

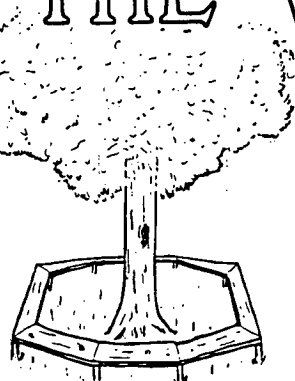
THE WHITTLERS BENCH

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REGULAR (BUT A SPECIAL ONE, ALSO!) MEETING- MAY 28, 1998, 6:30 P. M. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Bring a dish to share and bring guests or friends if you wish. At the meeting we will be honoring those who worked on our Heritage (Bicentennial) Quilt back in 1992. Better late than never, I believe is the saying! These people did a wonderful job and our thanks to them is long overdue. - ALSO - we have two, yes two surprises for you. Be sure to show up with a covered dish or two.

DUES: Some of you still have not paid your 1998 dues. We really do not want to take you off the mailing list but the by-laws we adopted years ago say that we must if you do not pay your dues. Won't you either mail them in or bring them to the meeting on the 28th? It is easy to forget, so post this Whittlers Bench on your refrigerator so you will remember!

IN MEMORIAM

FRANCEY WERTZ: Francey died on May 5, 1998, after a very courageous battle with cancer. She will truly be missed by our Southport Historical Society. Soon after coming to Southport from Connecticut in 1987, she joined with us and took an active part in all projects sponsored by the Society. She served as Treasurer, Secretary, and Board Member. She participated in plans to restore the Old Jail and to establish a Historic District. She was very active in the celebration to honor the survivors of the "John D. Gill" tragedy and the erection of the monument for all the crew. We teased her that she was to be completely in charge of keeping the monument clean and she came up with a tee-shirt to that effect! She had a great sense of humor. She was active in several other community organizations, but we are dedicating this issue of Whittlers Bench to her memory because of her participation with us.

Her family is having a memorial service for her on May 30 at 11:00 A. M. at Ocean View United Methodist Church in Yaupon Beach. They have requested that any memorials be made either to the Southport Historical Society, the Southport Maritime Museum, or the Southport-Oak Island Friends of the Library, all organizations in which she served well. She will truly be missed by many.

OUR PRESIDENT and his wife are leaving on May 14 to be gone until about mid-September. They will be working in a National Park and their address for that "adventure" is: Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Suiter, P. O. Box 81, Devil's Tower, Wyoming 82714-0081. Let's keep in touch with them so they won't forget us!

A HEARTY WELCOME to all who have joined Southport Historical Society since the March issue of "Whittlers Bench". Be sure to come to the May meeting and meet your fellow members and hear about all the projects that are going on.

OTHER NEWS

YARD SALE: Margaret Rudd and Associates, Inc. held a benefit yard sale on April 25, and raised more than \$600.00 for the Southport Historical Society, thus giving a big boost to our plans for the restoration of the Old Jail.

We hope you saw the picture and article about this in the State Port Pilot, and that you will make it a point to go by and say thank-you to those responsible for the most successful yard sale. Our own Vice President, Peter Wyckoff, a sales representative with Rudd and Associates, tries to downplay his role in this yard sale, but we have an idea that he was actually "responsible". Thanks in a special way to him.

One of long time members, H. ORIE GORE, was honored recently for more than thirty years of service to the Southeastern Economic Development Commission at its annual meeting in Elizabethtown. He has many other accomplishments to his credit and we congratulate him on all of them. We are proud that he is "one of us".

FALL CRUISE : We have had lots of request that the Society sponsor another river cruise of some kind. Well, Cheryl Daniel and Mary Shannon have put their heads together and have come up with a cruise and also a special program for September. Here are the advance plans. Other details will be given as soon as they are known.

The September meeting will be on Friday (note change of day), September 25th and will feature a lecture and slide program by blockade runner historian, Dr. Charles Peery of Charleston, S. C. His topic will be "Blockade Running on the Cape Fear".

On the following day, Saturday, September 26th the river cruise will take place with Dr. Peery directing. We will board the vessel in Southport and return here. The exact time and cost will be announced as soon as it has been determined.

We have been told that the cruise boat will accommodate a lot of people, so you may want to bring a guest.

BE SURE to study the financial report included in this issue. We can all be proud of what we have accomplished to date. We thank Wolf for his careful work in preparing the report and also thank him and Chris Suiter for actively promoting the sales of the books we have on hand. Our current dream is to get Volume 4 of our Southport Chronology published and on the market. We have many requests for it and it should be a big seller. Bill Reaves is to be congratulated and thanked for all his hard work in chronicling the history of our town in this way. His Volume I was the first money-maker we ever had!

In case you have rheumatism, here is the perfect cure for it taken from a newspaper clipping found in one of the Kate Stuart books. The physician who worked out the cure did not give his name! Here is what he recommends: "When a rheumatic twinge is experienced, proceed to a drug store and buy 15 or 25 cents worth of gaulteria (or oil of wintergreen). Put 10 drops on a lump of sugar, place it in the mouth and permit it to dissolve slowly and swallow it. This should be repeated at intervals of 2 hours until every vistage of the malady has disappeared. in the meantime take a dose or two of Rochelle salts. That is all there is to it, but if taken as I have prescribed, it will save suffering humanity."

"Looking Back"

The History Page



Susan Carson, Editor

After all the fussing and pleading by the "Looking Back" editor, she finally received articles from Thelma Dunn and John Julius Swain. BUT...she cannot use either one in this issue. Thelma's was filed in some folder, she knows not what or where, and one of these days it will turn up. The article from John is in hand, but the idea was to use the two "memories" in the same issue, so both will appear in another newsletter. My apologies to both of these folks!

HOWEVER, the editor would still like to have other contributions for future use.

Jens Berg

Government Druggist and Businessman of Southport

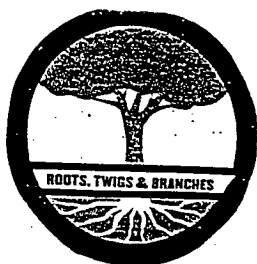
SOURCE: History of North Carolina--Biographies, 1919

The specialized knowledge required in the handling of the duties of the important positions connected with the United States Quarantine Stations, necessitates the securing of men of more than ordinary ability to perform the work that safeguards the country against the introduction of contagious diseases. One of the men of North Carolina who is engaged in this important branch of the United States Government service is Jens Berg, druggist of the quarantine station at Southport, and formerly a well known figure in business circles of the city. Mr. Berg has been a resident of Southport for eighteen years and during that time has been active in the life of the community, where he is established as a dependable citizen and a reliable official.

Jens Berg was born at Lemvig, Denmark, May 20, 1868, and is a son of J.N. and Marie (Jensen) Berg, who have passed their entire lives in their native land. The son of a well known educator, who was principal of various schools in Denmark, Jens Berg received good educational advantages, and when he reached manhood was fully prepared to adopt the vocation of teaching. Although of a studious nature, and fond of acquiring extensive knowledge in various directions, he did not desire the life of an educator, and in 1891 came to the United States, confident that in this land of opportunity he could make his fortune in a business way. His first location was at Seabright, New Jersey, where for seven years he was engaged in the fish business, and in 1898 came to Southport, where he became interested in various business ventures. His native ability, energy, and shrewdness brought him success from his business ventures and he became president and manager of the Southport Light and Power Company, which positions, however, he has since resigned. His business worth, foresight, and acumen were readily recognized by his new associates at Southport, who elected him secretary and treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, offices that he retained for two years. In 1898 he was offered and accepted a position as pharmacist in the employ of the United States Government, and when his ability in this science was recognized he was placed in charge as druggist of the Southport quarantine station, where he has since remained. Mr. Berg is treasurer and member of the board of trustees of the Southport Public Library. His fraternal connection is with the Masonic Lodge, of which he is a secretary and past master.

On November 4, 1902, Mr. Berg was united in marriage with Mrs. Mary Jane Woodside, of Southport.

(From the files of Bill Reaves, Wilmington, NC--1994)



ROOTS, TWIGS AND BRANCHES
THE GENEALOGY PAGE
BY: SUSIE HOLTZ

COMPUTER TALK:

Information on ships? www.cyndislist.com/ships.htm. Free information try Genealogical CD'S www.seidata.com/~lhoffman/cdlist.html. On-line data base index www.gentree.com/. National Genealogical Society www.genealogy.org/~ngs.

SURNAMES:

Does anyone have any information on the following surnames. HANKINS, RUSS, ROOTS? Can you Help?

The following laws as some of those enacted during the North Carolina General Assembly's 1808 session.

No. 2- To remove the Courts of Brunswick County from Lockwood's Folly to Smithville.

No. 4- To emancipate Joseph Blackwell of Brunswick County

No. 8- To authorize William W Jones to erect and keep up a gate on the road passing through his Prospect plantation in Brunswick County.

No. 43- To establish an Academy on Richmond Swamp in Robeson County.

No. 51- To empower the county court of Brunswick County to build a house for the reception and employment of the poor thereof, and for other purposes.

The Edenton Gazette & The North Carolina Advertiser, Edenton, N.C. Issue dated January 6, 1809.

Names list below, Volunteers for three years or the War, belonging to Captain John W. Galloway Company from Brunswick County, acknowledge the receipt of-----dollars, each from Assistant Quartermaster and Paymaster AM Lewis, it being the Bounty due us under the ordinance of the Convention of North Carolina by which we have been mustered into service, 16 day of June 1862. Voucher No. 3336 Coast Guard. 11 men x 35 & 34 x 50, total of \$2085.

George F Hewett

Lucian A Gause

Solomon T Stanley

Benjamin D Wescott

David L Roach

Robert Kirby

Thomas Caison

Francis B Davis (?)

Isaac Caison

Samuel M Hewett

Charles Spencer

John L Hewett

Samuel F Robinson

Dun Bar Davis

Thomas Bell

James B Smith

Lafayette Doshier

William J Wescott

Samuel L Galloway

Lewis W Holden

Steward Hewett

Rhesa E Hewett

Etheldread Hewett

Edward R Lancaster

Lorenzo Galloway

Joseph Hewett

Henry L Robinson

Nathan Keel

Isaac ? Hewett

William H Fulwood

Samuel F Woodsde

Robert M Ruark

William A Lancaster

Jesse Wilson

Timothy E Clemmons

Simons S Davis (?)

Stephen ? Hewett

William Clemmons

William Spencer

Timothy Phelps

Thomas P Robinson

William ? Davis

Samuel P Phelps

William Phelps

Archebald Adams

Some spelling and names hard to read.

MAIL BAG:

I received a nice letter from the co-chairman of the Commemorative Committee for the Greene County Bicentennial. Seems one of the projects is to pay honor to a native of Southport, who later became a Greene County resident. My my who could this be? Alexander SWIFT Galloway. Born June 21, 1840, son of John W and Sarah (Davis) Galloway. The bicentennial will run throughout the year with the big celebration the weekend of April 30-May 2, 1999. More on this later.

This must be Galloway month. Three people have requested help on Galloway research.

FAMILY CERTIFICATE PROGRAM:

Most of you are already aware of the Family Certificate program. The money from the sale of these certificates goes into our Cemetery Endowment Fund. We truly need to do something about protecting our old burial sites. Certificates are still only \$10.00. For you new members, contact me to learn more about this, Susie Holtz 492 South Shore Drive, Southport. 845-3592.

I'm open for ideas as to what you would like to see in the coming Newsletter.

QUERIES:

I just received a picture of my Great Uncle, Harry Fullwood. He is in a band uniform. Could he have been with the Cape Fear Silver Cornet Band? I remember seeing a picture of this band about ten years ago. Does anyone know who owns this? Harry died August 31, 1892 in Southport. I'd appreciate any help on this. Contact, Susie Holtz.

SHS Account Balances

As of 4/30/98

5/7/98

HISTSOCI-All Accounts

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Acct	3/31/98 Balance	4/30/98 Balance
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Cemetery Fund CD	5,712.31	5,712.31
Cemetery Fund Savings	723.75	723.75
Petty Cash	0.00	0.00
Sec. Savings CD	10,030.15	10,030.15
SHS Checking Acct.	1,296.48	1,245.66
SHS Savings Acct.	6,223.79	6,223.79
Total Cash and Bank Accounts	23,986.48	23,935.66
Other Assets		
Accounts Receivable	115.50	343.00
Total Other Assets	115.50	343.00
TOTAL ASSETS	24,101.98	24,278.66
LIABILITIES		
Other Liabilities		
Log Cabin Donations	1,064.00	1,064.00
Total Other Liabilities	1,064.00	1,064.00
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,064.00	1,064.00
OVERALL TOTAL	23,037.98	23,214.66

SHS Cash Flow Report

4/1/98 Through 4/30/98

5/7/98

HISTSOCI-Bank,Cash,CC Accounts

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Category Description	4/1/98- 4/30/98
INFLOWS	
Income from Book Sales	315.60
Income from Dues	140.00
TOTAL INFLOWS	455.60
OUTFLOWS	
Book purchases	182.30
Fees (ISBN)	175.00
Newsletter	106.00
Office Supplies	3.81
Postage	2.74
Quarterly Sales Tax Rtrn	36.57
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	506.42
OVERALL TOTAL	-50.82

The Book Page

Southport Historical Society is actively engaged in publishing books dealing with the history of the lower Cape Fear. Works listed below are available for sale by the Society, and at book stores in the area.

Architecture of Southport, by Carl Lounsbury. Southport Historical Society, second printing 1966, 62 pp., soft-cover. \$15.00. The styles of old Southport homes are described and illustrated.

Cap'n Charlie and the Lights of the Lower Cape Fear, by Ethel Herring. Southport Historical Society, fourth printing 1995, 120 pp, ill., soft-cover. \$10.00.

The Cemeteries of Southport, compiled by Dorcas W. Schmidt. Southport Historical Society, 1983, 94 pp., soft-cover. \$8.00. A unique reference book listing names of those buried in the cemeteries of Southport and environs.

Fort Caswell in War and Peace, by Ethel Herring and Carolee Williams. Published by Broadfoot's Bookmark, Wendell, North Carolina, 1983. 138 pp., ill., hard-cover. \$10.00.

A History of Fort Johnston, by Wilson Angley. Includes index. Published by Southport Historical Society, in association with the Division of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, 1996, 150 pp., ill., soft-cover. \$10.00.

Joshua's Dream, a history of old Southport by Susan S. Carson. First printing published by Carolina Power & Light Company in 1992, second printing published by Southport Historical Society, 1994. 168 pp., ill., soft-cover. \$15.00.

Southport (Smithville), A Chronology, Volume I, 1520-1887, by Bill Reaves. Published by Broadfoot Publishing Company: Wilmington, North Carolina, 1978. Second edition 1985, 129 pp., ill., soft-cover. \$15.00.

Southport (Smithville), A Chronology, Volume II, 1887-1920, by Bill Reaves. Published by Southport Historical Society, Southport, North Carolina, 1978. Second edition 1990, 324 pp., ill., soft-cover. \$20.00.

Southport-Brunswick County, North Carolina, Volume III, 1920-1940, A Chronology by Bill Reaves. Published by Southport Historical Society, Southport, North Carolina, 1996, 248 pp., 46-page index, ill., soft-cover. First edition. \$12.00.

Chronology, Volume IV, by Bill Reaves will be available soon.

****NOTE**** Membership entitles you to purchase these books from the Society at a 10% discount.

