



SOUTHPORT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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Spring Meeting - Thursday, April 28th - Our Historical Society will hear Mr. J. Myrick Howard, Executive Director of the Historic Preservation of North Carolina, Inc., of Raleigh. Mr. Howard is eminently qualified to

speak on historic preservation and his talk will include comments on the Governor Russell house at Winnabow. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the board room of the Library.

CEMETERY FUND BEGUN - Mrs. Poe W. Eskeridge has enabled the Southport Historical Society to establish a fund for the preservation and restoration of the old Smithville-Southport Cemetery on Moore St. and the Morse Cemetery on West St. Additional contributions have been received from Elizabeth Kiddo and Minnie Kotowski. Further tax-free donations from those who may have ancestors buried in these cemeteries are requested.

MRS. MATTIE SMITH HEWITT - The recent death at age 70 of Mrs. Mattie Smith Hewitt, mother of Society members Mary Smith Gore and James "Bubba" Smith, has directed our attention to her service in the community as a midwife and as a nurse's aide. She was a member of the first nurse's aide class at Doshier and worked as such for many years both locally and while living in New Jersey. Mrs. Hewitt's mother, Mary Wortham, who died in 1966, aged 80, had also been a midwife and worked long and closely with Dr. Arthur Doshier, for whom our hospital was named.

PLAQUES COMMITTEE APPOINTED - President Elizabeth Watkins has appointed a committee to be responsible for the study, selection and placement of appropriate plaques on the older houses in Southport. The committee consists of Eleanor Smith, Chairwoman, Wayne Berry, Marianne Gore, Kay Barnes, Barry Calari, Paul Pittenger, Bette Leggett, Jean Prevost, Jack Fairley and Elizabeth Watkins.

1983 DUES REMINDER.....HAVE YOU PAID?.....If not, please complete the following, send it and your tax deductible check today to our Secretary/Treasurer, Mrs. Pauline Swain, 110 N. Frink Dr., Southport, 28461...or bring it to the April meeting.

NAME _____	Individual	\$ 5.00
ADDRESS _____	Student (thru high school)	2.00
_____	Business, institutional, professional	5.00
PHONE _____	Sustaining	25.00
(Please mark one of the following memberships and enclose payment in the amount shown.)	Life	100.00