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Honoring Those To Whom Honor Is Due

"Listen my children, and you shall hear of the midnight ride of Paul Revere."

What grammar-school child in America failed to hear and be thrilled by the heroism on one remarkable patriot of our Revolutionary history? Certainly the honor we pay to his memory is well-deserved, and Longfellow, the famous poet, deserves great credit for helping perpetuate the noble deed. Yes, Paul Revere had his Longfellow, but we should not lose sight of other similar important events in our struggle for independence from Great Britain during the years from 1776 through 1784. This was a long war.

Author Ed Crews is happy to commend the state of Virginia for including in the education of its Grammar School children the story of another historic night-ride — that of John/"Jack" Jouett, who rode all night to warn Thomas Jefferson with the terrible message "The British are coming!" Crews' fine collection of the relevant facts and details of the escape of then-Governor of Virginia Jefferson is in the *Journal* of the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, page 66, and following of the summer 2006 edition.

Purely by chance, it came into our notice and we said, "Jouett?" We had a patriot in Caswell County at Locust Hill name Capt. Matthew Jouett, and he's written up in our HERITAGE OF CASWELL COUNTY by Mrs. Elizabeth Anthony Faller, one of our long-time faithful subscribers. We went to our files and found letters from Mrs. Faller, a descendant of the Caswell resident Capt. Matthew Jouett of Louisa County, Virginia, and many other parts during his short but eventful life. Born ca. 1740, married by 1763 to a Sarah whose maiden name has yet to be discovered, he was a veteran of the French & Indian War, the War of the Regulators in Orange County, N.C., and in the Revolution both in Virginia in North Carolina where he drilled his troops down what is now Highway 150 toward the west. He died at his home in late August of 1779. He was never to learn about Capt. John/"Jack" Jouett's famous ride because that took place June 3, 1781.

Mrs. Faller has submitted valuable Jouett family information from the recognized genealogy *The Huguenot*, copyright 1988 by the Huguenot Society, Mrs. John Inman Bell, Jr., editor, and from his this we learn that OUR Matthew Jouett was Virginia's Capt. John/"Jack's" UNCLE. The following interesting pictures accompany the Crews article. Many thanks.

Mrs. Faller asked us a question which we now believe we can answer: Why did Capt. Matthew Jouett become a pioneer in Caswell County with a plantation stated in his will of record in our books part of his figure of 900 acres? Why was it located back of the marker denoting BROWN'S OLD STORE, the oldest of our commercial buildings still standing? A look at his neighbors, Col. John Williams, the Harts — particularly Nathaniel — and the Simpsons. Nathaniel's wife was a daughter of Capt. Richard, a large landowner of the Locust Hill Community. Vance E. Swift's article in our HERITAGE, #321, is invaluable in furnishing information about Jouett, because it tells about the Transylvania Company of which we can now say Matthew Jouett was a Clerk. The overview of his estate settlement indicates that Jouett may have invested his own funds in the Company originally called the Louisa Company. Were there other investors from Virginia? Jouett's claims for Caswell County land apparently had not been perfected by the time of his death. We are fortunate in having complete records of this and Sara/Sally Jouett's second husband, John Edwards Brown, father of Senator Bedford Brown, took some twenty years to settle.

Some of the Jouett children married in Caswell but all were gone from Locust Hill in the early 1800s. Brown's son Jethro had a blacksmith shop for many years at Brown's Old Store, which may have been a Jouett building. John Brown was also a patriot and we need to keep our Revolutionary heritage alive in this county. Cornwallis' South Carolina campaign had resulted in the death of his first wife, Anne Bedford, along with the burning of his house and plantation buildings. He and his seven children were refugees at Locust Hill.

Do we realize the historical importance of our county when we can say that not only General Cornwallis but also the dreaded Tarleton Cavalry came through here pursuing our Generals Nathanael Greene and "Light Horse Harry" Lee?



Dave Duddy

After first seeing things, Jefferson spotted the approach of British troops on second look and vacated Monticello.

The Crews' article shows a Thomas Jefferson re-enactor (easy to locate around Williamsburg) poised for flight as he spies the Tarleton Squad approaching the entrance to Monticello.

Jefferson had, fortunately, sent his family to safety after Jack Jouett had first given the alarm at dawn. We are, after all, probably indebted to Banastre Tarleton for not giving the order to burn Monticello.

As a matter of fact, when Tarleton and company passed through Caswell County on Feb. 13-14, 1781 they were going so fast they didn't stop to pick up property. The "Race to the Dan" has since become somewhat celebrated locally, anyway, by our neighbors at Danville and South Boston, the place where Greene's Army found safety because the patriots had collected boats to carry our men over the flooding Dan River, denying transportation to the British. Some say this was a turning point in the Revolution.

Crews includes a silhouette of Matthew Jouett. We recommend consulting the *Huguenot*, but we think this is our Matthew Jouett's grandpa. By the way, the British did stop at Jouett's Plantation during the Race to the Dan. This matter has been discussed in a previous NEWSLETTER.



Guildhall Art Library

General Cornwallis rattled the government out of Richmond to Charlottesville.



National Gallery, London

Sir Joshua Reynolds's 1782 portrait of now General Banastre Tarleton



Woodford County Historical Society

Matthew Jouett made the only known portrait from life of his father in this silhouette.

As promised in the March issues of the NEWSLETTER, we are printing the following:

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Notes and Queries

Caswell County Historical Association does not at present have a researcher for pay. In the past, we have sent copies of material in our possession from the Museum. The Matthew Jouett estate is an example of incredible chance which made the original papers available for Xeroxing. We need to get a workable Index of family material which has been contributed to us in the past - for instance, the fine John Williams ancestry book and the several Graves genealogies that we have. In the past we passed several family genealogies to the history room of Gunn Memorial Library in Yanceyville. We contributed an enormous printout on the Slade family which had been sent to us to the Library. We consult with people who desire family information at the Museum and try to help. Our County has original deeds from its foundation in 1777 still in the Register's Office. Our records were never destroyed by war or fire and most of the old ones are copied by the Mormon Genealogical organization. By the way, we have a Mormon Church in our County and it has been doing research in the past. The expert on the Poteat family has moved, and, of course, we have suffered an irreparable loss with the death of Katharine Kerr Kendall who authored many of our best genealogical resources.

In the author of the following request wouldn't mind, we quote: "Dean Yancey, 973 Brad Street, Cleveland, Tn. 37312" would like to know if we have any books on Bartlett Yancey. He stated he had material on the subject from the 1700s. We can only state that we do not know of a definitive biography, although we do have his home, beautifully restored on the outskirts of Yanceyville. His law office is out there, too, but you must realize that Bartlett's career began in 1807 and his birthplace is no longer standing. Both our HISTORY OF CASWELL COUNTY and our HERITAGE OF CASWELL COUNTY contain good biographies. The early history before the family moved here from Granville County is not to our knowledge available in this county. A Florida man named Dennis Yancey sent an enormous printout of his collection but we have not had occasion to see the Library copy. We contributed the original list of the births of everyone on his plantation from about 1807 until long past his untimely death in 1828. We have furnished Xeroxes of the Family Bible pages.

There's just something about this letter which came to the Museum that makes us want to offer advice if nothing else. Written on DAR note-paper, dated 5/26/06, Betty Britton 9536 Meadowknoll Drive, Dallas, Texas 75243-6114, writes:

"I am late getting my dues mailed in - my husband has been seriously ill. He has been in hospital and rehab for about three months.

I still would like to know if there are descendants of Capt. John SOMERS and wife Catherine Arden. It would be of the daughters, I think, because the sons went to Tennessee. John died in 1803 and Catherine remarried about 4 years later. BETTY BRITTON."

Our horseback opinion is that long-time member Richard Page Aldridge of the Mormon Church whose address is 2014 Rascoe Dameron Road, Burlington, N.C. 27217 may be able to help or suggest someone.

People have been to us for JACKSON information over the years - some of them from Rockingham County. Since our HERITAGE was published we always consult this source because it has many thousand names. Sure enough, there are Jacksons and Spencers in our Index and sometimes more significant to the research is the name and address of the contributor which will be found in a certain section of HERITAGE, which is now out of print but copies are at Gunn Memorial Library and the Museum.

The following letter we received last fall read: "The family is George Jackson married Frances Spencer Oct. 10, 1785. Spencer Jackson married Rainey Brintle (b. 1795, died 1850(?)). Spencer was b. 1786 and died 1864. Married in 1815. Is Spencer George's son? Other perhaps of this family: Robert M. Jackson, Sr.; Isaac Thomas Jackson who married Martha Dameron, Robert Jackson, Jr. married 1811 Rachel Carney.

I will pay a nominal fee if someone will contact me (signed) Mrs. Lewis L. Jackson, 803 Alexander St., Paris, Tenn. 38242." What to do? Well, the editor consulted the HERITAGE and in Article 672 "Descendants of Thomas Spencer" and FRANCES, one of his daughters, married "George Jackson 10-10-1785." Author of this article is "Donald Spencer, P.O. Box 178, Madison, Alabama 35758, Tel. 205-772-3371." Our index of contributors is on pp. 683-685.

The other Jackson names George W. is found in Article 718, p. 527, column one, and the author of the article is Ruth T. Walker, Barnes St., Reidsville, N.C. 27320 (no telephone). Remember, the HERITAGE was published in 1985 and many contributors are dead, or otherwise unavailable. The information in Article 672 has a George from the 1700s. The George in the other Jackson story is almost contemporary. We hope you can reach someone at this date.

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Summer 2006 Business Meeting

The summer meeting of the membership of the Caswell County Historical Association will take place at the Richmond-Miles Museum, on the Square in Yanceyville Thursday evening, July 20, at 7:00 p.m.

The bulk of the meeting will be taken up with two items: (1) consideration of changes to the Constitution and By-Laws and (2) election of officers and Board members.

The suggestions for changes were approved at the May 30 meeting of the Board of Directors and will be presented to the membership for its consideration, suggestions and approval. A copy of these suggested changes is included in this mailing of the newsletter.

Part of the reasoning behind many of these changes is the increase in the scope of the Association's programs occasioned by the acquisition of the Gatewood House and the opening of the Richmond-Miles Museum on the property. Because of this expanding scope, there is an increased need not only for expansion in membership but also in the degree of activity on the part of members and in the number of officers required to carry out the various aspects of the Association's program.

In addition, in view of the tenuous condition of the Association's finances, it was thought prudent to allow for a graduated dues structure in order to accommodate members' varying means and the degrees of their dedication to the Association's mission.

Following the discussion of proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws [included in this newsletter - see page 7], the Nominating Committee will comment on its report and an election will be held, the elected officers and Board members to assume office immediately.

Should President Elizabeth McPherson prove unable to attend, the meeting will be conducted by Vice President Gordon Bendall.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS

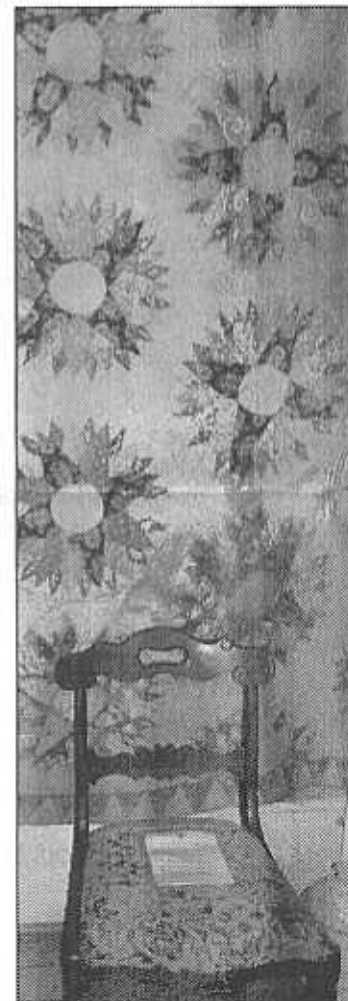
AT JULY 20 MEETING - By Nominating Committee
(Sallie Anderson, Forrest Altman, Karen Oestreicher)

The Nominating Committee appointed by President Elizabeth McPherson is taking an unusual action.

It's customary in many organizations for the nominating Committee to report orally to the membership just before the election is held. In this situation the members have had no opportunity to reflect on the matter or to consider a range of possible candidates, and the usual outcome is that the report of the Nominating Committee is approved by default.

The committee this year would like to present its findings to you before the election in order to give you an opportunity to consider its suggestions thoughtfully. Then, at the meeting, you will have ample opportunity to add your nominations to those presented by the Committee.

We would like you to have the benefit of our reasoning in selecting the following officers and Board members.



We think that with the increased scope of the Association's activities resulting from the acquisition of a building and the opening of the Richmond-Miles Museum, the organization needs more officers with well-defined duties. That is the reason for the proposal, to be discussed at the July 20 meeting, for expanding the officer cadre. Pending discussion and action by the membership, the Committee had no choice but to nominate the traditional four officers.

Regarding the Board election, the Committee was faced with the fact that some Board members have not only been delinquent in their attendance at Board meetings but are also delinquent in paying membership fees. Therefore it seemed prudent to add Board members in each class of members to hedge the possibility that some Board members may not renew their membership by the end of July [see separate article titled "Oops!" in this newsletter]. The nomination of Matt Allen is made in the hope that (1) he'll help us organize a cadre of docents to lead tours of the Old Jail and Poteat School and (2) his example will be the start of a series of younger Board members and a greater membership not yet ready for the wheelchair.

INCUMBENTS

President: Elizabeth McPherson.

Secretary: Forrest Altman

Vice President: Gordon Bendall

Treasurer: Mary Jo Henderson

Board of Directors Class of 2006: Betty Gentry, W. M. Kimbro Jr., J. C. Winstead Jr.

Board of Directors Class of 2007: Nathaniel Hall, Karen Moore, Leon Richmond, Mike Willis

Board of Directors Class of 2008: Frank Murphy, Robert Neal, Karen Oestreicher, Gordon Satterfield

NOMINATIONS

Officers (to serve for 2-year terms)

President: Karen Oestreicher (Karen had become Lib McPherson's "right-hand person" even before Lib's illness and has been responsible for several important initiatives and much hard work.)

Vice President: Cyrus C. Vernon (Cy has been a pillar in the community for decades, especially in his work with the Bartlett Yancey Future Farmers of America, and his roots in the county go back generations.)

Secretary: Forrest Altman (Forrest is in his second tour as Secretary of the Association and is actively seeking his successor. Any takers?)

Treasurer: Mary Jo Henderson (Her conscientious and good-natured service warrants our continued trust.)

Board of Directors (Board Members are elected each year to serve 3-year terms)

CLASS OF 2009

Betty Gentry:	A current Board member and former Secretary
Mark Kennard:	Genealogist, historical preservationist
Rita Ann Lea:	Member Virginia Genealogical Society, teacher
Cecil Page:	Sincerely interested in history and service

CLASS OF 2007

Matthew Allen:	High school senior, Scout, recipient of many honors
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CLASS OF 2008

Elizabeth McPherson:	Current President, future consultant and adviser
Teressa Taylor:	African-American genealogy; teacher of history, Danville's Galileo Magnet School

After diligent search and serious discussion, these are our recommendations. Still, though we have turned over many stones in our search, we do not claim to have conducted a perfect canvass. We are open to your wisdom and your nominations.

Suggested Revisions, Expansions And Clarifications
CASWELL COUNTY HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
Approved By The Board Of Directors May 30, 2006

CONSTITUTION

Article I -- NAME

EXISTING CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED
The name of this organization shall be Caswell County Historical Association, and as such shall have an elected board of directors, each director to serve a specific term so as to create a staggering of board membership so that approximately 1/3 of the board will be elected each year at the annual meeting	[ADD] Board members shall serve for a term of three years. Names of Board members shall be listed by Class: e.g. "Class of 2006," "Class of 2007," "Class of 2008," etc., the number indicating the year at the end of which the Board member's term expires. At least four Board members shall be elected each year

Article II — [PURPOSE] [Change to MISSION]

It shall be the [purpose] of this association to do all in its power to collect and preserve all the available historical material connected with the history of Caswell County with the purpose in view of writing and publishing a history of Caswell County and other books relating to the county, issuing the quarterly NEWSLETTER to all members, maintaining the Caswell County Historical Museum and encouraging the marking, preservation and restoration of historic sites and buildings	[Change to: "mission."] [ADD]; conducting public programs; preserving old roadbeds; increasing public access to the Old Jail and the Poteat School; training of docents for Jail, School and Museum; encouraging the researching, building and maintenance of Heritage Trails to connect historic sites; encouraging the development of Heritage Tourism and generally promoting public knowledge of Caswell County's natural and cultural heritage
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Article III — MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

Membership shall be open to persons who are interested in the purposes of this organization and who are willing to aid and assist in promoting and encouraging the same.	[NO CHANGE]
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Section 2

EXISTING CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED
Active membership (members privileged to vote and otherwise participate in the business of the association) shall consist only of those who have paid their dues for the year.	[ADD] Nevertheless, visitors are encouraged to attend meetings and events and to participate financially as well as through their attendance. Dues are to be paid annually by February 1 and shall be for the calendar year, i.e., from January 1 to December 31. Only members whose dues are paid shall be considered "active" and so listed in membership rosters

Section 3

EXISTING CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED
	There shall be several categories of membership, allowing members to choose their degree of financial participation in the support of the Association. In each category, a member shall have one vote at the Annual Membership Meeting or at any other called meeting of the Association.

Article IV — OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

Section 1

EXISTING CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED
The officers of the association shall consist of a president, a vice president, a secretary and a treasurer.	<p>[ADD] Should the following functionaries be named or elected, they would be considered officers and would be members of the Executive Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (1) additional Vice Presidents (2) President-Elect (3) Program Chair (4) Corresponding/Membership Secretary (5) Museum Director (6) Research Director (7) Gift Shop Manager (8) Volunteer Coordinator/Docent Trainer (9) Newsletter Editor (10) Genealogy Researcher

Section 2

EXISTING CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED
The officers shall be chosen by ballot and shall serve for a period of two years. Election of officers shall be held at the annual meeting [in April].	[Delete the words "in April."]

Section 3

EXISTING CONSTITUTION	PROPOSED
<p>[Delete]</p> <p>The executive council shall consist of the above officers and shall meet in the executive session as matter pertaining to the interest and needs of the organization may demand</p>	<p>[Substituted]</p> <p>The Officers shall comprise the Executive Committee and may meet in person, by telephone or electronically; at the call of the President, of her/his surrogate or of two other officers; as the business of the Association shall require.</p>

Article V --DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1

[This section of the existing By-Laws is a bare outline giving very little guidance to officers. The following is proposed as a substitute for Article V of the current Constitution.]

PRESIDENT

- Preside at Membership Meetings of the Association, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.
- Appoint committees.
- Serve as *ex officio* member of each committee.
- Perform such other duties as carry out the Mission of the Association.
- Delegate responsibilities in order to avoid becoming overburdened. Consult frequently with other officers, committee heads and Board members.
- Share information freely with the appropriate officers and committee chairs.
- Foster a sense of participation and involvement among the members of the Association.
- With the advice and consent of the Board, appoint officers to replace those who resign or become indisposed.
- Arrange for inventories and annual audits.

Section 2

VICE PRESIDENT / PROGRAM CHAIR

- Preside at meetings in the absence of the President.
- Plan and implement programs of cultural interest for the Annual Meeting of the Association.
- Initiate activities of the Association in the community at the suggestion of and with the concurrence of the Executive Committee, the Board of directors and the President.

Section 3

SECRETARY

- Record minutes of meetings of the Association, the Executive Committee and the Board of Directors.
- Maintain records as directed by the President, the Executive Committee and / or the Board of Directors.
- Create notices of meetings in consultation with the Corresponding / Membership Secretary.
- Undertake such other tasks as shall be directed or assigned by the Executive Committee or the Board of directors

Section 4

CORRESPONDING/MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

- Maintain an up-to-date roster of current dues-paid members by Membership Category (see Section III of By-laws: DUES).
- Receive from the Treasurer names of new members by Category as dues are paid.
- Update membership lists as dues are paid.
- Communicate information from the Executive and other Committees and from the Board in consultation with the Secretary.
- Assist the Secretary

Section 5

TREASURER

- Receive all monies paid to the Association.
- Pay all bills owed by the Association.
- Inform Corresponding / Membership Secretary of receipt of membership dues (at least monthly).
- Prepare budgets in consultation with the Museum Director, President and other officers and committee chairpersons.
- Prepare balance sheets as part of each report to the Board of Directors at its quarterly meetings.
- In cooperation with officers and the Finance Committee and the Board or Directors plan fund-raising campaigns and fund-raising events.
- Arrange for annual audit of financial records.
- Chair the Budget Committee.

Section 6

MUSEUM DIRECTOR

- Manage the daily affairs of the Richmond-Miles Museum Building, the Maud Gatewood Studio Building, The Old Jail and the Poteat School.
- Coordinate liaison with tenants.
- In tandem with the Volunteer Coordinator direct the activities of volunteer docents.
- Manage the Association's real property in consultation with and with the assistance of the Buildings and Grounds Committee.
- Carry out maintenance and repairs in consultation with the Board of Directors.

Section 7

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

- Recruit and train volunteer docents.
- Supervise scheduling of docents.
- Work with docents at Richmond-Miles Museum, the Old Jail and the Poteat School.
- In cooperation with the Vice President / Program Chair plan for public tours of the Old Jail and the Poteat School.
- In consultation with the Corresponding/Membership Secretary inform members of volunteer needs and opportunities.
- Recruit volunteer docents in order to increase the hours and days of opening at the Museum and the tour opportunities at the Potent School and Old Jail.

Section 8

GIFT SHOP MANAGER

- Maintain an attractive display of items for sale.
- Control stock in consultation with Museum Director and Board of Directors
- Reorder items as needed.
- Introduce new items as appropriate.
- Brief Museum Volunteers as to Gift Shop routine and arrangements.
- Cooperate with Treasurer in the expenditure of funds and the management of income from sales.

RESEARCH DIRECTOR

- Process telephone requests received by volunteers or via mail or the Internet.
- Become familiar with the resources of the Zeke and Sallie Anderson Genealogy Room.
- Search records to fulfill requests for information.
- Take orders for information
- Keep records of time spent in research, the cost of materials, fees for photocopying and other expenses incurred in fulfilling requests for information. Forward these to the client.
- When costs have been paid, forward the information to the client.
Recommend fees for research.

MEMBER OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Attend faithfully quarterly board meetings. Any Board member who misses as many as three consecutive Board meetings may be presumed to have resigned from the Board and shall be replaced by the President with the advice and consent of the Board.
- With other members of the Board, assume responsibilities for the fiscal solvency of the Association.
- Direct the operation of the Association in every aspect.
- Participate in the initiation of any significant change of direction or new project of the Association.
- Personify and exemplify the purposes and ideals of the Association.
- Take an active and friendly interest in all of the affairs of the Association

Article VI — DISSOLUTION OR LIQUIDATION

<p>In the event of liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, no director or officer or any private individual shall be entitled to any distribution or division of its remaining property received by the corporation[,] * [a]fter all its liabilities and obligations have been discharged or adequate provision made [therefore] [sic], * shall be used or distributed exclusively for [the] purposes the similar [in nature] to those set forth in Article II of this constitution and turned [over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described [sic] in Section 501C(3) section 170C(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code or to the Federal State or local government for exclusive public purpose, all as more provided for in the Bylaws of the Corporation.</p>	<p>[*insert period] [Substitute Capital letter]</p> <p>[*Correct to read "therefore", add the words] "any remaining assets of the Association Delete-"the" [Delete:] in nature [Substitute] "described"</p>
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BY-LAWS

Article I — MEETINGS

Section 1

<p>The association shall hold its annual meeting [on the second Tuesday night in April at 7:00PM in the Gunn Memorial Library Building in Yanceyville, NC or] at such [other] time and place as the [association] may designate. At the annual meeting all reports for the year shall be made and officers* shall be elected and installed. Additional meetings shall be held [every second Tuesday night in July, October and January in each year in the same place and hour as the annual meeting unless otherwise]* designated by the [association].</p>	<p>[Delete bracketed words]</p> <p>[Delete] [Board of Directors]</p> <p>[Add:] "and Board members"</p> <p>[Delete]</p> <p>[Add:] "as" [Board of Directors]</p> <p>[Add:] "The Board of Directors shall give at least three weeks' notice of meetings by mail or newspaper announcements."</p>
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Section 2

<p>The [executive council] shall meet at the call of the president or upon the [written] request of two of its members</p>	<p>Executive Committee [Delete]</p>
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Section 3

	<p>The Board of Directors shall meet quarterly at a time and place determined by the President in consultation with other officers.</p>
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Article 2 — QUORUM

Section 1

<p>At all meeting of the association a majority of the active members present shall constitute a quorum with the exception of meetings that will consider amendments to the constitution. The quorum for meetings which consider making constitutional changes shall consist of [2/3] of the active members.</p>	<p>[Change to 10%]</p>
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Section 2

<p>A quorum of the [executive council] shall consist of [two] members</p>	<p>[Executive Committee] [no fewer than 3]</p>
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Section 3

	<p>A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of one-third of the total number of officers and Board members</p>
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Article III — DUES

<p>[Delete] The annual dues for all members including corporate members shall be \$20.00 or such an amount as shall be voted by the members to be paid. The initiation fee for all new members shall be \$5.00 or such an amount as may be voted by the membership and shall cover a year's subscription to the newsletter. Annual dues provide membership for the calendar year (January 1 – December 31) except for 1999 which is a transitional year to calendar year dues. During 1999 only member may [sic] have a 6 months membership for \$10.00 in order to ship [sic] that individual member's dues to a calendar year basis.</p>	<p>[Substitute] Dues are payable annually by January 1 and are for the calendar year, i.e., from January 1 through December 31. Only members whose dues have been paid may be considered "Active". Beginning with the calendar year 2007 Membership Categories and their applicable fee shall be as follows:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="812 1134 1461 1323"> <tr> <td>Individual</td> <td>\$20</td> <td>Family</td> <td>\$30</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Friend</td> <td>\$50</td> <td>Organization*</td> <td>\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Corporation**</td> <td>\$100</td> <td>Steward</td> <td>\$100-249</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Preserver</td> <td>\$250-499</td> <td>Protector</td> <td>\$500-999</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sponsor</td> <td>\$1000+</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>* Up to nine members **10 members or more</p>	Individual	\$20	Family	\$30	Friend	\$50	Organization*	\$50	Corporation**	\$100	Steward	\$100-249	Preserver	\$250-499	Protector	\$500-999	Sponsor	\$1000+		
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Article IV - COMMITTEES

<p>The president may appoint, with the approval of the [executive council], the following committees: a [book sales] committee, a finance committee, a membership committee, a publicity committee, a museum committee and all other committees that is deemed essential* The size of these committees shall be left to the discretion of the president and the [executive council]. The president shall be all ex officio member of all committees.</p>	<p>[Executive Committee] [gift shop, by-laws, budget, buildings and grounds] [Add] "Research," "Tourism," "Trails" [Add] "or desirable" [Executive Committee]</p>
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Article V -AMENDMENTS

<p>Amendments to this Constitution and these By-laws may be made under the conditions provided for in Roberts Rules of Order. Amendments may be made only at a regular meeting of the association and by a 2/3 vote of the voting members present. Such proposed amendment must have been [submitted in writing at the previous meeting and] mailed to all active members at least ten days before the amendment is to be voted on.</p>	<p>[Delete]</p>
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Article VI — ORDER OF BUSINESS

Section 1

<p>Roberts Rules or Order shall be the parliamentary authority at all meeting of this association</p>	<p>[No change]</p>
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Section 2

<p>At the regular meetings of this association the following shall be the order of business: Call to order Roll call Reading of minutes of previous meeting* Reports of **committees Unfinished business New business</p>	<p>*[Add:] "or approval of minutes copies of which have been circulated to each members beforehand." **[Insert:] "officers and"</p>
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Annual dues of \$20 for individuals and \$30 for family memberships are payable by January of each year for the calendar year. To renew your membership, please complete this form and mail to the Caswell County Historical Association, Attn: Treasurer Mary Jo Henderson, Box 278, Yanceyville, NC 27379 with your check or money order.

All members receive the Association newsletter 4 times a year with information about Caswell County families, news of historic preservation in the county and information about Historical Association events. Volunteers are needed in the museum, on committees and other projects. Tell us how you will help.

Membership for 2006 New Renewal (circle one)

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Address _____ Work Phone: _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____ Fax _____

Payment: _____ Email _____

Here are my dues for 2006 \$ _____ I would like to be a volunteer. I would like to

Here's a gift for the Association \$ _____ help with: _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Oops!

When the last newsletter went out, we inadvertently omitted an important reminder.

We forgot to place a red dot on the mailing label to remind those who had forgotten to pay their 2006 dues.

If you are one of those, there's a red dot near your address on this issue of the newsletter.

Please pay your 2006 dues by the end of July if you are still devoted to the mission of the Association and wish to continue receiving the newsletter.

And please accept our apology for OUR oversight.



October Picnic

The Caswell County Historical Association's Annual Summer Picnic has been re-scheduled for cooler weather on Sunday, October, 15, at the home of Mary Jane and Leon Richmond, 3817 Highway 119 in the Leasburg community. Association members and guests are invited to arrive around 4pm with dinner being served at 5pm. Dress is casual. There will be a brief business meeting followed by a special presentation.

Thank you, Gala Supporters!

On behalf of the Caswell County Historical Association, I would like to thank each person for their support of the Association and the Richmond-Miles Museum with their donations in lieu of tickets for the canceled May 6th Danville Symphony Orchestra Gala. Unfortunately, tickets sales were too low to continue planning the event; however, the people named below showed their support with monetary donations. The Association greatly needs and appreciates all donations to support Caswell County's rich history. To these people and others who worked on the plans for the event, THANK YOU.

— Mary Jo Henderson, Treasurer

Thomas R. and Elizabeth McPherson

Caroline H. Neal

Patricia Anderson

Gordon and Marion Dalglish

David L. and Susan P. Percy

James M. and Catherine Long

Benton Kaye C. Thompson

Gordon G. Satterfield

Carolyn P. Hall

Thank you, CCHA volunteers!

Forrest Altman, Sallie Anderson, Marian Bryant, Anne Daniel, Lee Filler, Larry Foster, Betty Gentry, Clark Graves, J.D. and June Gwynn, Richard Gwynn, Helen Hooper, Ruby Hovatter, Thelma Johnson, Caroline Law, Hazel and Rascoe Massey, Tom and Lib McPherson, Irmgard Miller, Frances Murphy, Karen Oestreicher, Mitzy Page, Nancy Rudd, Benton Kay Thompson, Janice Vernon, Roger Ward, Katherine Watlington, Will Woodard

We couldn't do it without your hard work!

"It has been a memorable experience...."

This is my valedictory as president of CCHA. It has been a memorable experience. I am not a Caswell native, but my husband has roots in families who were here before 1776. However, it is truly home to our family. We never expected to become so deeply involved in the history of the county, but the rich tapestry of the county history very soon drew our love of history into the web, and in retirement, both my husband Tommy and I have found much satisfaction in our volunteer work in the association and its Richmond-Miles Museum.

From its inception, the Historical Association has been a remarkable organization whose loyal working members have achieved great goals as it recorded Caswell's history in "When the Past Refused To Die," "The Inventory of Caswell Architecture," "The Caswell Family Heritage" and in the quarterly newsletters, established a museum and successfully advocated for preservation of our architectural jewels and historic cemeteries. We must not forget the faithfulness of folks like Register of Deeds Burch Blalock, Mr. Johnny Gunn, Mr. M.Q. Plumblee, Mrs. Mary Satterfield, Sallie and Zeke Anderson, Anne Daniel, Nancy Rudd, Jeannine Whitlow, Dorothy Zimmerman and untold others who made this possible.



The effort to save the historic courthouse in the late 90s was the impetus for moving the association to a new plateau. Under President Jim Ray's leadership, the County Commissioners committed to preservation of the historic courthouse with the Historical Association Restoration Committee as advisors to the restoration (Anne Daniel, Ben and Margaret Williams, Pat and Wally Ewalt, Sallie Anderson and others worked valiantly to assure the integrity of this restoration). In order to qualify for grants, the association applied for and achieved its 501(C)(3) sta-

tus. The first Board of Directors was elected in 1998 (I was vice-president), and the process of board-building began. During this time, courthouse restoration and finding a new home for the museum was the highest priority. In late 1999, our son Tom and his wife Kathy purchased the Graves-Florence-Gatewood House (c. 1812) from artist Maud Gatewood and donated it to the association for the new home. The museum was named the Richmond-Miles Museum to honor their paternal grandmothers, whose ancestors were Caswell settler before the Revolutionary War.

In 2000, the museum reopened to the public in its new home. A core of faithful volunteers have created exhibits, kept the museum open several days a week, guided tours of the museum, historic courthouse, old jail, and Poteat School, helped get the newsletter out, swept floors, polished exhibit cases, maintained the gift shop, made cookies, helped find genealogy information and more. There are too many to name in the space we have.

Visitors from all over the U.S. and a number of foreign countries are always amazed at what we have been able to do with all volunteers. We never have enough volunteers for so many of our members do not live in this area. We depend on the non-resident members' support with their dues and contributions. Without that support and the rent from the office space upstairs, none of these things would be happen.

The national economy and the local tobacco economy have severely hampered our fund raising efforts, and CCHA leaders are facing the challenge of bringing fiscal stability in order to maintain the museum facilities, upgrade exhibits, and enable the association to be a real partner in the Caswell 21st Century Community Development Corporation's goal of capitalizing on Caswell's rich history by developing Heritage

Tourism's potential in this community. CCHA is in a unique position to be a major player in this effort to make a difference in the future of our economy. Many challenges face the board as they position the organization to take advantage of this opportunity. The support of every member will be essential. New members, younger members and young leaders must be recruited, grants must be sought, capital funds solicited, facility use maximized and more!

It has been a privilege and an honor for me to serve as president of Caswell County Historical Association. Because of some serious health problems this year, I have not been active at all since April 1 except for phone communication with Board Secretary Forrest Altman and Board Member Karen Oestreicher. They have gone beyond the call of duty to coordinate and implement CCHA's work. Please express your thanks to them. I expect to continue to be involved to whatever degree my health will allow and to be an information resource about the history as needed.



I will always follow the work of CCHA with great love and interest!

Thanks for the opportunity, and thanks for the memories of work shared, of new friends and the wonderful teamwork I enjoyed with so many of you.

Lib McPherson, CCHA Presi



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