

Regular Meeting of Halifax County Historical Assn.

September 15, 1966.

The first regular meeting of the Halifax County Historical Association was held in the Courthouse at Halifax on September 15, 1966. Approximately one hundred and fifty interested citizens were present for the meeting.

Dr. Ralph Hardee Rives, President, welcomed the group and outlined what other organizations throughout the State were doing. He said that the Halifax Association would be an active and interesting study group aimed toward the preservation of significant historical sites and records throughout the County. He appointed the following committees outlining the work to be done by each:

Publicity: Mrs. Ruth M. H. Mincher, Chairman
Mr. Zeb Denny
Mr. Roy Lee Ferrell

Social Committee: Mrs. Charles Boykin)
Mrs. R. L. Appolewhite) Co-Chairmen
Mrs. L. F. Smith
Mrs. Wm. A. China
Mrs. Egbert D. Barnhill

Library Committee: Miss Maude Fleming, Chairman
Mr. John McGwigan
Mrs. William H. Thorne
Mrs. Robert N. Whitaker

Committee to Investigate the Publication of a County History:
Mrs. Julian Hofmann, Chairman
Miss Maude Fleming
Mr. Zeb Denny

Committee to Prepare a Bibliography of Halifax County Articles
or Books:

Miss Maude Fleming, Chairman
Mrs. Rom B. Parker, Jr.
Mrs. Julian Hofmann
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cooke

Finance Committee: Mrs. Thorne Gregory, Chairman
 Mrs. W. R. Caudle
 Mr. Harry Branch
 Mr. James Gregory

Committee to Prepare a Charter Membership Certificate:

Mr. Frank Wilson, Chairman
 Mrs. W. R. Caudle
 Mrs. Rom B. Parker, Jr.

Constitution and Incorporation Committee:

Mr. Rom B. Parker, Jr. Chairman
 Mr. Harry Branch
 Mr. Frank D. Wilson

Museum Committee: Mr. W. O. Davis, Chairman
 Mrs. George Hux
 Mrs. Bessie C. Hancock
 Mrs. Paul Hammack
 Miss Irene Pitts

Membership Committee: Mrs. Rom B. Parker, Jr., Chairman
 Mrs. B. B. Everett
 Mrs. W. B. Joyner
 Mrs. R. F. Seay
 Mrs. Hugh House
 Charles Boykin, Jr.

Historic Sites Committee: Mrs. Horace Robinson, Chairman
 J. H. Norman, III
 Mrs. Turner Stephenson
 Jacob C. Taylor
 Mrs. Thorne Gregory

Committee to Prepare a Roster of Confederate Veterans buried
 in Halifax County:

Miss Winnie Davis Burt)
 Mrs. Egbert D. Barnhill) Co-Chairmen

Assisted by the Presidents of the Five
 UDC Chapters in the County:

Roanoke Rapids
 Weldon - Mrs. Ida Vick
 Halifax
 Scotland Neck
 Enfield - Miss Winnie Davis Burt

It was decided that all who joined the Association prior to
 January 1st, 1967 would be considered Charter Members and receive Certi-
 ficates of Charter Membership.

On motion by Mrs. Everett, seconded by Mrs. Quentin Gregory and carried, the yearly membership dues were set at \$3.00 per individual or \$5.00 for man and wife, with the fiscal year running from September to September.

Mr. Norman suggested that the Membership Committee have applications printed so that they could be mailed to out of the county people interested in Halifax County.

Mrs. Ben Everett outlined plans for a bus tour of the County on October 22nd, visiting points of historical interest throughout the County. The cost per person to defray bus cost would be \$4.00 with reservations to be mailed to Mrs. Rudolph Pope, Enfield, prior to October 10th.

Mrs. D. W. Seifert introduced to the audience the speaker for the evening - Miss Gertrude Carraway of New Bern. Miss Carraway is a Director of the Tryon Palace Commission, a former National President of the Daughters of the American Revolution and an active leader in the work of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Miss Carraway made a most interesting and informative talk, which was enjoyed by all present. She emphasized especially the wonderful historical background of the County and the possibility of attracting tourists through restorations. She pointed out that in the next budget for the Department of Archives and History, restorations in Halifax carried priority #1. She said that twenty-four tourist per day was the equivalent to an industry having a \$100,000.00 payroll per year.