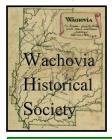
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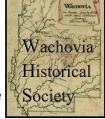


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## Wachovia Historical Society 123rd Annual Meeting



by Johnnie P. Pearson

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

7:30 p.m., Gray Auditorium, Old Salem Visitor Center

(Free admission: Members & public welcome!)



Strings Quintet: "Lauren Kossler & Friends"

Annual Oration:

"1766—Salem in Context"

**Dr. Kevin Cherry** 

Deputy Secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources & Director of the Office of Archives and History

> Presentation of the 2018 Archie K. Davis Award

The 123rd Annual Meeting of the Wachovia Historical Society will be held on Tuesday evening, October 16, 2018 in the Gray Auditorium of the Old Salem Visitor Center. The speaker will be Dr. Kevin Cherry, a native of Denver, NC. Dr. Cherry is the deputy secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and director of the Office of Archives and History.



He oversees the operations of the divisions of State History and Maritime Museums, State Historic Sites and Properties, Archives and Records, Historical Resources (including State Historic Preservation Office, Office of Historical Research, and the Office of State Archaeology), and commissions (including Roanoke Is-

land Festival Park and Tryon Palace). As Keeper of the Capitol, he oversees the museum functions of the State Capitol and the Executive Mansion. He is also the Secretary of the North Carolina Historical Commission and the State Historic Preservation Officer.

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# 123rd Annual Meeting—Oct. 16 (continued from page 1)

In 1753 Moravians from Pennsylvania purchased a 100,000-acre tract in present-day Forsyth County from Earl Granville. They named the area Wachovia, which means "peaceful valley" and established Bethabara in November. In 1758 a second Moravian settlement was established in Bethania. The third and central administration settlement for the Wachovia tract was established in 1766 and named Salem.

Several things were also going on elsewhere in North Carolina while Wachovia was being formed. Some residents of eastern North Carolina, including colonial leaders during the 1766 protests of the Stamp Act, signed a pledge to refuse to pay the tax. In March the Stamp Act was repealed. The North Carolina Assembly appropriated funds for the construction of a governor's mansion in New Bern. In February North Carolina "Sons of Liberty" offered armed resistance to the Stamp Act at Brunswick and coerced officials to reopen the port of Wilmington. These are just a few of the events happening outside of Salem. Tensions between the Crown and the colonialists continued to grow, and during his oration, Dr. Cherry will enlighten us to other events outside of Salem.

Above, attendees at the 120th annual meeting in 2015.

This year we are also pleased to have "Lauren Kossler & Friends," a quintet of strings, present our *Music Prelude*, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Lauren, a well-known violinist and performer, and her quintet last provided the music prelude at our 2015 meeting, and we are grateful to have them with us again!

We are looking forward to hearing Kevin and Lauren & Friends and seeing all of you at our Annual Meeting on October 16! 

Johnnie P. Pearson, Chair of Annual Meeting Committee, WHS

## t In Memoriam

**Aurelia Gray Eller** 

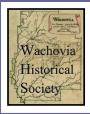
June 29, 1932—September 10, 2018

Aurelia Gray Eller passed away last September 10 in Winston-Salem, NC. Mrs. Gray was a Board member of the Wachovia Historical Society. She was

the daughter of James Alexander Gray and Pauline Bahnson Gray. As her September 12 obituary in the *Winston-Salem Journal* described, Mrs. Gray "found her joy in volunteerism, creating an enduring legacy for making life better for the people of Winston-Salem, the state of North Carolina, and beyond." Additionally as her obituary stated, she "had a major impact on the civic life of Winston-Salem, especially in the arts...." With Paula W. Locklair (see page 3), Mrs. Gray co-authored Old Salem Brought to Life about the paintings and story of her mother, Pauline Bahnson Gray. She was the wife of the late John D. Eller, Jr. She will be greatly missed. (At right, Mrs. Eller with Peggy P. Dodson, WHS Board, 2016 photo.)

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# 2018 Archie K. Davis Award Winner – Paula W. Locklair

The Board of Directors of the Wachovia Historical Society is pleased to announce the 2018 recipient of the Archie K. Davis Award for History, Paula Welshimer Locklair. This award will be officially presented to Mrs. Locklair at the October 16 Annual Meeting.

Earlier this year, Mrs. Locklair completed 46 years of service at Old Salem Museums and Gardens where since 2005 she was Vice President of Education. She has authored or co-authored several publications interpreting the history and culture of the Moravians, including the following: Splendid Service: The Restoration of David Tannenberg's Home Moravian Church Organ, co-authored with William Armstrong and Bruce Shull (2004); Quilts, Coverlets, and Counterpanes: Rediscoverings from the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts and Old Salem Collections (1997); Old Salem Brought to Life, about the paintings and story of Pauline Bahnson Gray, co-authored with the late Aurelia Gray Eller (2007); and "The Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts: Forty Wonderful Years," which appeared in Antiques and Fine Art.



Mrs. Locklair was the primary driving force behind the historically accurate restoration of the 1800 Tannenberg Organ (originally in Home Church) and its "new" placement in a space appropriate in size and acoustic design, spearheading the \$600,000 campaign for the organ restoration and the \$3,000,000 campaign for the auditorium in which to house this magnificent instrument. CBS News, in a story from April 9, 2004, aptly describes Paula Locklair as the "guardian angel" of the 1800 Tannenberg organ.

Paula holds a B.A. degree from Hollins College in Art History (1972); was a research fellow at the University of South Carolina (1981); and has a Master's degree from Oberlin College (1982), also in Art History. She was Vice President of Education at Old Salem Museums and Gardens from 2005-2018 and prior to that was Vice President, Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts (MESDA) and the Horton Center Museums of Old Salem. Her professional associations include the Center for Moravian Studies, the Cherokee Moravian Historical Association, the Heads Council of Hathaway Brown School, the North Carolina Museums Council, the Organ Historical Society, and the Southeastern Museums Conference. Paula is married to Dan Locklair, a musician and composer of international renown. He is Composer-in-Residence and a Professor of Music at Wake Forest University.

The Wachovia Historical Society established the Archie K. Davis Award in 1999, in recognition of the contributions of Archibald Kimbrough Davis (1911-1998) to the study and appreciation of the history of North Carolina and our nation. This award, presented annually by the Society, recognizes an individual whose outstanding contributions and devotion to the history of our region, state, and nation have enriched the appreciation of our heritage.

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## The Archie K. Davis Award (continued from page 3)

Davis, a revered and respected banker and statesman, was a lifelong student of history, especially the history of his beloved North Carolina and of the Civil War. He graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a degree in history

in 1932. Upon his retirement from the position of Chairman of the Board of Directors of Wachovia Bank and Trust Company in 1974, he re-enrolled in the University and received his Master of Arts Degree one year later. Recognizing his lifelong scholarship and passion for history, the university granted Mr. Davis's request to continue doctoral study without pursuing the degree itself. His dissertation



was condensed and published as a book, Boy Colonel of the Confederacy, by the University of North Carolina Press in 1985. In addition to membership on numerous corporate boards, Mr. Davis was a member of the Board of Trustees of Old Salem, Inc., the Moravian Music Foundation, and the Moravian Church Archives. He was also a member of the Society of Cincinnati, the Massachusetts Historical Society, the North Caroliniana Society, and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

Archie K. Davis's professional life and his service to our community were characterized by grace, gentility, intellect, enthusiasm, perseverance, and humility. With the Archie K. Davis Award, the Wachovia Historical Society recognizes the exemplary service of those who, like Mr. Davis, enrich our lives through their devotion to the study and appreciation of our heritage. (See list of Davis Award winners, page 5.) Contributors: Johnnie P. Pearson, Peggy P. Dodson, Nola Reed Knouse, and Ann Hall Wauford.

## from the President

by I. B. Southerland III

As I start this message, The Board expresses to the family of Aurelia Gray Eller our sympathy and prayers

in the loss of Mrs. Eller. Mrs. Eller's dedication and service to the Society over many years is greatly appreciated (see page 2).

As you receive this issue of **The** Tract, please mark your calendar for our annual meeting to be held on October 16, 2018 at the Old Salem Visitor Center. The meeting starts at 7:30 p.m. A music prelude will begin at 7:00 p.m. I encourage all members to



attend and bring a guest with you. Our speaker, Dr. Kenneth Cherry, will bring our annual oration. We will also have the official presentation of the 2018 Archie K. Davis award to Paula W. Locklair.

This year has gone by fast with many activities by our committees doing their assigned jobs. Here's a highlight of some of these:

- **Collections:** Continuing to work with Old Salem to identify and locate Society items. Summer intern worked to itemize items in scrap books to be digi-
- Public Relations and Publications: Outstanding job continues with The Tract. Working on reviewing our current website.
- Annual Meeting/Davis Award: Details being finalized for this year's Annual Meeting. A new potter was found to make this year's award.
- *Membership*: Annual letter issued asking people to renew their memberships. All members encouraged to renew soon. Working on ideas to attract new members All of us need to ask our friends to join!

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Wachovia Historical Society 2018 Board of Directors (alphabetical order)

Paul W. Armfield (2020)
Helen B. Beets (2019)
Peggy P. Dodson, VicePresident (2019)
Heather Fearnbach,
Secretary (2018)
Cheryl Harry (2020)
Chris J. Hartley (2018)
Edward G. Hill (2021)
Paul F. Knouse, Jr (2018)
Conrad A. Mitchell (2019)

Johnnie P. Pearson (2021)
W. Kirk Sanders (2020)
Jimmie E. Snyder (2018)
I. B. Southerland,
President (2019)
Thomas W. Williams ('18)
Advisory Members:
Johanna M. Brown (Old Salem), William W. Phillips, Jr., Frederick P. Spach Richard Starbuck, Treas.

## from the President

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• *Other activities:* Working with the City of Savannah, GA on restoration of the Society plaque.

We continue to strive to work on the many projects and requests that come to us for our consideration. We review each and fund them if we have the necessary funds available. Funding continues to be one of our major concerns. Thank you for the support that you give to your Society. 

I.B.



### **\*SOCIETY GRANT\***

In November 2017, the Wachovia Historical Society Board approved a \$5,000 grant to the Moravian Archives, Moravian Church, Southern Province to subsidize future publication of the *Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees*. An annual gift of \$1,000 will be made for the period 2018 through 2022. The first installment was presented recently *(at left)* to J. Eric Elliott, *Archivist*, by I. B. Southerland. Also pictured, Richard W. Starbuck.

Paul F. Knouse, Jr.

#### Archie K. Davis Award Winners: 1999-2018

Louise Kapp—1999
Chester S. Davis—2000
Frank L. Horton—2001
James A. Gray, Jr.—2002
C. Daniel Crews—2003
Flora Ann Bynum—2004
R. Arthur Spaugh—2005
J. Edwin Hendricks—2006
Richard W. Starbuck—2007
Gwynne Taylor—2008
John Larson—2009

Craig Atwood—2010
Michael O. "Mo" and
Martha B. Hartley—2011
Copey Hanes—2012
Nola Reed Knouse—2013
Graham H. Rights—2014
Molly Rawls—2015
Walter Philip Dunigan—2016
Bradford L. Rauschenberg—2017
Paula W. Locklair—2018

## Members of the Wachovia Historical Society as of August 31, 2018

As of August 31, 2018, the end of fiscal year 2017-18, the Wachovia Historical Society had 57 life members, 7 Bethabara Associates members, 28 Committee of 1895 members, 30 Salem Guild members, 67 Family, Individual, and Senior members, 4 nonprofit and commercial/professional members, and 1 student member for a total of 194 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. (Pictured at right, The 1794 Salem Boys School, which served as the museum of the Wachovia Historical Society, 1897-1972.)



#### 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.)



#### **Contributing Life Members**

Mr. Thomas A. Gray Travis & Evva Hanes John & Margaret Eller Phillip & Emily Johnson Ms. Sallie L. Greenfield Rt. Rev. Graham H. Rights Gwynne & Dan Taylor Betty Lassiter Reck



#### Life Members

Mr. & Mrs. Dennis R. Ayers Mrs. Marjorie Beardsley Mr. Nicholas B. Bragg Mrs. Mary Dull Mrs. Aurelia G. Eller Karen & Peter Eller Mrs. Elizabeth B. Felts Mr. James D. Fishel, Jr. Mr. Bernard Goodman Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Gray

#### Life Members

(continued)

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Mr. James A. Hancock Mrs. Nancy C. Harrill Dr. Thomas J. Haupert Mrs. Lacy B. Hefty Dr. & Mrs. Edward G. Hill, Jr. Mr. Robert Hanes Hoffman Bob & Sarah Hunter Mr. John C. Larson Mrs. Rita C. Leinbach Mrs. Pauline Medlin Ms. Barbara B. Millhouse Mrs. Kenneth Mountcastle Marie Nifong Mr. & Mrs. Norman L. Nifong Dr. Paul D. Nifong, Jr. Mr. Ken Otterbourg Mr. William W. Phillips, Jr. Mr. David W. Piner Patricia Lynn Plaxico Mr. Bradford Rauschenberg Mr. William H. Roberts, III Mrs. Kenneth W. Robinson Mrs. Eleanor Rights Roller Dr. Donna K. Rothrock Mrs. Martha W. Rowe Mr. Dalton D. Ruffin

#### Life Members

(continued)

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#### Order of Wachovia

(\$1,000 and up)

No current members



#### **Bethabara Associates**

(\$250-\$499)

Wayne & Peggy Dodson Mr. Frank E. Driscoll Mrs. Patricia S. Siceloff Ms. Anna M. Smith Jimmie & Louise Snyder (continued next column)

#### **Bethabara Associates**

Mr. & Mrs. I. B. Southerland Mr. & Mrs. Frederick P. Spach



#### Committee of 1895

[Year of the Society's Inception] (\$100-\$249)

Dr. & Mrs. Eugene W.
Adcock III
Dr. & Mrs. S. Douglas
Beets
Richard & Brooke Burr
Mrs. Sylvia G. Cardwell
Joan & David Cotterill
John & Terrie Davis
John & Mary Jane
Dewees
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Fearnbach History
Services, Inc.

Ragan Folan
Hal & Patty Garner
Mallie & Bill Graham
Dr. Elizabeth Holder
Harris
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#### Wachovia Historical Society Members

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#### **Committee of 1895**

Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Henderson Chancy & Keith Kapp Dan & Paula Locklair Carolyn & Bill McCall Susan & John Mickey Mr. Conrad A. Mitchell Mr. George W. Morgan, Jr. Johnnie & Mary Anna Pearson Kirk & Ashley Sanders Dr. & Mrs. Thomas H. Sears, Jr. Mr. W. David Shannon Bill & Judy Watson Mr. & Mrs. Thomas W. Williams, Jr.

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#### **Salem Guild** (\$50-\$99)

Larry & Kaky Berry Mrs. Doris S. Bostian Jane & Richard Carmichael Mrs. Marian McCuiston Couch Mr. & Mrs. Vic Flow Linda & Donald Frey Mr. Harold R. Garrison Richard & Emily Glaze Ms. Cheryl D. Harry Mr. & Mrs. Michael O. Hartley Kate & Gary Hix Ms. Donna Dull Hurt Franklin & Sarah Kane Linda & Ed Kelly Jim & Paulette Kuzmanovich Jay & Judy Lester Joseph & Elizabeth Lineberger

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Starbuck
Mrs. Melrose M. Stocks
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Bob Pearl



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Mrs. Marie R. Bagby Beth & Sandy Baldwin Richard & Betty Barnett Karen Agnew Bingham Walter & Deborah Bishop Dr. & Mrs. Edwyn T. Bowen Hallene L. Brindle Mr. Seth B. Brown Clarence & Mina Brown Bill Burke Rt. Rev. & Mrs. D. Wayne Burkette Mrs. Mary Lois R. Bynum Odell & Emily Cheek Tommy & Betty Cole Jean Batten Cooper C. Daniel & Linda Reed Crews Dick & Brenda Dalton

#### Family, Individual & Senior (continued)

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Mr. Henry C. Starbuck

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#### Student Membership

Miss Victoria Rose Starbuck



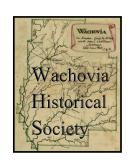
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Mary P. Brown
Mr. Seth B. Brown
Keith B. Hege
Penelope G. Hege
Richard Ziglar
Dr. & Mrs. Mark F. Ellison



#### Honorariums

Helen B. Beets
John & Susan Mickey
Paul F. Knouse, Jr.
Lane A. Sapp
Tom & Dedee Williams
Helen B. Beets



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## Annual Oration **Dr. Kevin Cherry**

Deputy Secretary of the N.C. Department of Natural and Cultural Resources & Director of the Office of Archives and History



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