

Wachovia Historical Society 125th “Virtual” Annual Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 2020, starts at 7:30 p.m., via *You Tube*

“Live” from the Archie K. Davis Center in Salem

To view, go to: <https://youtu.be/GAgZBUWsMWs>



Musical Prelude—starts at 7:15 p.m., featuring

Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, *organ*

playing the two historic Tannenberg organs in Salem

and The Moravian Lower Brass



The Reverend Dr. C. Daniel Crews

Former Archivist, Moravian Archives, and Retired Moravian Minister

“Wachovia Characters: Sometimes You Just Have to Laugh”



Presentation of the 2020 Archie K. Davis
Award for History

“The show WILL go on!”

Join your fellow WHS members for the **125th Annual Meeting** of the Wachovia Historical Society. The corona virus health crisis unfortunately continues, but the Wachovia Historical Society **WILL** have its annual meeting “virtually” this year! (See more on page 2) ➔

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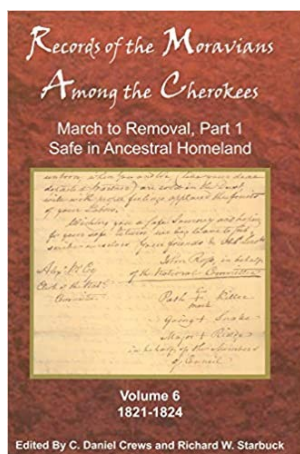
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organist Mary Louise Kapp Peeples, who performed live at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Mary Lou will play selections from *Sing Hallelujah Praise the Lord*, a CD of Moravian organ music. Mary Lou's selections include music recorded on the two David Tannenberg organs in Salem: the 1798 organ in Salem's Brothers' House and the 1800 organ which was in Home Moravian Church. You will also hear selections from the Moravian Lower Brass, from the CD *Harmonious to Dwell*. Both CD's are available from the Moravian Music Foundation and can be found by going to www.moravianmusic.org. Following the musical prelude, the Annual Meeting will get underway at 7:30 p.m.



The meeting will begin with the invocation by Dr. Nola Reed Knouse, Director of the Moravian Music Foundation and 2013 winner of the Archie K. Davis Award for History. Following the invocation, WHS President I. B. Southerland III will present his annual report. Nominations for new members of the Board of Directors will be presented. Then Dr. Crews will deliver the annual oration. Following the oration, the presentation of the 2020 Archie K. Davis Award for History will be made.

We are grateful to Mr. Erik Salzwedel, Business Manager of the Moravian Music Foundation, who has put together the *You Tube* broadcast for the meeting. (Note that the broadcast premieres at 7:15 p.m. but can be viewed at any time after that, of course, on the *You Tube* network). In addition to his duties at the Music Foundation, Erik is a professional trombonist with the Winston-Salem and Greensboro symphonies and is an accomplished composer as well as a performer.

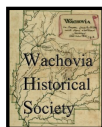
Dr. Crews received Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Divinity degrees from Moravian Theological Seminary, a Ph.D. in British literature from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro, and a Ph.D. in historical theology from the University of Manchester, England. He did post-doctoral study at the University of Prague. As an ordained minister he has served Moravian churches in North Carolina, England, and the Virgin Islands. He is the author of numerous publications on Moravian history and theology, and with the late Richard Starbuck (see page 5) co-authored *With Courage for the Future: The Story of the Moravian Church, Southern Province*. He was co-editor of volumes 12 and 13 of *Records of the Moravians in North Carolina*, and co-editor of volumes 1-6 of *Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees* (see above left). Dr. Crews served as the eighth Archivist of the Moravian Church, Southern Province, from 1991 through 2014. He is a most sought after speaker, famous for his knowledge of history and his unmatched wit. We hope you will join your fellow WHS members for this year's WHS annual meeting, which in addition to being "virtual," will also be historic in view of the times and circumstances around us! *WT

The entire event will be broadcast on *You Tube* on Tuesday, October 20, 2020, beginning at 7:15 p.m., with our traditional "Musical Prelude." Just tune in to You Tube promptly at 7:15 p.m.

First, you will hear



Johnnie P. Pearson and Paul F. Knouse, Jr.



from the President

by I. B. Southerland III

As I sit down to write this message, I am amazed how fast the past three years have gone. I thank all the Directors who have served during this time. Their dedication and hard work has made my job much easier. This year's annual meeting was a big challenge. Much effort back and forth resulted in the idea of pre filming the meeting to air on **You Tube** on October 20. I hope you find it interesting and enjoyable.



Some highlights of this past year are as follows:

(1) We are in the final steps of a **new lease** with Old Salem Museums and Gardens for our collections. We hope to have it finalized by the end of October 2020. (2) The Task Force on the **Spach Rock House property** continues to study the best uses of this property. (3) The **Membership Committee** has worked hard to develop new ways to attract new members to the Society. (4) The **Annual Meeting and Davis Award Committee** had a large challenge with the COVID-19 crisis with no regular Board meetings being held. I thank them for the many hours spent in getting the virtual **You Tube** broadcast ready for October 20. I believe you will find it a pleasant evening. (5) The **Properties Committee** continues to make sure our properties are properly maintained. (6) The **Collections Committee** has been very involved on the new lease with OSMG. (7) The **Special Events Committee** has been on hold until we can have regular in-person meetings. They are working on several very attractive events. (8) The **Publications and Communications Committee** continues to publish the **Wachovia Tract** three times a year and to work on improvements to our website. I thank them for their outstanding work. (9) The **Nominations Committee** continues to find us outstanding directors for the Board. If you or someone you know would like to serve on our Board, please contact the chair of the committee with names for consideration.

In closing, I thank you, our members, for giving me the opportunity to lead such a fine Society. *WT I.B.



Treasurer's Report by Karl Kapp as of 9/24/2020

Many thanks for your **TERRIFIC** response to the Summer 2020 **Tract** request to renew your membership in the Society. We received 52 responses for a total of \$3,670!!!

We are deeply grateful for your continuing interest and support, especially at this time of considerable uncertainty for our families, our communities, our country, and our world caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Also, as your Treasurer, I'm pleased to report that on September 17, 2020 the Society made the 3rd of five installments at \$1,000 each paid annually in connection with its book fund grant to subsidize **Records of the Moravians Among the Cherokees**.

Thanks again for your membership giving and I'll see you virtually on October 20, 2020 via **You Tube** for the 125th Annual Meeting! *WT Karl

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

THANKS TO ALL OF YOU who renewed your membership following our summer 2020 **Tract**! But, if you have not already done so for this year, we ask that you **renew your membership now!** Contributions made during this year will extend your membership through **December 31, 2021**. Enclosed with this newsletter is a contribution card, along with a complimentary envelope. On the back of the card are some survey questions to help us serve you better. So, **renew your membership TODAY**. Your contributions are critical to the Society's operations. And if possible, **consider increasing** your gift! Thank you! *WT

“A Disease which carries unusual terror and dismay”: The Moravian Response to Smallpox

by Johanna Brown

Curator of Moravian Decorative Arts, *Old Salem Museums & Gardens*

Editor's Note: In the pandemic time in which we find ourselves, we are grateful to Johanna Brown of Old Salem Museums and Gardens for contributing this article, which may have not only historical content, but be of relevant useful learning today given the current crisis.

COVID-19 has disrupted many aspects of our lives and changed the way we interact with one another. Many of us are frightened by the potential spread of the virus. We are also frustrated by the inconvenience and economic impact of trying to prevent the spread. We all just want to protect our own health and the health of our friends and families. Moravians living in North Carolina experienced epidemics in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries that caused the same concerns. Although today smallpox is considered eradicated by the Center for Disease Control, it was one of the most dangerous and prevalent contagious illnesses to affect Salem in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. Smallpox was caused by a virus that attacked the immune system of the infected person and was spread through respiratory droplets and skin-to-skin contact. Infected patients developed a fever and distinctive progressive rash. Many people recovered from smallpox, but some people died or suffered permanent disabilities such as blindness.

The leadership of Salem was understandably alarmed when in 1779 a Company of Continental soldiers that came through town included one soldier “who had recently had smallpox and whom they lodged separately in a tent near the Tavern.” [See note 1] (Salem Diary, April 6, 1779). Despite the precaution of trying to isolate the contagious soldier, when the Company departed, smallpox stayed behind. Within days, two people who worked in the Tavern were ill with the virus. The Moravian records note, “*Since the negro Jacob with the Single Brethren and Sr. Eva Schumacher are down with smallpox, and there are about 40 adults and children in the place who have never had it, the questions came up whether the latter should be inoculated. Members have spoken for and against it. It would be best to have a congregation council and come to a decision.*” [2]

As a result of the introduction of the virus by the soldier, the Moravian leadership considered inoculating anyone in Salem who had not already had smallpox, but neighbors, afraid that inoculation would just serve to spread the disease, threatened “to destroy [the] town” if the Moravians attempted inoculation. After some discussion, the Church boards reluctantly decided to let the disease run its course rather than inoculate, and “so the small-pox stayed with us until October.” [3] Although Jacob and many others recovered from smallpox that year, some members of the community, including Eva Schumacher, lost their battle with the disease. While the Moravians believed in the efficacy of inoculation for smallpox, they depended economically on trade with outsiders, many of whom were highly suspicious of the smallpox inoculation. Therefore, when the community doctor did inoculate, he avoided doing so during busy trading times so apprehensive visitors would not be discouraged from coming to town to do business with Salem’s craftsmen and business owners. For example, after smallpox appeared in February of 1786, “it was decided to inoculate. This was done for 30 people.” [4] But in May of the same year, “the widow Buttner and her two sons have not had smallpox and wish to be inoculated.

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Moravian Response

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It is to be feared that trade in town would be injured thereby, and it is now time for buying up butter, so some members object to inoculation.” [5] Widow Buttner and her sons were told to be careful, avoid her sister who was infected, and wait.

In 1812 a traveler staying in Salem “was stricken with smallpox during his stay.” Once the disease was under control, Church leaders began to strategize ways to mitigate the economic damage “caused by many rumors...about the smallpox disease raging here...though no contagiousness is to be feared anymore....” They devised a plan whereby they would communicate both orally and “have information published in public papers that there is no more danger here of contagion from smallpox” in town. [6]

For decades in the nineteenth century, Moravians kept close track of smallpox outbreaks in the state of North Carolina. When new clusters of cases appeared elsewhere in the state, Salem doctors inoculated or vaccinated Salem residents who had never had the disease to prevent severe outbreaks locally. [7] Apparently they had some success at controlling the disease until 1867 when “we were visited by a disease which carries with it unusual terror and dismay.” [8] The community response to the 1867 outbreak of smallpox was swift and thorough in an effort to control the spread of the disease. “Flags were fastened outside of every house in town into which the disease had entered.” Rules were put in place to limit travel around town, and families were to designate one healthy person within the household to run essential errands. After nearly two months, “the last flag could be removed, and our town declared free from the heavy visitation that had come upon us.” [9]

Moravians living in Salem and other Wachovia communities relied on organized community restrictions and “a gracious Lord [Who] remembered mercy” to see them through the 1867 epidemic and other outbreaks of contagious diseases in the early years of the settlements. Although they did not have the same understanding of germs that we do today, they had the same concerns about preventing the spread of illness to protect community residents and their economic interests.

We can learn from the experience of the Moravians by continuing to come together as a community to protect one another by wearing masks, social distancing, and following recommended CDC guidelines for hand washing and sanitizing.

Stay well! ✨WT

Johanna

[1] Salem Diary, April 6, 1779, Moravian Archives, Southern Province. [2] Salem Elders Conference Minutes, May 18, 1779, Moravian Archives, Southern Province. [3] Fries, Records of the Moravians, Volume III p. 1283. [4] Ibid, Volume V, p. 2119. [5] Ibid, p. 2137. [6] Elders Conference Minutes, February 8, 1812, Moravian Archives, Southern Province. [7] Inoculation and vaccination are often used interchangeably today, but there were important distinctions in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries. The smallpox inoculation involved introducing the smallpox virus itself into the skin. Vaccination, introduced by Edward Jenner in 1798, involved injecting a mild form of cowpox which led to a localized infection but a strong immunity to smallpox. The term comes from the Latin *Vacca* meaning cow. [8] Crews and Bailey, Records of the Moravians in North Carolina, Volume XIII, p. 6767. [9] Ibid, p. 6768.

✝ In Memoriam ✝

Richard Watkins Starbuck

May 2, 1947—October 4, 2020

Husband of Susan Cox Starbuck

Father of Victoria Rose Starbuck

Brother of Nancy, Henry, and Will Starbuck

and Kitty Starbuck Rominger (Mike)

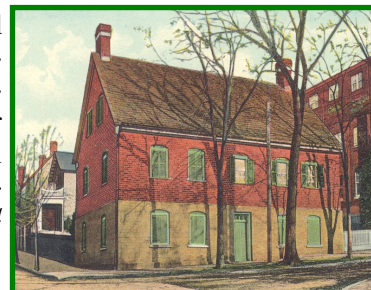
Burial in God's Acre, the Salem Moravian Graveyard, cremains section, October 8, 2020

Richard was a former Archivist of the Moravian Archives, Southern Province, as well as former

WHS Treasurer and Editor of the **Tract**

Members of the Wachovia Historical Society as of August 31, 2020

As of August 31, 2020, the end of fiscal year 2019-20, the Wachovia Historical Society had 48 life members, 1 Herrnhut Associate, 10 Bethabara Associates members, 37 Committee of 1895 members, 25 Salem Guild members, 38 Family, Individual, and Senior members, and 7 nonprofit and commercial/professional members, for a total of 166 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.)* ★WT



Karl Kapp

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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Philip W. Johnson and
Emily Fearnbach
Mr. John C. Larson
Rt. Rev. Graham H. Rights
Eleanor Rights Roller



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No current members*



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Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Southerland III



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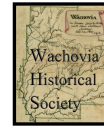
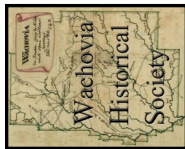
Sallie L. Greenfield



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