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**Historically Speaking... Quarterly Newsletter Summer 2018**

## *Celebrate!*



(award honorees in photo above) **Mickey Miller**, Executive Director; **Nelson McDaniel**, **Walt Teasdale**, **Linda Lore**, **John Leys**, **Patti Urick**, **Bernard George**, **Annette Hunt**, **Joe Hunt**, President. (not present for photo: **Ray Cahoon**, **Marge Foskit**, **Pat Shankle**, **Dottie Webb**.)

**Celebrate!** Our annual banquet on June 12 was all about celebrating our many accomplishments this year: the Historical Society's 95th birthday, a very successful year of programs, our growing membership, and especially, **YOUR** volunteer colleagues who were recognized for their tremendous contributions. And what a celebration it was! Entertained by the musical tones of the talented Harmonium Players, we enjoyed a delicious dinner overlooking the majestic Trent River. We also celebrated the accomplishments of board members **Bernard George** and **John Leys** as they step down from the board after ten years. Both gifted historians and selfless team-players, Bernard and John will be sorely missed. New board members **Cheryl Lawrence** and **Karen Whitmore** were welcomed.

#### AWARD HONOREES:

**Nelson McDaniel**, President's Award  
**Walt Teasdale**, Newcomers Award  
**Linda Lore**, Extended Service Award  
**John Leys**, Lifetime of Service Award  
**Patti Urick**, Executive Director's Award  
**Bernard George**, Education Award

**Ray Cahoon**, Battlefield Award  
**Marge Foskit**, Ambassadorship Award  
**Annette Hunt**, Ambassadorship Award  
**Pat Shankle**, Ambassadorship Award  
**Dottie Webb**, Ambassadorship Award



New Member Board of Directors:  
**Cheryl Lawrence**



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**Karen Whitmore**

**ED BEARSS returns to New Bern, Sunday, July 22, 2 p.m., Cullman Performance Hall, NC History Center.**  
***Had I been a Civil War soldier: A Historian Reflects on Medical Conditions from Civil War to World War II.***



How many WWII veterans are left to tell us about their wartime experiences? After being “weathered out” in January of this year, this indomitable 95-year-old WWII veteran and supporter of New Bern’s Civil War Battlefield Park has insisted on completing his 12th annual visit here! While fighting in WWII, Marine Corps veteran Bearss was severely wounded by Japanese machine gun fire and spent 26 months recovering. His fascinating presentation will focus on the evolution of military medical conditions and treatments and the possible outcome if he had incurred his extensive injuries during the Civil War. Don’t miss the opportunity to hear from this renowned historian. **This is a free presentation, open to the public, with a reception following. No reservations.**

This program is sponsored by the Historical Society in partnership with the New Bern Civil War Roundtable and Tryon Palace.



## Curator's Corner...by Jim Hodges

The Historical Society recently acquired a new addition to our collection. The prize is a 2-gallon salt glazed jug embossed with **J. F. Taylor Dealer in Groceries, Dry Goods, Wines, & Liquors New Berne NC.** The jug measuring 13 1/2”

height with a 9 3/4” base diameter has a strap handle and is in good condition with very minimal surface defects. Treasures like this do not surface very often and I was thrilled to purchase this special jug from Tom’s Coins and Antiques on Middle Street.

An 1880 New Bern directory indicates that James F. Taylor originally clerked for Solomon H.

Scott who owned a grocer and liquor store on lower Middle Street opposite the Market

House. By 1893, J. F. Taylor operated his own “wholesale and retail grocer and liquor

dealer” store at 18-22 Middle Street. It is unclear if Taylor had purchased Scott’s business or not. A 1907 New Bern

directory reveals that James. F. Taylor is a “grocer and bottler” and continues his operations at the Middle Street address.

A display ad in a 1902 *New Bern Daily Journal* newspaper suggests the competition among grocers. The graphics are

certainly eye-catching and worthy of note. Amazingly, the 1907 directory reveals that there were 91 grocers in the greater

New Bern area. Keep in mind that these were mostly small “mom & pop” shops with limited refrigeration. The need for aggressive advertising was apparent.

Please stop by the Historical Society to view this special jug and our other treasures.



## Battlefield Park News...by Jon Miller, Battlefield Adjutant

Through the generosity of **Linda Lore**, the Society was able to acquire a 3-acre, key piece of property adjoining our existing battlefield property. **Board member Carl Huddle** helped facilitate this acquisition. This new property encompasses a critical point in the battle. We re-engaged **Pat Hart**, architect of our existing History Walk, to develop a self-guided brochure and interpretive panels that will bring the public to a section of the battlefield that had previously been inaccessible. We have a contract in place and have begun fund-raising for this effort. In a teleconference with Pat our committee relayed our thoughts on the brochure and two panels. He has provided a mock-up of the brochure as well as the panels that will discuss monuments and flags - two subjects that always seem to come up with visitors. I believe we are heading in the right direction and this development process will move along more swiftly than our first project two years ago. Our next step is to give Pat feedback on the mock-ups. As our financials come into better focus we will work on additional panels that specifically address the new property. Tours at the battlefield are in full swing despite the hot weather. About 60 Marines came out in two groups this past week for tours as well as some families. Every day more and more visitors stop by, so there is no doubt the park is becoming a prominent New Bern attraction. The battlefield has two new volunteers and Society members: **Frank Bartholomew** and **Matthew Kuster**. **Jason Owen**, a high school student from Texas who has family in Havelock, is back with us for a second summer. We are happy to have all three on the team! Please contact me, 626-1362, if you would like to volunteer, too.

## Lunch & Learn and Lore Lecture Series... 2018 schedule

Save these dates and stay tuned for reservation details on the following interesting Historical Society presentations:

- **Wednesday, September 12**, Tim Thompson will be our featured speaker for **Lunch and Learn**. His presentation *Historic Riverside Remembrances* will offer perspective on this part of New Bern.
- For **Lunch and Learn** on **Wednesday, October 10**, RADM Jay DeLoach, presents *Admiral Farragut: The North Carolina and Spanish Connection*.
- Our **Sunday, November 11**, Lore Lecture Series presenter **Scott Mason** will feature *Stories from the Road: The Tar Heel Traveler*.

**ROLL-BACK ON LUNCH & LEARN PRICES FOR MEMBERS!** Beginning with the **September 12 Lunch & Learn**, member price will be \$17 and non-member price will be \$22. All Lunch and Learn programs begin at 11:30 a.m. at The Chelsea, prepaid reservations required through the Historical Society, make your reservation early as they often sell out a month in advance.



## New Historical Society President's Message

As we look over the past fiscal year, we find many successes. We completed our five-year Investment in History capital campaign, and with the support of 100 donors we were able to develop the wonderful History Walk at the Battlefield as well as make significant improvements on the Attmore-Oliver campus. A visit to our campus and the Battlefield will allow you to see the result of this campaign. The New Bern Garden Club has moved the Judge Gaston Dependency from Craven Street to the Attmore-Oliver campus and over the last year they have done a great job restoring this old structure. With your generous support we launched the inaugural Annual Fund this year, which will give us more resources to bring New Bern's stories to the public. We also purchased an additional parcel of land at the Battlefield that connects us to a previously inaccessible section of the current battlefield property. This will allow us to expand the History Walk to cover more of the original site. With all that happened over the last year we are ready to move into a new fiscal year with the first Lunch and Learn on August 15, 2018 to kick off 2018-19 programming. All this is possible through our many members, volunteers and donors, Board of Directors and staff who together make the New Bern Historical Society a wonderful place to be.



*Joe Hunt*

President, Board of Directors  
New Bern Historical Society



Scholarship Committee Member Mary Parrish announces Kayla Grace RuthAnne Hardee as 2018 Marks Scholarship winner

Congratulations to our **2018 Harriett Marks Scholarship Winner Kayla Grace RuthAnne Hardee**, daughter of Jamie and Vickie Hardee. She will attend NC State University as a freshman in the fall and focus her studies on Animal Science-Veterinary Bioscience. Our other **Marks Scholars** will be back on campus for the 2018-2019 academic years: Wright State University sophomore **Gretchen Deters**, UNC-Asheville junior **Caroline Vieregge**, and NC State University senior **Stacy Partin**. Marks Scholar **Amber Herman** will be graduating from East Carolina University's nursing program. The Historical Society values its association with these outstanding students through the Harriett Marks Scholarship. Miss Harriett Marks established the trust fund for this scholarship as part of her estate. As set forth in her will, the Historical Society is the administrator of and awards the renewable scholarship each year based on academic merit and financial need to a graduating New Bern High School senior for the purpose of higher education.



Claudia Houston

## Did you know?...by Claudia Houston, Historian

One of the joys of being the NBHS Historian is sharing stories of notable New Bernians. One such man was Lewis Addison Armistead, born in New Bern to Walker Keith Armistead and Elizabeth Stanly Armistead. Lewis was born in the home of his great-grandfather, patriot John Wright Stanly. His grandfather was John Stanly, a U.S. Congressman, and his uncle, Edward Stanly, became the military governor of eastern NC during the Civil War. Armistead's father and four uncles served during the War of 1812 and one uncle, George Armistead, was the commander of Fort McHenry in Baltimore while the British

bombarded the fort.

Lewis grew up in Virginia and entered West Point in 1833. He resigned in 1836 but returned to the Army and fought during the Mexican War. When Virginia seceded from the Union, Lewis resigned his commission and entered the Confederate Army in 1861 and was quickly promoted to Colonel. In 1863 at Gettysburg, Armistead was assigned to George Pickett's division. On July 3, he led a charge at the center of the Union line on Cemetery Ridge reaching and crossing the stone wall, later known as the High Water Mark of the Confederacy, but Armistead was shot and mortally wounded. Armistead died on July 5, 1863, and was buried at Spangler's farm, but later was disinterred and buried next to his uncle, Lt. Colonel George Armistead, in Baltimore, Maryland.

Ironically, the house that Lewis Armistead was born in became the headquarters of Union General Ambrose Burnside during the occupation of New Bern by Federal troops.



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**Most MEMBERSHIPS renew June 30.** Membership renewal information was sent in May. It's not too late to renew. **Renewing your membership is so important to the Historical Society.** We could not exist without your support. Thank you for your generosity!

**New Bern Then and Now** will again be presented by Historical Society Curator **Jim Hodges** by popular request. This presentation in partnership with Tryon Palace will take place **Wednesday, Aug. 8, 6:30 p.m.,** in the **Cullman Performance Hall, NC History Center.** Free to the public, no reservations.



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**CALENDAR**

- Sun., July 22, Ed Bearss, *Had I been a Civil War Soldier: A Historian Reflects on Medical Conditions from Civil War to World War II*
- Thurs., Aug. 2, Ghostwalk 'ghost' auditions
- Wed., Aug. 8, Jim Hodges, *New Bern Then and Now*
- Wed., Aug. 15, Lunch and Learn, Eddie Ellis, *New Tales of Espionage in Civil War New Bern*
- Mon., Sept. 3, Labor Day holiday (office closed)
- Wed., Sept. 12, Lunch and Learn, Tim Thompson, *Historic Riverside Remembrances*
- Wed., Oct. 10, Lunch and Learn, RADM Jay DeLoach, *Admiral Farragut: The North Carolina and Spanish Connection*
- Thurs.-Sat., Oct. 25-27, *Ghostwalk 2018 "GRAVES' ANATOMY"*
- Sun., Nov. 11, Richard Lore Series, Scott Mason, *Stories from the Road: The Tar Heel Traveler*

*Ghostwalk 2018 "GRAVES' ANATOMY"* October 25, 26, 27!

Auditions for 'actors/ghosts' will be held Thursday, August 2, 6 p.m.  
at the Attmore-Oliver House.

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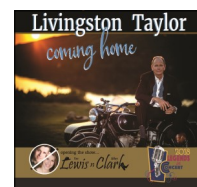
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