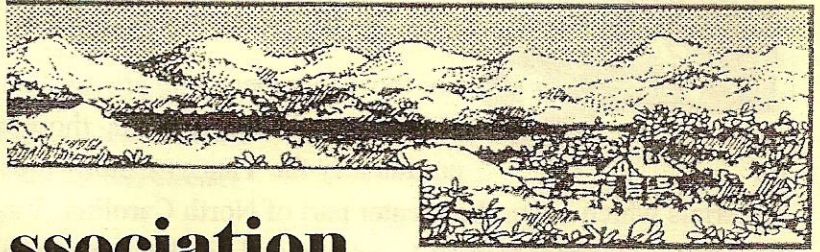


# ESTATOOEE

## Quarterly Newsletter

# Yancey History Association



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### From the President's Desk

Spring finally arrived at the Rush Wray Museum of the Yancey County History Association – where hundreds of daffodils colorfully heralded its arrival. It

seemed only yesterday we were trudging through snow and had to cancel our Candlelight Tea & Tour, not once but twice, because of heavy snowfall. I, for one, am glad to get the winter of 2009 behind us.

We were able to take advantage of the unseasonable warm spring weather and finish the McElroy House parlor project. The damaged section of the floor has been replaced and both the parlor and hallway have been sanded and stained. I would like to thank both Michael Coley and David Martin for their help with this much needed project.

We at YHA are looking forward to the 2010 season and will be working hard to present events and exhibits we know will be of interest to the community. One event we are proud to present this year is a barbeque dinner for the Vietnam veterans of Yancey County. Honoring these men and women has been too long coming and I hope you will join us for this special day.

This year will be a challenge for our organization in these uncertain economic times. We are fortunate to have a small group of devoted volunteers to take care of the day to day operation of the museum. I feel it is our duty to the community to preserve and keep alive the history of Yancey County. To make this a successful year we need your participation, so show your support for the museum by attending our special events. We will be looking forward to your visit.

Bob Wilson

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### *Society Ramblings*

Many exciting things are happening with the Yancey History Association. Ideas which are currently being discussed will have a profound effect on our organization and the greater community of Yancey for years to come. There will be more on this in the coming issues of *Estatooee*.

With our many requests for volunteers we are fortunate to have many returning as well as new people. Those returning are: Barbara Smith, Smitty - Howard Smith, Nancy Shaw, Kailey Robertson, Vivianne Bradley, Sara and Bucky Cochran and Shirley Bryant. Those new members of the crew are: Maggie Kann, Chris and James Carter, Dale Laws and Phyllis Duenas.

Barbara, Sara and Phyllis have put in real yeoman-type work on the McElroy House gardens and the planters in front of the Annex. Phyllis is currently working to find plantings of the 'past' so that the garden might reflect a garden of the past. Special thanks to Larry Parker for repainting the YHA sign located above the parking lot.

Chris, James and Maggie will be working as docents for the Annex and the McElroy House during the coming months creating the history of the holdings to those who are touring the association's holdings.

We have been so fortunate in being able to acquire assistance with the day to day working of the association with the employment of Vickie Fortune & Larry Parker, Administrative Assistants and Marilyn Oakley, Clerk - Receptionist. Vickie's employment was made possible through a grant from the State of Franklin Foundation. Marilyn has come through the auspices of the Department of Social Services.

With the resignation of Phillip Ray, Sonnie Banks and Rebecca Leadbitter from the Board there have been some changes in the Officers of the Board. Elaine Dellinger has moved to the Secretary's position; Betty Parker has become the Vice-president; and Vivianne Bradley has accepted the position of Treasurer, thus making a new position of Membership/Treasurer to the Board. We are currently recruiting two Directors at Large to add to current members, Jake Blood and Shirley Bryant.



## From the YHA Library

For those members who are not familiar with our Genealogy Library, the next issues of *Estatooe* will be featuring those books, pamphlets, and articles regarding most particularly the Yancey County area, but also other areas of interest to those seeking materials which cover the greater part of North Carolina, Virginia and the founding colonies. The library uses the Dewey Decimal System to catalog and display the volumes. Assistance is available from members of the YHA staff during a visit.

As members of YHA, use of the library is available at no cost. For those visitors, a charge of \$3.00/day is asked. Copies can be made of materials at a cost of \$0.20 per page, with the assistance of staff. No notebooks are allowed in the library, but loose sheets of paper are acceptable, as well as laptop computers. (Unfortunately, genealogical libraries throughout the region made this rule, as visitors were 'slipping' materials into notebooks – at a great loss to the organizations and others using the libraries.)

Below begins the listings:

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975.6 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	History & Families	417
975.6 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	History & Families	547
975.6 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	Veterans of the Rev. War, African-American families	302
975.6 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	Miscellaneous information	378
975.6 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	Newspaper articles, Public Schools, Religion	356
975.6 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	Mining, businesses, families	390
975.6 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	Wars - French and Indian - Mexican War	340
975.6 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	The Confederate States of America	238
975.6 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	Continued from Vol. VII	550
929 YOU	Young, Perry Dean	Descendants of the Young family	607
929 HEN	Hensley, Boyd Wynn "Bud"	The Hensley family	NA
929 HEN	Hensley, Roy	Interviews from Yancey County	280
929 GOD	Godfrey, Don	The Hensley family	NA
287.09 BAI	Bailey, Lloyd	United Methodist Church	386
929 DEL	Dellinger, Elaine	The Honeycutt family	8
929 DEL	Dellinger, Thomas Penland	The Dellinger family	15
929 DEL	Dellinger, Thomas and Elaine	The Dellinger family	4
929 DAV	William Leonard Eury	George Davis, Archibald McElroy, George Smith, and their families	52
929 DEL	Dellinger, Elaine	The Ledford family	15
929 RAN	Bodford, Gwen	The Randolph family	118
929 BIG	NA	The family of Big Tom Wilson	5
929 WEB	Webb, Hannah and Wilson, H John	The Webb family	32
929 YOU	Young, Perry Dean	The Young family	NA
929 KIN	Bodford, Gwen	The King family	280
929 HYA	Hyatt, W. Coleman	The Hyatt family	NA
929 HIL	Bodford, Gwen	The Hilemon family	55
929 HAR	Harbin, Jim	Frankie Silver	77
929 WEB	Webb, James "Jim"	The Webb family	52

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929 MAR	NA	The Mary L. Young - Plato M. Banks family	40
929 BOD	Bodford, Gwen	The Bodford family	74
818 BRO	Brooks, Arthelia H.	Autobiography/Biography	341
Greenlee	Ward, Grant B.	Diary of James Hervey Greenlee	142
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929 WHI	NA	The Ray family	278
383.4 NOR	NA	Yancey County Postal Service	NA
975.6 TYN	Tyner, Grace	Cattail Creek	216
929 BAC	Bacon, Jane Haire and Hartwell, Sharon Black	The Hunter and Creson family	149
929 STA	Devlin, Tweedie Ann Durst	Family of Peter Durst	211

To be continued.

Also, three additions to the library: A microfiche reader; a microfilm/microfiche reader with microfilm copies of Yancey and Mitchell County censuses during the 1800s; and a computer set up for genealogical materials from various and sundry sources including many from *www.ancestry.com* and *Family Tree Maker* materials.

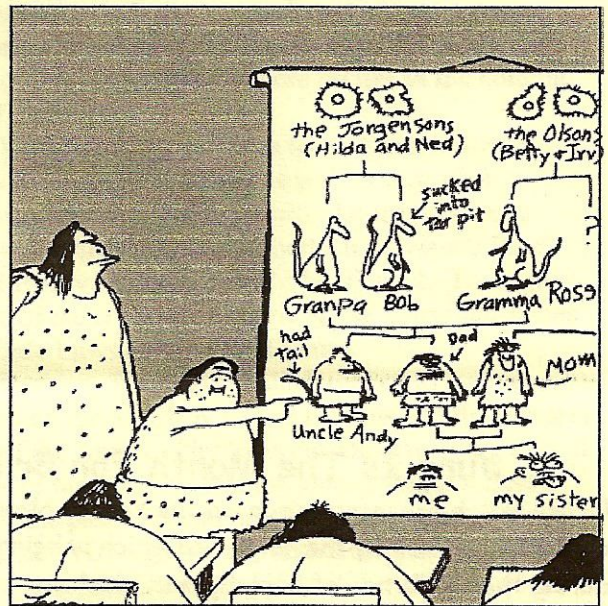
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**MUSEUM HOURS**  
**March through November**  
**Wednesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday**  
**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**Winter Hours - December through February**  
**Friday & Saturday**  
**10:00 AM to 4:00 PM**

**(Holidays and Special Events to be announced**

**Special tours available.**  
**828-678-9587**  
**Email: [yhmuseum@verizon.net](mailto:yhmuseum@verizon.net)**



*Dirk shares his family tree during show and tell.*

**Yancey History Association, Membership Application - 3 Academy Street, Burnsville, NC 28714 - 828-678-9587**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ CITY: \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
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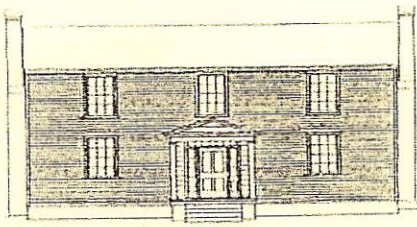
SURNAMES ASSOCIATED WITH YOUR FAMILY: (example: Bailey) More? Please add a sheet. LOCATIONS: (example: South Toe)

Check here if you do not want your information to be used in the YHA Family Database.

Dues for 2010 \_\_\_\_\_ (check here) or (if multiple years list) 2010 to \_\_\_\_\_

Dues: Individual \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Family/Donor \$25 \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor/Business \$50 \_\_\_\_\_

Become part of the Rush Wray Museum and Yancey County history today! Volunteers are needed in the office to answer phones & assist visitors; the genealogy library and to serve as docents (guides) for touring the McElroy House; work in the Heritage Herb Garden; help with various events and living history - dressing in period costumes. Something for everyone and membership offers discounts and admissions.



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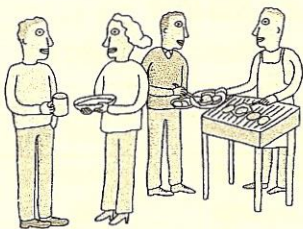
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Check the date!  
Are your dues up to date?

### June Is The Month For Brides

Please watch for information via the Yancey News-Journal or WKYK concerning the High Tea which is being proposed during the exhibition of bridal gowns which are presently being displayed at the McElroy House during the summer.

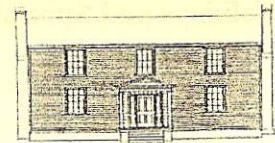
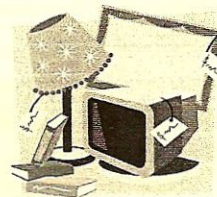


### July Veterans' Bar-B-Que

July will be the month chosen by the History Society to honor, in particular, those veterans who served in the military during the Vietnam War. It is our way saying 'thanks' to all those who fought during this conflict. Everyone welcome!

### Fall Yard Sale Planned

Please keep the annual Fall yard sale in mind as go through your 'house cleaning' chores during the coming months. Yancey History Assn. has ample space to store goods and would be happy to have items dropped off at the Annex Office during regular working hours - Wednesday through Friday - 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. - 3 Academy Street. If your items are too large for you to transport, please call the office at 678-9687 and arrangements can be made for 'pick-up' of these items. Monies from this sale will go toward new curtains and draperies for the McElroy House.



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*Estatooe (es-to-toe-e)Estootowie in early records.  
A Cherokee place name, shortened to Estatoe/Estatoah,  
from which the name Towe or Toe River is derived.*

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