrey Carathanasis noraud@ec.rr.com or call her at 910-845-5700.

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our newest SHS members:

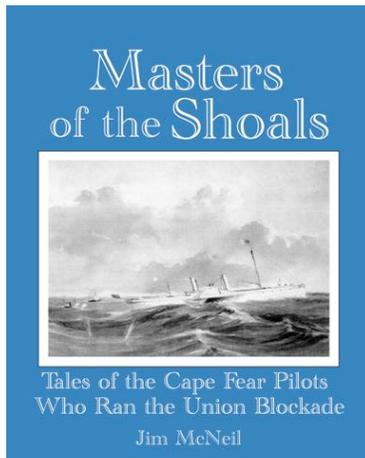
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If you have not yet paid your SHS 2015 dues, please do so as soon as possible so we can keep you on our mailing list. You can mail your check in to SHS, PO Box 10014, Southport, NC 28461 or bring it with you to our next meeting on Thursday, September 24. If you aren't sure if you have paid for this year, please call me at 910-457-1188 or email me at blytton@earthlink.net. Membership application is on the last page of this newsletter.

Thank you for all your support!

Betsie Lytton

SHS NEW BOOKS



Master of the Shoals (2nd Edition)

By James A. McNeil (1942 - 2015)

Masters of the Shoals is Southport native Jim McNeil's insightful telling of how Cape Fear River pilots became increasingly vital when the Union navy blockaded the Cape Fear River to prevent needed supplies from reaching the Confederate port of Wilmington. The tales of these masters sing of high adventure and courage under fire in this painstakingly researched book, which according to the Washington Times is "... a valuable and meticulous accounting of one chapter of the South's failing struggle against the Union," or in the words of The Advocate "... as personal as a family memoir, as authoritative and enthusiastic as the best history."

The 2nd Edition is presented in an 8.5" by 11" perfect bound paperback format with large font and improved illustrations. The Southport Historical Society expresses their appreciation to Bill and Martha Johnson for their tireless work preparing this edition for publication.

The member price of *Masters of the Shoals* is \$16 per copy. Members can purchase copies at the Society's General meeting in September, the Old Brunswick County Jail, or through the Society's web site at <http://www.southporthistoricalsociety.org/book-store>. Copies are also available for the retail price of \$20 at the Southport Visitor's Center and the North Carolina Maritime Museum at Southport.

Southport (Smithville): A Chronology

Volume V (1971 - 1990)

By William (Bill) Reaves (1934 - 2000)

Southport (Smithville) Chronology, Volume V (1971-1990) continues Bill Reaves's chronological history of Southport and surrounding communities. During the recent establishment of the Society's *Susie Carson Research Room*, volunteers located several thousand 3"x 5" index cards containing Bill Reaves's entries for each of the four previously published volumes of the *Southport (Smithville) Chronology*. Upon further inspection, the volunteers discovered that nearly 2,000 of the cards contained unpublished chronological entries from 1971 to 1990. Discussion quickly turned to the realization that the Society could extend Bill Reaves's legacy by using these cards to prepare *Southport (Smithville), A Chronology, Volume V (1971 - 1990)*.

Volume V is the work of Bill Reaves. All the chronological entries were taken from his index cards. No entries were added and only duplicate entries were discarded. Spelling errors and typos were corrected; however, entries were not altered for style. The only additions were photos and the index. As Susie Carson once noted, Bill Reaves was a true Southport treasure. Indeed, now, more than a decade after his death, Bill Reaves continues to give to Southport!

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SUSIE CARSON RESEARCH ROOM GOES ONLINE

The *Susie Carson Research Room (SCRR)* is now online for review by SHS members. The *SCRR* website honors Southport's most venerable historian and one of the founders of the Southport Historical Society. Susie Carson's vast collection of subject files, photos and publications, that she used to capture Southport's history, represent the major portion of the materials at the *SCRR* and on the website.

Members can access the website at <https://sites.google.com/site/researchsouthporthistory/home>. The website is currently in draft form. SHS members are asked to review and critique the website. Your review and comments will provide vital feedback to guide SHS volunteers in the further development of the *SCRR* web pages. Please send comments to scrr2014@gmail.com.

Interns Help Make the *Susie Carson Research Room* Successful!

Each semester and summer, the Society provides an opportunity for a student intern to participate in the management and development of the *Susie Carson Research Room* collections.

Caitlin Rifenburg



Ms. Caitlin Rifenburg, a student at Cape Fear Community College was our intern during Spring 2015. Caitlin, who lives in Boiling Spring Lakes, took on the task of organizing and cataloging the *Susie Carson Research Room* collection of reference books. In addition, she prepared a plan for the future establishment of a Facebook page for the Society. This coming fall semester, Caitlin will be attending UNCW to pursue a bachelor's degree in history.

Caitlin summed up her experience by saying: "I love local history and I've never had a better learning experience!"

Leslie Randle-Morton

The *Susie Carson Research Room's* summer and fall intern is Mrs. Leslie Randle-Morton. Mrs. Randle-Morton is a candidate for a master's degree in public history at UNCW. In addition to staffing the *SCRR* every Wednesday, Leslie's summer semester projects included the development of an exhibit highlighting the lives and accomplishments of the women of Southport at the turn of the 20th Century. She is also developing a book about the history of Southport for young children. The book is loaded with games, puzzles and pictures to help children have fun while gaining an appreciation for Southport's storied past. During the fall semester, Leslie will be working on the development of the Society's Facebook page. Leslie, who is a native of Mississippi lives with her husband Shawn in Wilmington.



When asked to comment on her Southport experience, Leslie said: "I'm so very impressed by the community's commitment and enthusiasm to preserve Southport's history. I think Southport history is in very good hands!"

Please join the Board in thanking Caitlin and Leslie for their outstanding contributions to the success of the *Susie Carson Research Room*.

A Northerner's Observation of Summertime in Smithville - 1886 Edited by Pat Kirkman

While looking through some of the Society's archives recently I came across a copy of a clipping from the New York Times dated February 27, 1887. It seems that a publicity man from the Barnum shows was in the area during the summer of 1886 and related his experience and observations to a columnist for the newspaper. As a result the following article appeared that is quite amusing and insightful about life here in old Smithville - now Southport - during that time period. The original format is a scan of the actual newspaper column and I have purposely left the spelling, punctuation, grammar and syntax just as it appeared. However, I have taken editor's license to condense it a bit to make it fit within the confines of this newsletter. I hope you will enjoy it as much as I have.

GEEGOGGLES AND TURTLES TWO OF THE MANY DELIGHTS OF SMITHVILLE, N.C.

A SPORTSMAN'S PARADISE, WITH FISH AND OYSTERS IN THE BAY, DEER HARD BY, AND PRETTY WOMEN

When "Tody" Hamilton, in the long hot Summer time, goes through the length and breadth of the land impressing upon country editors the greatness and glory of the Barnum show, he takes with him always his old reportorial habits of observation and his fishing rod. So he has observed and angled from Maine to the Gulf, and from the Atlantic to the Missouri.

Last Summer he was down in North Carolina, and after he had filled all the papers in advance of the show with glowing statements about it - to the crowding out of news, editorials, recipes, and even notices to delinquent subscribers - he went a-fishing to Smithville. Since then his dream of perfect happiness has permanent location at Smithville, which he characterizes as "the sportsman's paradise". Here are some of his least rhapsodical statements about it:

Smithville is 30 miles from Wilmington, N.C., at the mouth of the Cape Fear River. A little below it are "The Rocks" where Fort Fisher stood and was demolished by Gen. Butler. In the days of the "unpleasantness" blockade runners used frequently to come in here. It has about 1,700 inhabitants, of whom the men are all pilots or fisherman. The British tramp steamers that come in here for loads of rice, cotton, resin, and timber make good business for the pilots, who are sufficiently numerous to keep eight boats in active service, and there are five tugboats, all belonging to Capt. John Harper, who used to be a deck hand, to tow the tramps in and out.

In the bay in front of Smithville is Coon Island, which is inhabited by an infinite number of raccoons. Nobody takes the trouble to hunt them, because nobody cares to eat them . . . Almost all the bottom of the great bay is covered with enormous natural beds of the largest, fattest, and most deliciously flavored oysters imaginable. Successive generations of oysters through the ages past have piled their shells upon those of their predecessors until they have made solid masses of shells, like rock or coral reefs, as much as 25 feet in depth. In many places they have builded until now they are out of water at low tide, and the boys of Smithville find it handy and amusing to build fires on them when the tide is out, and roast them in their beds, flirting each oyster out of his shell as he is cooked and swallowing him. The tide rises and falls about five feet.

Monster green turtles, some weighing as much as 1,500 pounds each, frequent the beach all the way down to Fort Caswell, four miles below the town. People eat their eggs, but do not eat the turtles.

Beach parties of young folks go down there, gather beautiful shells, have dances on the hard sand in the moonlight, roast oysters and have fun with the turtles. When a female turtle wishes to lay her eggs she crawls up the sandy beach to a place that suits her fancy, digs with her flippers a big hole in the sand and then lays in the hole 200 or 300 eggs.

The eggs are not dumped into a pile, but laid out smoothly and neatly in rows. When she commences laying it makes

no odds to her how big a beach party stands around superintending the process. She attends strictly to business and even if the eggs are taken from the holes as fast as she lays them it does not at all discourage or frighten her. When she gets through she scrapes the sand back into the hole whether the eggs are there are not and then starts back to the water. That is the time for the beach party to have fun with her. As many of them as can mount her big dome-like back and do so, and she carries them right down to the water's edge where they jump off and she goes on. She does not seem to mind their weight or show any disposition to resent their good-natured familiarity. Sometimes they turn her over on her back, but after she has helplessly pawed the air a little while they right her again, and she waddles off. Of course, there must be something wrong mentally in a people who can fumble around green turtles in that way without ever thinking of eating them.

And they don't eat soft clams either, though the beach sand is packed full of those excellent bivalves. Indeed the very idea of eating them seems to awaken feelings of disgust and loathing. Nor do they eat the mussels, which are abundant. Hard clams, of which there are a few millions in pretty much every place where anybody might look for them in the bay, they do eat, but not with any particular enthusiasm, though their hard clams are very fine.

All the fishing is done with lines and hooks, for there are good reasons why the destructive seine can never be successfully used there. The currents are so treacherous and strong that paying out and hauling a seine would be exceedingly difficult; the rough oyster shell bottom would hold and tear a seine to pieces: the sharks, which are very numerous and often as much as 15 feet in length, would go through a seine as a rifle ball would through a spider's web. So there is no danger of the fishing here ever being spoiled by the unholy energy of the depraved men who fish with nets. The native appliances for fishing are very primitive, merely a stout short line tied to the tip of a long bamboo pole, a big hook at the end of the line and a shrimp of amazing size on the hook. That is the outfit even for fishing from a boat, for hand lines are seldom used. As for the rod and reel, the fishermen down there did not seem to know any more about them than a goat might of a geometrical lathe, and were intensely interested and vastly surprised when they saw fish – big ones, too – caught by such an apparatus. The shrimps are the universal bait for all sorts of fish and at all seasons are five inches long without their “feelers”.

When more fish are caught than are required for present use and sale to Miss Kate Stuart, proprietress of the only hotel in Smithville, an establishment capable of accommodating 40 guests, which was formerly run by her mother, and has been kept by her family for 80 years, they are split down the backs, salted down, and sent to Wilmington for sale. Capt. Pettner, who is 70 years old, goes out fishing every day, regardless of weather, in a dugout that he made himself 25 years ago, and he sends many barrels of salted fish to market in the course of the year. Uncle Pete and his partner are still large shippers. They also made their own dugout. As they could not find a single tree big enough to make so large a boat as they wanted, they made it of two great trunks fastened together. Uncle Pete is quite a character in his way. “Tody” asked him: “Which would you rather be, a slave, or doing what you are now?” The old man responded: “I dunno, Suh, dunno. I had good times when I was a slave, but – I wasn't free.”

Back of Smithville two or three miles is a dense forest, in which deer are abundant, as are also wild turkeys, raccoons, and opossums. Swans, wild geese, and a variety of ducks in great flocks frequent the bay. One can never lack for all the sport, with either rod or gun that the most insatiate sportsman could desire if in the vicinity of Smithville.

There is no Winter at Smithville; there are absolutely no mosquitoes or flies there, though the former abound in the marshes not far from the town; there is no such thing known there as malaria and the yellow fever has not touched there in 25 years.

In front of every house, on the wide porch, stands what is locally known as a “geegoogle”. It is a bench made of a single springy pine board, 20 to 25 feet long, supported at the ends. It takes the place of rocking chairs. Young and old sit on it, bobbing up and down as it springs, for hours together, sedately comfortable in the gentle motion and quite unconscious of why the spectacle they present seems ludicrous to a Northern visitor.

The women as a rule are very pretty with tall, slender, elegant figures and graceful, queenly manners . . . Nearly every white man goes armed . . . but that is a small matter where the hunting and fishing are so good.

Published February 27, 1887 The New York Times

OLD JAIL HERITAGE STONE



The Society added a Heritage Stone for Dr. J. Arthur Doshier into the Heritage Garden next to the Old Jail. The following is written by Dr. Jo Pat Hatem.

Dr. J. Arthur Doshier was a legendary figure of Southport and Brunswick County. Born in Southport on April 30th, 1878, thirteen years and fifteen days after the death of President Abraham Lincoln, young Arthur was the son of a river pilot and Blockade Runner John Julius Doshier and Mary Pinner Doshier. Very little is known of his early life. He was a graduate of the Maryland College of Pharmacy in 1900. He graduated from Baltimore Medical College in 1903. That same year he married Brace Keyworth from a well-known Baltimore family, on November 22, and returned to Southport and set up his medical practice just prior to the famous Wright Brothers flight on December 17, 1903.

Doctor Doshier's life and career can be described as Surgeon, Soldier, Public Health Officer, and Humanitarian. As the only doctor at times in Brunswick county and no hospital in the county, he operated in the homes of his patients, performing surgery such as an appendectomy on the kitchen table, and delivering babies in the homes of the Southport including the home of his good friend, Southport Attorney, and Civic Leader, C. Ed Taylor at 111 East Bay Street.

As a soldier, Dr. Doshier answered the call of World War I, serving in the Medical Corps for the American Expeditionary Force in France. After the war, he returned to Southport to continue the practice of Medicine. In 1919, he was appointed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. Public Health Service for the Quarantine Station. In this capacity, Dr. Doshier was responsible for examining the crews on the ships docked at the Quarantine Station to make sure the crew was healthy and the ship decontaminated which would prevent the spread of contagious diseases such as Typhoid, Diphtheria, and Malaria to the ports of Southport and Wilmington. In 1928, Dr. Doshier was the reason that Duke Endowment [Fund] agreed to give Brunswick County \$15,000 to help build a Community Hospital. Matching funds from the City of Southport and the County made the dream of Brunswick County Hospital in Southport a reality-- opening on June 2, 1930.

As a Humanitarian, Dr. Doshier saved lives; as a Surgeon and as a Public Health Officer he worked tirelessly to improve the health of his entire community. He served his county in World War I, without hesitation, and up until his retirement in 1937, due to failing health, he was Chief Surgeon at Brunswick County Hospital.

Doctor Doshier died of complications from tuberculosis on January 10, 1939. The Community so grieved from the loss of their beloved Doctor and Friend, renamed the hospital, the J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital, where his legacy of excellence and caring continues today,

By Joseph P. Hatem, MD, MPH at J. Arthur Doshier Memorial Hospital, June 13, 2015

Cemetery Report 07/11/15

Busy time for the Old Smithville Burying Ground for July. On June 27 about 30 volunteers showed up to clean up the Ground by raking up the 2015 supply of leaves and placing them in paper bags for the City's organic disposal group. This clean up was documented by Robert Surridge on Facebook. It was also very impressive when one saw the 90 + bags with "Do it Best" labels on them. Knowing the work it takes to fill a bag, and the energy required to move the bag from where it was filled to the pickup area, that was a lot of work. It was also documented in the State Port Pilot.

On the week following the clean up, it was pointed out that the back fence was missing quite a few pickets. Musette Steck had collected the ones that could be found, and helped C. Christianson to pound out the nails that remained in the pickets. There were about 70 pickets that were found. These were placed onto the old fence with stainless steel screws so that they will not be so easy to remove. 32 new pickets were developed and placed into the fence. Also repaired was the cemetery debris container on the edge of Harper Field. It seems that the City worker decided to remove one side of the container so that their front-end loader could remove the cemetery debris without coming in from the back direction. However, they let the side fall to the ground, did not do anything to repair it. With the help of 2 treated wood 2X4s and a lot stainless steel screws, the side is up and standing firm. It was done by July 1. The fence was completed by July 2 when the RVs started to fill Harper Field for the July 4th festival.



On July 3 and 4, the "Voices Of The Living Past" presenters were again asked to appear to support the display of the historical persons who made Southport the town that it is. People who supported the effort were Musette Steck, Pat Kirkman, Martha Johnson, Robert Surridge, and Charles Christianson (July 5 only). On July 5 there were about 100 people, and though the presentations were suppose to start at 2:00 PM, there were enough people to start at 1:30 PM. It was a good size group. The last presentation was given at 3:30 PM. The cemetery was nice and clean at that time with all the pickets on the fence on all four sides of the cemetery.

C. Christianson

Old Jail Report 07/11/15

The Old Jail is enjoying a very busy summer season with many visitors. We keep running out of walking tour brochures and Jr. Sheriff badges, which we are grateful for. Southport Chief of Police, Jerry Dove, is retiring as of October and has donated a number of artifacts to the Old Jail. We are calling it the "Jerry Dove Collection" and are going through the process of photographing each item for the Inventory and determining how best to display them. The collection contains a replica Colt 44, a pair of Jerry's handcuffs from 1966, a photo of his receiving the North Carolina "Order of the Longleaf Pine", a shadowbox of the Southport Canine Corps and photos of past Southport Chiefs of Police. We are part way through the process, but many of the items will not be on display until next year. Chief Dove has received a letter of appreciation and thanks from me on behalf of the Historical Society.

Nancy Christianson, Curator, The Old Brunswick County Jail

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Membership Application

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