



Pitt County Historical Society, Inc.

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FALL 2019 NEWSLETTER

You're Invited

Pitt County Historical Society
Christmas Tea

Sunday, December 1, 2019

3 to 5 pm

Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church
14th Street at Firetower Road

Refreshments and Seasonal Music

This annual event serves as the Pitt County Historical Society Board's gift to its members and prospective members. There will be lots of Christmas goodies provided and served by the board – please make plans to join us and see this beautiful church decorated for the Christmas season!



FALL DINNER RESCHEDULED

Apologies for the confusion surrounding and the cancellation of our Fall Dinner meeting. A combination of unforeseen circumstances created a “perfect storm” which necessitated this difficult decision. There is good news, however! We have been able to reschedule this event and are pleased to offer these details:

“The 1733 Moseley Map: The History & Preservation
of an Eastern North Carolina Treasure”

Presented by: Lawrence Houston, Book & Paper
Conservator for ECU

Sunday, March 1, 2020. 3 to 5 pm

Sheppard Memorial Library, Meeting Room A
530 Evans Street, Greenville

In 1733, Edward Moseley published “A New and Correct Map of the Province of North Carolina”. For decades it was the most accurate map of the colony of North Carolina and was by far the largest map of the colony until after the Revolutionary War. Measuring 5 feet wide by 4 feet tall, it dominates the collection of East Carolina University’s Joyner Library, as the only copy known to exist in North America.

Lawrence Houston will talk about the history of the Graham copy held by ECU, how the survey leading up to the making of the map shaped the colony, and the work being undertaken by ECU to preserve the map for the future.

Lawrence Houston studied bookbinding at the University of Iowa’s Center for the Book, and librarianship at the School of Information and Library Science at UNC-Chapel Hill. He has worked in conservation labs at the University of Iowa and the University of North Carolina, and has led the conservation lab at ECU since 2016. His interests include the history of colonial book production and printing in North Carolina, paper production history, and traveling to exotic locations to see different methods of book production.



PCHS BOARD HISTORIAN RETIRES

Bill Kittrell, long-time member of the Pitt County Historical Society’s board, has recently retired from the board. Bill has been a mainstay of this board for more years than anyone can remember, serving as the Historian for much of that time. He and Mary, his devoted wife and partner in history, have devoted countless hours to researching and sharing the history of Pitt County. He has collected innumerable documents, photographs, and artifacts, and has selflessly shared all of his knowledge with anyone who asked. He and Mary surveyed every grave they could find in Pitt County to research and then publish the two Pitt County Cemetery Books – invaluable reference books to all genealogists and historians in our county. He has furthered the practice of grave dowsing by sharing instructions and dowsing rods to many of us. Without Bill’s efforts to save and share Pitt County’s history, much of this information might have been lost – he will be missed.

As part of Bill’s resignation letter to the board, he asked that we consider naming Roger Kammerer as our Historian, an action we have already taken, so we know Bill is pleased that his work will continue in Roger’s very capable hands.



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The Pitt County Historical Society always needs to earn money for operating expenses, primarily related to the care and maintenance of Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church. If you order books, gifts, or anything online from Amazon.com, you have an opportunity to help add to the Pitt County Historical Society treasury. PCHS is a member of the AmazonSmile program, and Amazon will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to our organization. If you already have an Amazon account, simply enter smile.amazon.com for your next purchase; and choose Pitt County Historical Society, Inc. as your charity – it will show up at the top of the page. Donations will be entered automatically into our bank account and do not increase the amount of your purchase. Please bookmark smile.amazon.com so we can benefit from all of your Amazon purchases. Thanks for your support in this and so many ways!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

PCHS Christmas Tea, Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church, 3 to 5 pm, December 1, 2019

May Museum Christmas Tea, Farmville, 4 to 6 pm, December 15, 2019

Winterville Historical & Arts Society Old Christmas Tea, 3 to 5 pm, January 12, 2020

PCHS Antiques Show & Tell, Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church, 3 to 5 pm, February 9, 2020

“The 1733 Moseley Map: The History & Preservation of an Eastern North Carolina Treasure” by Lawrence Houston, Sheppard Memorial Library, 3 to 5 pm, March 1, 2020

PCHS Dinner on the Grounds, Red Banks Primitive Baptist Church, June 6, 2020

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MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

It is time once again to renew your membership to the Pitt County Historical Society. For your convenience, there is a letter and a brochure containing a membership form included with this newsletter – please take the time now to complete the form and mail with your check, before the hectic holidays are upon us. (Hint: A membership to the PCHS would make a great, and tax deductible, gift!) If you have friends or family you would like us to invite to join, please supply names and addresses along with your membership renewal, and we will be happy to contact them directly.

Thanks for your continued support – we couldn't exist without you!