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120th annual meeting

7:30 p.m. Tuesday, October 20, 2015
(music prelude at 7 p.m.)

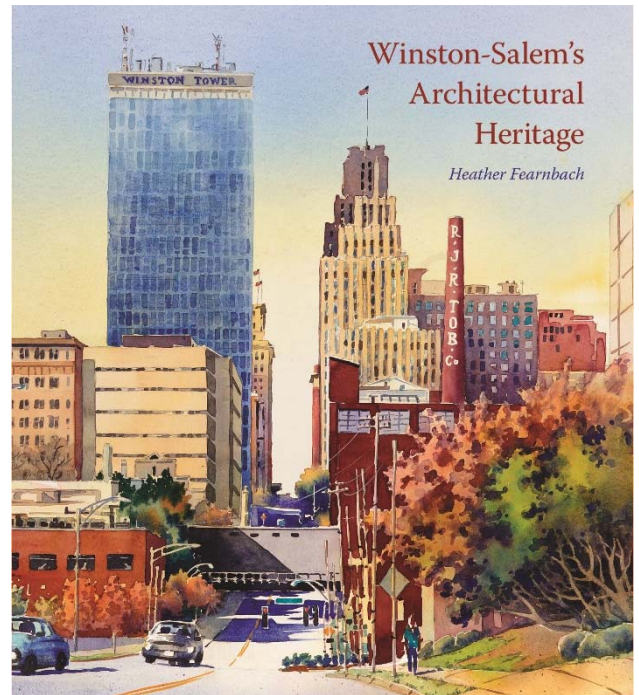
at Old Salem Visitor Center
on Old Salem Road in historic Old Salem

FREE: members & public welcome

“The Moravian Influence on Winston-Salem’s Architectural Heritage”

presented by architectural historian
Heather Fearnbach

We have a special treat for our 120th annual meeting on October 20. Heather Fearnbach, a Winston-Salem native, architectural historian, and a Director of the Wachovia Historical Society, will introduce her newly released *Winston-Salem’s Architectural Heritage*. Coffee-table size, with 790 pages, hundreds of pictures, and copious narrative, this book will stand as the resource for study of Winston-Salem’s architecture for years to come. At our meeting Ms. Fearnbach will emphasize the Moravian influence that has made the city’s architecture unique.



Cover art by Ann Vasilik

Special one-time offer: Copies of *Winston-Salem’s Architectural Heritage* may be bought at the Society’s meeting at the discount price of \$40 each, cash or check only, and Ms. Fearnbach will be there to sign your copy.

Society recalls the past, commits to the future

A memorable 150th anniversary and a deep commitment for the future highlighted the Wachovia Historical Society's 119th annual meeting, as nearly 200 eager members and guests packed the Old Salem Visitor Center last October 21, 2014.

Looking ahead to the 150th, guest speaker Chris J. Hartley, author of the award-winning *Stoneman's Raid, 1865*, presented "Driving Old Dixie Down: Stoneman's Raid Comes to Salem."

It was the spring of 1865, Hartley recounted, when Union General George Stoneman set out on the raid which wrote him into history. Dividing his forces in enemy territory, Stoneman sent a brigade under the command of Col. William J.

Palmer to subdue Winston and Salem, where they met a cordial reception as citizens presented them with bread, pies, and cakes, and wept at the sight of the flag of the Union. Turning to Salisbury, Stoneman found the prisoner of war camp already emptied, then at the railroad across the Yadkin River lost a brief battle at an earthenwork called Fort York — one of the last Confederate victories just days after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

In summation, Hartley noted that though it was perhaps the longest cavalry raid in United States history at 2,000 miles, Stoneman accomplished little of strategic military value with the destruction of equipment and supplies, but impoverished

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Ragan Folan receives the initial grant from President Williams

From the President

At our annual meeting last October I had the privilege of announcing that our Society has committed \$25,000 to "On Common Ground," the capital campaign for Old Salem Museums & Gardens. This pledge will be funded in increments of \$5,000 over five years and will create the Wachovia Historical Society Endowed Fund.

The income from fund investments will be used by Old Salem to assist in refurbishment and restoration of its historical properties. While not restricted, preference for use of this income will be for the restoration of the 1794 Boys School, a building with which our Society has had a long-time and important association over the years.

We believe this gift will serve to strengthen further the bonds of cooperation and mutual effort between Old Salem and our Society, as we seek to protect and preserve the rich history and heritage of Wachovia.

Old Salem President Ragan Folan was present to receive the first installment of our commitment.

Remembering Col. Forsyth; Davis Award

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northwest North Carolina and left a bitterness in the hearts of many for generations to come.

(Historian Hartley was tour guide for “On the trail of Stoneman’s Raid,” the Society’s bus tour last May 16. See page 6. We will hear more of Fort York in the Society’s 120th annual meeting this October 20.)

Also highlighting the Society’s 119th annual meeting, Thomas W. Williams, president of the Society, announced a major \$25,000 grant made to “On Common Ground,” the capital campaign of Old Salem Museums & Gardens. Named the Wachovia Historical Society Endowment Fund, the grant will be given over five years for building maintenance and restoration with a preference for restoration of the 1794 Salem Boys School, which became the first exhibition building of the Wachovia Historical Society in 1897.

(For more on this major grant to Old Salem Museums & Gardens, see President Williams’s message on page 2.)

In other business of the Society’s last October annual meeting, Heather Fearnbach, Chris J. Hartley, and Paul F. Knouse were elected to the Board, and officers of the Society for 2015 were announced: Williams continuing as president; Peggy F. Dodson, vice president; R. Aubrey Smith, secretary; Richard W. Starbuck, treasurer.

In observance of the 200th anniversary of the death of Col. Benjamin Forsyth, after whom Forsyth County is named, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution in honor of the War of 1812 hero and gave custody

of the resolution to the Wachovia Historical Society.

The Society’s 119th annual meeting concluded with the presentation of the Archie K. Davis Award to the Rt. Rev. Graham H. Rights. Growing up in a household devoted to history — his father, Douglas LeTell Rights, was president of the Wachovia Historical Society for 28 years (1928-56 excepting one year) — Graham Rights learned the value exemplified by the Davis Award of outstanding contribution and devotion to the history of our region, state, and nation, enriching appreci-



Bishop Lane Sapp presents the Davis Award to Bishop Graham Rights

ation of our heritage. Throughout his distinguished service to the worldwide Moravian Church as pastor, administrator, and bishop, Graham Rights has been a strong advocate for education in history and preservation. In his service to the Moravian Church, he has exemplified the Moravian ideal of service, making him a worthy recipient of the Society’s Archie K. Davis Award.

Members of the Wachovia Historical Society, August 31, 2015

As of August 31, 2015, the end of its fiscal year 2014-15, the Wachovia Historical Society had 77 life members, five Bethabara Associates members, 29 Committee of 1895 members, 26 Salem Guild members, 86 Family, Individual, and Senior members, six nonprofit and commercial/professional members, and one student member for a total of 230 membership units. It is only through your support that this wonderful organization continues. 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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(Year of the Society's Inception)
(\$100-\$249)

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(\$50-\$99)

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Larry & Kaky Berry
Richard & Brooke Burr
Jane & Richard Carmichael
Julia & John Denham

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Members of the Wachovia Historical Society, August 31, 2015

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On the trail of Stoneman's Raid

Saturday, May 16, 2015, was a beautiful day as a group of excited folks gathered at the Old Salem Visitors Center to learn about the last days of the Civil War in North Carolina. The tour was co-sponsored by the Wachovia Historical Society and Old Salem Museum and Gardens. Chris Hartley, a Society Board member, Civil War scholar, and awarded author kept us spellbound with his scholarship as we learned of the events that happened on our tour's route.

After some pastries, donuts, and coffee at the Visitors Center, we boarded our bus and headed to

our first stop, the Shallowford crossing. This ford had been used for years by Native Americans, hunters, Revolutionary War soldiers, and others. This was the ford that Union General Stoneman's troops crossed in April of 1865 as they headed to Salisbury, their ultimate military objective. Along the way, the Union Cavalry fought several skirmishes as it moved near the Mocksville and Cooleemee areas toward Salisbury.

Grant's Creek was the site of a major battle just outside of Salisbury. At this location, Mr. Hartley

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Photos courtesy of Gene and CarolAnn Adcock

At the Shallowford crossing of the Yadkin River.

Stoneman's Raid gets a 150th anniversary bus tour

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explained the battle tactics which ultimately led to a hard fought Union victory. The goals of this campaign were to destroy the rail facilities and supplies at Salisbury and also to liberate and destroy the Confederate Prison. The Union troops destroyed supplies, capturing and burning enough of them to support a huge army. Supplies included



The National Cemetery in Salisbury

items such as small arms, artillery ammunition, uniforms, blankets, cotton, corn, rice, hams, beef, whiskey, etc. The troops also burned many Confederate facilities, hospitals, cotton factories, a foundry, etc. It was said that the fires could be seen many miles away. A determined objective of General Stoneman was to liberate the prison. Earlier the general had been a prisoner of war and

was freed in a prisoner exchange. To his dismay, the Salisbury prisoners had been moved to other prisons, except for a few who were feeble and sick. The Union troops burned the prison.

After Salisbury was in Union hands, troops moved on Fort York, a Confederate fort on the Davidson County side of the Yadkin River. Fort York was probably designed and engineered by

Confederate General P. G. T. Beauregard. The earthen fort sits high on a cliff above the Yadkin. It is on private property and as a result is amazingly unchanged after 150 years. The fort consists of several artillery batteries connected by infantry trenches. The transverses in the trenches were also well defined. The purpose of Fort York was to protect the railroad bridge over the Yadkin. The Union troops fired rifles and artillery on the fort for several hours and were met with superior fire from the Confederate artillery. As a result, the Union soldiers withdrew, the bridge was spared, and this marked one of the last Confederate victories of the Civil War. At this

site, we also learned about preservation efforts and plans from the Civil War Preservation Trust.

In Salisbury, we had a delicious lunch at the Rowan Museum, an 1854 courthouse that survived Stoneman's Raid. We also took a brief tour of Civil War artifacts at the museum. Additionally, our tour included a visit to the National Cemetery in Salis-

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Re-enacting the Day of Emancipation at St. Philips

Society bus tour

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bury. Here are rows of unmarked graves from this conflict. Also we saw where the Confederate prison was located next to the cemetery and the guard house, which was not burned by the Union soldiers.

Next we headed back to Salem to St. Philips Moravian Church where we heard a reenactor chaplain of the Army of Ohio give a brief sermon and then read the May 21, 1865, general order that all slaves in North Carolina were free. This was followed by his encouragement to the freed people to be industrious and pious. The service concluded with the Lord's Prayer.

This was a fantastic tour in every way! All participants had a fun and stimulating educational experience. Credit and thanks go to Old Salem Museums and Gardens and the Wachovia Historical Society members and friends.

What are we going to do next? There are some big plans already under discussion!!!!

Stay tuned.

H. Lester Morris, Jr.