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July 7: Bynum Fulcher

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Winston-Salem, NC
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WELCOME TO FCHA Phyllis Roberson Hoots, President

The FCHA has both a challenge and a privilege to research the history of such a unique county as Forsyth. Having been separated from Stokes County in 1849, Forsyth became the seat of emerging industries, whose names are still familiar to people over the world. Its seat, centered in the new town of Winston, named for a Revolutionary hero, Joseph Winston, of Townfork Settlement, was located next to the Moravian town of Salem, too close for the comfort of some of the good Moravians. The influence of the distinctive Moravian culture certainly had far-reaching impact on Winston and the county of Forsyth. But there were other innovative influences from other people whose ancestors had settled here in the 1700s and from people who migrated to this area in the late 1800s, seeking opportunity. Richard Joshua Reynolds was one such person, staying in Forsyth to establish a tobacco empire. Others, whose roots are deep here, also made names for themselves in tobacco, textiles, and other modernizing industries. Winston-Salem (the name change occurred in 1913) became the important hub of industry between Washington, D.C. and Atlanta in the early 20th century.

But the industries could not have succeeded without the support of thousands of people living in Forsyth County and the surrounding area. Many of them, for generations, loyally gave their labor to make these manufacturers hugely profitable. It is the FCHA's privilege and challenge to bring this story of a unique people and its industrial heritage to the attention of the world, to not forget all facets of their lives and industrial genesis, from the time their ancestors first put down roots in what would become Forsyth County to the almost "science-fiction" era of the 21st century. And what a story!! And what the FCHA is discovering, as we ferret through the county's vast history! We invite you all to share in our discoveries, many of which we have not yet brought to the attention of the public. It will only continue to get better!

This and ThatBy Cindy H. Casey

FINDING LIBERTY!! The Liberty Cemetery project has now expanded to the **Liberty Township Project!** This "lost community", located north of Winston, is a vital piece of our history. If you would like to help research old books and newspapers, please contact Cindy Casey. Let's not let Liberty's history slip away! Information will be added to our website as it becomes available.

Museum Guide Through NC: Looking for something to do this summer? Quick trips to NC Museums might be the answer! Grab your GPS and this handy NC Museum Guide: <http://www.ncmuseums.org/>

UNC Library Project: Documenting the American South- is a digital publishing initiative that provides Internet access to texts, images, and audio files related to southern history, literature, and culture. Currently **DocSouth** includes twelve thematic collections of books, diaries, posters, artifacts, letters, oral history interviews, and songs. A wonderful place to research NC History. The Colonial Records are online too! <http://docsouth.unc.edu/>

MEMBERS SECTION: New info has been added to the website! Read old books and study maps of our state on the web. Check out the

new links!

STOKES DEEDS ONLINE: You can now research deeds from Stokes County online. They will soon have the index online as well. Go to: www.co.stokes.nc.us/deeds/

DO YOU HAVE OBITS?? Obituaries are sometimes the ONLY source one has to prove a death date. Our obituary page is growing but we still need donations! If you're researching old newspapers and find an obit, please contribute it to the FCHA database! Thanks for all the help!!!

Salem Chapel Deaths- 1915By Phyllis Roberson Hoots

From the Sunday morning, January 10, 1915 *Winston-Salem Journal*:

**ANNUAL REPORT OF SALEM
CHAPEL IS MADE BY REGISTRAR
Many Births Were Reported In That
Township By Mr. Joe Grubbs
Low Death Rate Was Reported**

Mr. Joe F. Grubbs, registrar of vital statistics in Salem Chapel township, was the first to file his annual report with the Register of Deeds, J. M. Lentz, on yesterday. His report is splendidly made out and is very complete. The deaths and births in his township for the past year were as follows:

Deaths Last Year:

Joseph Abram Reid, age ? (torn) year, ?

Edwin Reid, aged 85, pneumonia
Arthur Bowman, 1 year, grip and pneumonia

Mrs. Sallie Bowman, 30, grip
Arv[ie?] Brow Browder, pneumonia
Mary E. Richardson, 72, pneumonia
Miss Louise Davis, 60, pneumonia
Shirley Ruth Jones, 47, acute nephritis
John Wesley Featherstone, 65, tuberculosis

Charley Redman, kicked by a mule

Colored Deaths:

Daniel Gray, aged 54

Jacob Covington, aged 53, acute indigestion

Rudolph Banner, 2 months, accidentally smothered

Births Last Year:

John Walter White to Mr. and Mrs. J. W. White
Lucile Tyree Marshall to Mr. and Mrs. I. W. Marshall
Joseph Abram Reid to Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Reid
Pearl Annie Marshall to Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Marshall
William Woodrow Kiger to Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Kiger
Vick Ophelia Marshall to Mr. and Mrs. V. O. Marshall
John Bowman to Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Bowman
Lillian Johnson to Mr. and Mrs. Walter M. Johnson
Minnie Peoples to Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Peoples
Henry Alexander Perrell to Mr. and Mrs. J. H.[?]
Perrell
Letta Ellen Grubbs to Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Grubbs
Mary Elizabeth Preston to Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Preston
Robah Vance Fulp to Mr. and Mrs. Ma[ce?] Fulp
Katherine Elizabeth Hammock to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Hammock

DISCOVERING AND SURVEYING A CEMETERY...Phyllis Roberson Hoots



SALEM CEMETERY
Winston-Salem, NC

When searching for the graves of ancestors, one hopes to find them in an easily accessible cemetery. Unfortunately, since many people in the 18th and 19th centuries were buried on the homeplace or in cemeteries at churches that no longer exist, one has to use a sleuth's methods to discover their final resting places.

If you are feeling discouraged because you have little information to go on, please don't be. If you don't even know where to begin, the article, ***How to Find Lost Cemeteries and How to Survey Them*** will give you pertinent information to help you find those elusive relatives. *[Will soon be posted on the FCHA website]*

Quite often, even after tramping through fields and woods and finally finding the site, people are not sure how to go about locating their individual(s) in the cemetery. They may not be able to make heads or tails of the surroundings and are unable to figure out the site's perimeter. But understanding several basic points will allow one to make sense of the cemetery's orientation and layout. The article, appearing on the website in July, will assist you in discovering your lost ancestors and making a survey of the gravesite itself.

DID YOU KNOW?? **By Kathleen Clayton**

The Safe Bus Company

During segregation African Americans in East Winston had a difficult time getting to their jobs in and around the city since there were not any trolleys or public transportation in East Winston. During the 1914 construction of the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company plants, the construction contractor used his car as a jitney to get employees to work on time. By 1926 there were a variety of jitney businesses serving East Winston. Profits were good but confrontations between jitney drivers occurred when territorial lines were crossed.

Mayor Barber, the mayor of Winston-Salem, threatened to more closely regulate those jitney drivers unless they worked together. The jitney owners met on April 24, 1926 and most of them joined forces and created the Safe Bus Company. The Safe Bus Company was the only African American-owned city bus company in the United States that ran a fixed route for the general public. They started business with 35 antiquated buses serving east and northeast Winston-Salem. From the 1930's to 1960's the company's fortunes moved up and down during expansions, World War II, wage negotiations and strikes by the Local 248 Transport Workers Union. In 1968 they were the sole public transportation provided for Winston-Salem after the existing City Coach Line folded after a ten month workers' strike. The 1970's brought financial difficulties due to the increased ownership of private automobiles and a change into less profitable sections of the city. In 1972 the city of Winston-Salem purchased the assets of the Safe Bus Company. If you would like to read more about the remarkable history of entrepreneurial spirit by African Americans in Winston-Salem please go to www.wstransit.com/history to read a more detailed article.

FROM THE EDITOR....by Cindy H. Casey

Recently I had the very good fortune of meeting Elizabeth Lee Girardeau through our FCHA website. Her grandfather W. Loring Lee, attended the Davis Military Academy during 1893-94. Mrs. Girardeau found in her grandfather's things many original studio cards (photos) of cadets who were also attending DMA during the same time period. She has graciously donated these photos to FCHA for safekeeping.

These photos are a wonderful piece of our local history! They were taken at Hough Studio and Lineback Studio in Winston and J.D. Brinkley's ca 1893. Very few original photos of DMA cadets exist. One of the photos is of HENRY WOLF BUTNER, which is especially important to the collection. Henry was born in the Shoals community of Surry County, NC April 6, 1875 to Francis Augustine and Sarah Wolfe Butner. After graduating DMA, Henry then attended West Point Military Academy in 1894. His US Army career proved successful and eventually he was promoted to General during WWI. He also served as the commanding officer at Fort Bragg, NC. Camp Butner, the present town of Butner, NC was named for him. It should be mentioned that Maj. W. Loring Lee also enjoyed a successful military career!

Once these photos have been scanned, they will be uploaded to our website for you to enjoy. They will become part of the Photograph Collection at the Central Library in Winston-Salem. Please check our website <http://www.forsythnchistory.com/davismilitary.html>

THANK YOU ELIZABETH!!!



Maj. Lee's DMA Cadet Uniform

Interments in Salem Graveyard 1893-1914.....

Editors Website Pick

Research NC Death Certificates at Ancestry.com. Presently there are 5,463 certificates on their site dating back to 1910. There are also the Death Collection Records which report the names and dates of death, but no information on the family.

Check out FIND A GRAVE at www.findagrave.com/index.html Cemeteries from all over the country can be found. Add your headstone collection to this site so that others can find their ancestors!



The FCHA apologizes for any inconvenience caused by the library director changing our meeting dates. The FCHA Board is hoping to resolve this situation so our future meetings will remain as scheduled.

I have to admit I am a huge ANCESTRY.COM fan. I also admit that at times it is a little frustrating to find specific things, but the rewards outweigh the labor of searching. I recently found the *List of Interments in Salem Moravian (North Carolina) Grave yard* which was originally compiled during 1893-1894 by J.A. Lineback. There is a notation that the list was complete through 1914. In 1936, Elizabeth Fearington Croom, the Genealogical Chairman for the Gen. Joseph Winston DAR Chapter, copied the list for the DAR records. It records the first death as 1777. There is no index, as the names are alphabetized. What a great research tool for those who are trying to find their ancestors in God's Acre.

The next time you visit Ancestry.Com, go to *Search Family & Local History Records* and type in the Keyword field "Salem Graveyard". For those of you who don't have a subscription, you can access the site for free by using the computers in the NC Room at the Central Library.

FCHA WEBSITE....Still Growing

The FCHA Website has been growing with many new obituaries added to the MEMBERS SITE. New articles from local papers, i.e. *Peoples Press, Western Sentinel, Union Republican*, etc. have been added, including marriage announcements. Due to time constraints, new obits will no longer be added to the public site, but will continue in the MEMBER SITE.

As much as I enjoy collecting these articles for your enjoyment and research, it is becoming increasingly difficult for me to provide as many as I have in the past. My schedule is getting busier. Your contributions to the MEMBERS SITE of old news articles, marriages, deaths, etc.

would be so much appreciated!! Thanks, *Cindy*

GOVERNMENT TIMELINE.... 1766-1913

Placing a time line on the history of Salem's town government can be a daunting task for the experienced researcher, not to mention a novice or student. Don't Despair!! The City of Winston-Salem has done all the work for you! Thanks to their dedicated staff, our community's local history is now available in a very simple presentation!

Follow our City's history from the year 1766, when the Moravians initially organized the town of Salem, through 1913, when Winston and Salem consolidated. It is truly an amazing journey. Read the first hand accounts of the experiences of our ancestors. Did you know that in 1778 there was a "labor strike" in Salem? During that same year, piped water from the new water system was brought into the Single Brothers house.

In addition, the City of Winston-Salem posted to their website the photographs and biographies of the men who served as Mayors in Salem, Winston and Winston-Salem. For your convenience, the FCHA has placed this information on the FCHA website for easier access. There are links under COMMUNITY NEWS. <http://www.forsythnchistory.com/index.html>

Thank you Winston-Salem for this wonderful edition to our local history!

Schedule of Speakers... www.forsythnchistory.com/meetings.html

July 7, 2009

Bynum Fulcher

Personal Experiences with the Reynolds Family

From childhood, Bynum spent most of his free time at the RJ Reynolds home with his grandfather, who was employed there. He was at Reynolda House the night Smith Reynolds died.

Bynum is going to share his personal experiences about his time with the Reynolds family.

DON'T MISS THIS!!

August 11, 2009

John R. Woodard

Retired WFU Archivist

John Woodard is no stranger to Historical Groups. His passion for Civil War history has educated our community for several years. During his 37 years as WFU archivist, John has great knowledge of not only Forsyth's history, but also of the history of NC through her long and productive years.

Sept. 8, 2009

**Michael Marshall
and Jerry Taylor**

*They are Kernersville's
"Resident Slueths".*

Their new book
"WICKED KERNERSVILLE"
promises to reveal the *wickedness*
of K'ville "back in the day"!

Copies of their book will be
available for purchase!

BILL OF SALE DEED....by Judy Cardwell

BILL OF SALE DEED

A Bill of Sale is not a deed like most other deeds, however Bills of Sale are filed in deed books. In most deed indexes they are simply called a deed. In Stokes County deed indexes they are labeled Bill of Sale. A Bill of Sale is simply an exchange of property between two people that involves money. The most common Bills of Sale are the selling of enslaved people. Below is a Bill of Sale from Joseph Banner to Adam Fry. Joseph is selling Adam a slave negro woman named Edy age 22 years old. This would place Edy's birth at ca 1806. See transcribed below Bill of Sale: Stokes Co., NC - Deed Book #10, page 96-20 Oct 1828 - Stokes County, NC- Know all men by these presents that I JOSEPH BANNER (1749-1838, son of Henry Banner) of the County of Stokes & State of North Carolina for and in consideration of the sum of Two Hundred & Twenty Dollars to me in hand paid by ADAM FRY of the County and state aforesaid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained sold and delivered in fair and open market unto the said ADAM FRY his heirs and assigns forever a Certain Negro woman slave named Edy about the age of twenty two years which said negro woman I warrant and defend unto the said ADAM FRY his heirs and assigns forever against the claim or demand of my self my heirs or all other persons whosoever. In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 20th day of October A.D. 1828. Joseph Banner SEAL Test Thos. T. Armstrong Stokes County Sept. Term 1830. The execution of the within bill of sale was duly proven by Thos. T. Armstrong & ordered to be registered. Matt. [Matthew] R. Moore, C. C. by Gid. [Gideon] Moore, D. C.

<http://www.forsythnchistory.com/members/memdeeds.html>

FCHA MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Forsyth County Historical Association

WEBSITE

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Meetings are held March through
October the second Tuesday of
the month at 7 pm.

Reynolda Manor Branch Library
2839 Fairlawn Drive
Winston-Salem, NC 27106
(336)703-2960

Should there be a location change of
our meeting, please check our
website at
www.forsythnchistory.com/meetings.html

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Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone:() _____

Email: _____ (please print)

Password for FCHA Members Site _____
(less than 10 lower case letters- please print)

Dues: \$25.00 for 12 months (Jan-Dec)

Lifetime Membership: \$125.00

Please make check payable to: **Forsyth County Historical Association**
6025 Crestridge Road, Winston-Salem, NC. 27106

I agree not to share my FCHA User ID or Password with other members or non-members

Signature Required: _____

About Becoming a Member

If you are interested in your heritage as well as the history of Forsyth County, the FCHA is the organization you should join! Our speakers will educate you in their various fields of expertise. The MEMBERS ONLY SITE will provide you with research information not accessible to our general readers.

Our organization has great plans! Become a member and experience how interesting history and heritage can be!

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