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## *Wachovia Historical Society*

116th annual meeting

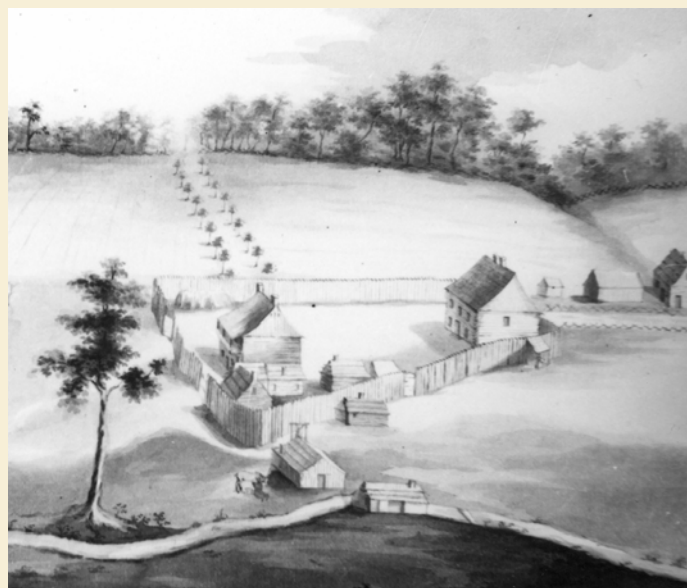
**October 18, 2011**

Organ Prelude at 7 p.m.

Program at 7:30 p.m.

at Old Salem Visitor Center  
on Old Salem Road  
in historic Old Salem

Members welcome; public invited to attend



*In an earlier war — the French and Indian — the Moravians of Bethabara took the precaution to shield the town with a palisade. But in the American Revolution, the town is wide open to any marauding troops.*

Picture courtesy of Archiv der Brüder-Unität, Herrnhut, Germany

## *War comes to Wachovia at Society's annual meeting*

The Wachovia Historical Society will turn back to a time when “everything was in confusion” in the quiet Moravian village of Bethabara when award-winning writer Randell Jones is guest speaker at the Society’s 116th annual meeting the evening of Tuesday, October 18, in the Old Salem Visitor Center.

Jones’s new book, *Before They Were Heroes at Kings Mountain* sets the stage.

Two weeks after their October 7, 1780, victory at Kings Mountain in the American Revolution, the Patriot overmountain militia men arrive in Bethabara, almost 1,000, including 500-600 English prisoners. Faced with

the task of feeding and sheltering them and binding up their battle injuries, the 69 Bethabara Moravians call upon other Moravian communities in Wachovia, Salem and Bethania, for help the 18 days the soldiers stay.

And yet Bethabara’s minister wrote that many of the soldiers “had opportunity to learn to know the Brethren, and to see what spirit animated us. We can believe that we have earned a good reputation among friends and foes.”

Join us for the Wachovia Historical Society’s annual meeting October 18 for a time when peace and war met in old Wachovia — and peace won.

# Wachovia Historical Society: 2011 Report

*“The object of this Society shall be the collection, preservation and dissemination of everything relating to the history, antiquities and literature of the Moravian Church in the South and the secular and religious development of North Carolina and the adjoining States.”*

— 1895 Constitution of the Wachovia Historical Society

The Wachovia Historical Society has worked quietly but very diligently during the year since last annual meeting.

Several of the projects were initiated the previous year. Restoration work has begun on one of the Society’s most significant holdings, John Valentine Haidt’s c. 1760 painting, *The Crucifixion*. Haidt is known today as the Moravians’ master early painter. Of Haidt’s many paintings, *The Crucifixion* is the only one in the Society’s collection. It came to us by way of Salem’s own master painter, Daniel Welfare.

The Society re-launched its web site in September 2010. It’s new, spiffed up, and has a new address:

[www.WachoviaHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.WachoviaHistoricalSociety.org).

Call us up on the Internet. Check it out. We think you will be proud of this new “foot forward” of the Society to the world.

The Society remains committed to its \$5,000 support of the Cherokee Moravian Historical Society’s project to publish the Moravian Church’s documents of the first mission to the Cherokee Nation. Already volumes 1 and 2 of *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees* have been published, and we can expect volume 3 any day. These documents, housed at Moravian Archives in Salem, constitute the only record of daily life in the Cherokee Nation, and thus are a major contribution to the heritage not only of America as a whole, but

most especially to the Cherokee Nation and Eastern Band of Cherokees.

As part of the 220th anniversary of President George Washington’s two-day visit to Salem, the Wachovia Historical made major contribution to the promotion and production of *Psalm of Joy* at Home Moravian Church last July 4, the anniversary of the premiere Johann Friedrich Peter’s “cantata” on America’s first officially observed Independence Day, July 4, 1783, in Salem.

Finally, the Society committed \$1,000 to the Forsyth County Public Library to transfer movie films of the Frank Jones Picture Collection to DVDs for preservation. For many years Frank Jones was staff photographer of the *Winston-Salem Journal-Sentinel* newspapers. His news photos and collecting of older historical photographs provide a significant evolving portrait of the Twin Cities of Winston and Salem stretching back to the 1800s.

As always, these grants are made in keeping with the Society’s mission statement for the “collection, preservation and dissemination of everything relating to the history, antiquities and literature of the Moravian Church in the South and the secular and religious development of North Carolina and the adjoining States.”

And all this is made possible only through the generous contributions of the Wachovia Historical Society’s members.

And that means you. Thank you!

# Indeed, a remarkable year for the Society

The 115th annual meeting of the Wachovia Historical Society was held on October 19, 2010, at the Salem College Fine Arts Center. Following a beautiful organ prelude by Mrs. Mary Lou Kapp Peeples, President Lester Morris welcomed the more than 300 members and guests — perhaps the most to attend a Society function.

The annual meeting kicked off a number of events celebrating George Washington's 1791 visit to Salem. The Society's bus trip to the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh to view the national traveling George Washington exhibit would be the next event.

After expressing thanks to many, including membership and Board members, Mr. Morris noted that 2010 was a truly remarkable year. One of the most significant achievements was the implementation of a new Wachovia Historical Society web site on September 5, 2010, at [www.WachoviaHistoricalSociety.org](http://www.WachoviaHistoricalSociety.org). He reported on many of the features of the new site and recognized the key people involved in its implementation.

Another significant achievement was that our Society surpassed our goal to increase membership by 5%. Our membership increase was 14%. Another benefit of the increase in membership and generosity of our existing members was that our dues and donations increased by 44%, and our overall receipts increased by 29% in 2010 compared to 2009. Mr. Morris recognized the members of the Membership Committee and also thanked the membership for its generosity.

Also in September of 2010, the Society received the prestigious 2010 Gertrude S. Carraway Award of Merit from Preservation North Carolina for the Society's helping to sponsor an inventory of historic bridges in Forsyth County. The Carraway awards are presented each year to organizations demonstrating commitment in historic preservation.

Mr. Morris also discussed the November 2009 special event, "Preserving the Past." On this bus trip, members and guests visited sites and artifacts that over the years and in various ways have received Wachovia Historical Society support. Besides their educational value, these tours add much excitement and enthusiasm to our organization.

The membership received details on the three grants made in 2010, which included information about the restoration of the beautiful 1755-60 John Valentine Haidt painting of *The Crucifixion*, one of our most precious artifacts.

New directors were elected by the membership, and then we heard an outstanding "annual oration" by Warren Bingham of Raleigh. His topic about President Washington was, "He Really Did Sleep in Salem." Bingham is an expert on Washington's Southern Tour, and kept the audience captivated throughout the evening.

Finally, the twelfth Archie K. Davis Award was presented by the Wachovia Historical Society to the Rev. Dr. Craig Atwood for his scholarly writings and teachings.

Indeed, 2010 was a remarkable year for the Wachovia Historical Society.



*The Rev. Dr. Craig D. Atwood shows his Archie K. Davis Award to R. Arthur Spaugh.*

Photo courtesy of Molly G. Rawls

## *Bus tour to see GW in Raleigh a huge success*

On November 13, 2010, members and friends of the Wachovia Historical Society left Salem by motor coach for a tour of two special exhibits at the North Carolina Museum of History in Raleigh.

The tour, co-sponsored by the Society and Old Salem Museum & Gardens, was the second of two events by our Society in 2010 kicking off a number of programs and functions in 2011 celebrating the 220th anniversary of George Washington's 1791 Southern Tour. The first kickoff event was Wachovia Historical Society's 115th annual meeting on October 19, 2010. During this meeting, Mr. Warren Bingham of Raleigh, a noted Southern Tour scholar, gave us great insight into

### **Bus tour— next spring?**

Since 2004 seven annual bus tours have taken Wachovia Historical Society members and friends to see many interesting and historic sites in old Wachovia and now Raleigh.

But each year's tour has taken place within weeks of the Society's annual meeting, making it a hectic time for organizers. Moreover, the fall season has become increasingly busy with many activities.

With those thoughts in mind, the Society's Board of Directors is planning to move the tour to another time of the year, probably spring. Although not firm, tour consideration for 2012 is a visit to Bethabara and Bethania. These first two communities in the Moravians' old Wachovia hold many interesting original structures and buildings and of course history.

And looking forward to 2013, the 100th anniversary of the official joining of Salem and Winston should provide a number of events and topics to produce a wealth of interest!

Stay tuned. We'll keep you posted on developments.

And be sure we have your e-mail address.

our first president's tour of the South. Washington spent two days in Salem and was especially interested in Salem's waterworks.

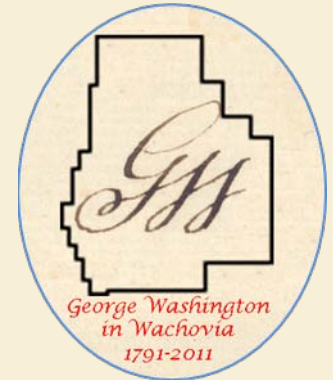
Our bus arrived in Raleigh for a special viewing of a nine-city national exhibit titled "Discovering the Real George Washington: New Views from Mount Vernon." More than 100 original artifacts were displayed at this exhibit. Some of the more interesting ones were a life-sized figure of President Washington on his horse. Washington was "reconstructed" using the latest in forensic science, including DNA. We also enjoyed Gilbert Stuart's famous portrait of our President. And yes, we also saw the only surviving complete set of Washington's dentures.

After the morning tour, we had a delicious lunch during which we heard a special lecture about Thomas Day.

Following lunch, we resumed our tour to learn more about Thomas Day. He was a free man of color, who owned and operated the largest cabinet shop in North Carolina in 1850. We saw a large collection of his furniture, each piece uniquely crafted. His success was based on his artistic talent and precise craftsmanship. Thomas Day trained many apprentices, including at least one Moravian, Jacob Siewers. Day also did some of the woodwork in one of the original buildings on the University of North Carolina campus in Chapel Hill. We were even more amazed at his talent when we saw the tools used in a period re-created woodworking shop.

After our day in Raleigh, we returned home excited and grateful that we were able to see and experience all that this exceptional bus tour had to offer.

— H. Lester Morris, Jr.





# Members of the Wachovia Historical Society, 2010-2011

For the fiscal year 2000-11, ending August 31, 2011, the Wachovia Historical Society had 85 life members, one Order of Wachovia member, one Herrnhut Associates member, three Bethabara Associates members, 17 Committee of 1895 members, 22 Salem Guild members, 73 Family, Individual, and Senior members, and four nonprofit and commercial/professional members for a total of 205 giving units. It is only through your support that this wonderful organization keeps going. We thank all of you for your membership, and we look forward to many years of adventures in history together.

## Life Members

(The Life Member category was discontinued in 1996. Many of our Life Members further support the Wachovia Historical Society with annual contributions, for which we are deeply grateful.)

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North Caroliniana Society

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### *In memory of. . .*

*The centennial of Archie K. Davis's birth*  
North Caroliniana Society

*Drane McCall*  
Dr. William McCall, Jr.

## *An honor for Archie*

Among the many gifts and memberships in our fiscal year 2010-11, we want to highlight the \$500 donation by the North Caroliniana Society last January 21, commemorating the 100th anniversary of the birth of Archie K. Davis on January 22, 2011.

Wachovia Bank president, builder of Research Triangle Park, national Chamber of Commerce president, serving on numerous corporate and charitable boards, devoted champion of "The University" at Chapel Hill, lifelong Moravian, Wachovia Historical Society member — Archie was all that and much more.

But Archie missed his calling, for above all, he was a teacher, a teacher of history. Listen to Archie tell of an event — and often it was a great Civil War battle — and he put you in the very shoes of those who lived it. You smelled the gunpowder, you ducked the whizzing minie balls. Archie was so historical minded the Wachovia Historical Society named its most prestigious honor after him for those "who have made significant contributions the regional history and culture."

And so it was entirely appropriate for the North Caroliniana Society to recollect the 100th anniversary of the birth of Archie K. Davis. For the North Caroliniana Society was founded by Archie's friends, historians H. G. Jones, Louis M. Connor, Jr., and William S. Powell, and dedicated to the "promotion of increased knowledge and appreciation of North Carolina's heritage."

And that fits Archie to a T.