

YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

Quarterly Meeting

16 June 1990

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Welcome & Call To Order  
\_\_ James Byrd, President

MINUTES (As Read Individually)  
\_\_ Theresa Blankenship, Secretary

Treasurer's Report  
\_\_ Linda Deyton

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- \_\_ Archaeology Project (Cane River Indian Site)
- \_\_ Museum Project
- \_\_ Memory Quilt
- \_\_ Editorial Board/History of Old Yancey

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"Musicians & Folk Music In The Toe River Valley"  
( Presented & Played by Bruce Greene )

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

Future Plans for Archaeology/Cane River Indian Site  
\_\_ John Doyle ( & Jody Higgins )

Participation (?) at:  
A/ 4th of July Fair  
B/ August Crafts Fair

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# M I N U T E S

## YANCEY HISTORY ASSOCIATION

The Yancey History Association's Quarterly Meeting was held on Saturday, February 10, 1990, at the Yancey County Public Library, with the meeting called to order at 7:15 pm by the President, James Byrd. James welcomed the 18 members/guests present, and extended a special welcome to the Mitchell County Historical Society President Dr. James McRae (& his wife Inez), and to the Secretary-Treasurer of the Toe River Valley Genealogical Society, Rhonda Gunter.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as read individually (prior to the meeting) with a motion for such made by Lawrence King & second by Lloyd Bailey. In the absence of the Treasurer, the Secretary presented a brief Treasurer's report: As of December 31, 1989, total funds in the two accounts for the Yancey History Association: \$49,191.04. This report was accepted as presented.

The President called for an update on the archaeological dig at the Cane River Site since the Association had agreed to fund  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the excavation cost (\$3,000 of the \$6,000). Theresa stated that she & the President, with archaeologist David Moore, had made a presentation to the Yancey County School Board on February 5, 1990, requesting their matching dollars of the Association's \$3,000. Chairman Dennis Howell, speaking in behalf of the School Board, stated that their Board would have to look closely for the matching \$3,000 if such funds could be located prior to the beginning of the dig in April. Another need of the archaeological project is adequate housing for several of the archaeological schools who will be sending classes to participate in this project. Several possibilities will be explored. James thanked Theresa for her update report on the Cane River Indian Site project, and also he thanked those individuals who have participated in the sorting and cleaning of the Indian artifacts from the site during the winter months (primarily Ellen Schuler, Jody Higgins, and John Doyle).

Next, the President and the Museum Board Chairman, updated the Association on the Museum Project. The house, James stated, has been closed for the winter with Grant Ward staying in a cottage near by and serving as the museum's "guard". The Association had agreed that due to his watching of the house, part of his oil bill (\$50 to \$100 approx.) would be paid. Theresa thanked those present on the Museum Board for their hard work with her during the past year. She told the Association that a Reception to "kick off" the Museum/Visitor Center Complex fund drive would be taking place in early March at La Maison. This event will be co-hosted (& co-paid for) by the Yancey History Association & the Yancey Chamber of Commerce. She displayed the beautiful colored-pencil drawing of the Museum/ Visitor Center Complex sketched by the Association's artist friend John Doyle. This same art work will be on the brochure's cover highlighting the project. Briefly, Theresa pointed out that the estimated cost of the project is \$385,000 with \$156,000 currently raised &/or pledged for the project. The balance funds needed: \$125,000 State Funds, \$40,000 Chamber of Commerce, and \$64,000 to be raised in the local fund drive (with funds pledged over a five year period). The local fund drive is to solicit funds from corporations, foundations, industry, businesses, & individual gifts.



The Museum Project report concluded with Theresa asking one of her museum project volunteers, Ellen Schuler, to present and review the Memory Quilt which, Theresa stated, is happening because of Ellen's hard work and personal involvement. Ellen displayed a memory quilt block and discussed her plans to visit all of the County's Home Demonstration Clubs to encourage their membership's participation. (SEE attached handout on Memory Quilt). Theresa & Ellen concluded that it is hoped to have the Memory Quilt being quilted in the Museum House during the Crafts Fair in August. James thanked Ellen for her interest and wonderful idea of the Memory Quilt for the Museum Project (which will also bring in money for the Museum ).

With the rescheduling of the Annual Meeting in January to February, the next item of business was the election of officers. It was moved by Becky Gillespie, and second by Lloyd Bailey that the following slate be unanimously elected/re-elected:

- PRESIDENT.....James Byrd
- VICE PRESIDENT...Lloyd Bailey
- SECRETARY.....Theresa Blankenship
- TREASURER.....Linda Deyton
- DIRECTORS.....Lawrence King & John Young
- CORRESPONDING SECRETARY (appointed by the President)  
.....Carol Wintercorn

Following the election of officers, the evening's program featured Dr. Lloyd Bailey who covered "Interesting Events In The History Of The Toe River Valley From The 1700's to the 1900's". The program brought many comments from the audience with James Byrd thanking Lloyd for his enjoyable program.

The meeting concluded with James Byrd doing a brief presentation on several recent book purchases now housed in the library system which deal with local area history. Following a recent letter (in error) in The Asheville Citizen by John Parris concerning the Bailey family history with comments (& groans) from those present, the President called for an adjournment at 9:30 pm. The quarterly newsletter, ESTATOOEE, (Volume V, Number 1) was distributed following adjournment.

Respectfully submitted,

THERESA C. BLANKENSHIP

Secretary

MINUTES CORRECTIONS:



