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JULY MEETING SET FOR 28th

The Southport Historical Society will meet in the board room of the Library at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28th. Mr. Harry Warren who is Researcher for the New Hanover County Museum will be the speaker. The public is welcome.

PROGRESS REPORT ON SOUTHPORT CEMETERIES BOOK

Printing of the book itself has been completed but the delay is now in the alphabetical indexing of those interred in the various cemeteries. Obviously, this is a time consuming job, but it shouldn't be much longer. Applications for the book, which will sell for \$8.00 (\$8.75 if mailing is required), should be addressed to Mrs. Eleanor Potter Smith, 113 Howe St., Southport, N. C. 28461.

PLAQUES COMMITTEE ACTIVE

Eleanor Smith, Chairman, and her committee have met three times since April. Representatives from the Historic Wilmington Foundation, Inc appeared at the first meeting and reviewed their Wilmington Plaques program and some of the problems encountered.

The committee has determined that it would try to place plaques initially on those buildings built prior to 1900, and on other buildings as they became 100 years old. Study of an appropriate logo and type and size of plaque has begun. The details of applying and qualifying for a plaque are to be developed and will be published when available.

ANY WORTHINGTON ANCESTORS?

Frances Buegle of 6619 Pheasant Rd., Rt. 16, Baltimore, Md., 21220, has asked us to advise any Worthington descendants among our readers of a Worthington family quarterly newsletter available through her at \$12.00 annually.

(The following, contributed by Susan Carson, is a copy of a newspaper clipping which appears to be from the Southport Herald. It was found inside the Minutes book of the City of Southport for March 30, 1899 through August 16, 1906.)

NOTICE

"An ordinance to be known as Section 30 of Chapter Number 4 of the ordinances of the City of Southport, N. C.,

Any person who shall unhook, unlatch, unfasten, open or partly open any gate in the public fence inclosing the City, and leave the same unhooked, unlatched, unfastened, open or partly opened shall be fined Ten Dollars.

An ordinance to be known as Section 31, of Chapter 4, of the Ordinances of the City of Southport, N. C.,

Any person who shall in any manner injure, remove, deface, break, damage, impair or destroy, the public fence, or any part thereof, inclosing the City, shall be fined Ten Dollars.

These ordinances shall be in force and effect from and after the 14th day of October 1907.

B. J. Holden, Clerk

M. C. Guthrie, Mayor"

Note: An effort is being made to determine the exact location of the fence enclosing the City. It is fairly certain that the northern boundary at one time was Owens Street (near the current Town Gate Shopping Center). Still later, tradition has it, there was another gate near the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Russ, Sr.