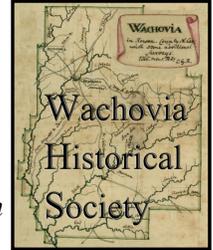


# Wachovia Historical Society 2019 Annual Meeting



by Johnnie P. Pearson

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**  
 7:30 p.m., Gray Auditorium,  
 Old Salem Visitor Center  
 7:00 p.m. - *Music Prelude*

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 Free admission: Members & public welcome!  
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*Annual Oration:*

***“They Came to Wachovia,  
 Tired, Cold, and Hungry”***

**Mr. Randell Jones**

**Award-winning author and storyteller**

The 2019 Annual Meeting of the Wachovia Historical Society will be held on **Tuesday evening, October 15, 2019**, beginning at **7:30 p.m.** in the Old Salem Visitor Center. As always, a delightful **musical prelude** will precede the meeting, beginning at **7:00 p.m.**

This year’s annual oration will be delivered by Mr. Randell Jones, an award winning author and storyteller (*shown above*). Mr. Jones’s oration is entitled “They Came to Wachovia, Tired, Cold, and Hungry.” Randell will present a story of the →



American Revolution which touched Wachovia specifically, the march of the prisoners after the Battle of Kings Mountain to Bethabara. He will enhance this presentation with new developments in historical knowledge. Those interested in getting the background for this story will want to watch the video, “The American Spirit, 1780.”

This 40-minute video is accessible on **YouTube** directly from Randell’s website:

**www.DanielBooneFoosteps.com**

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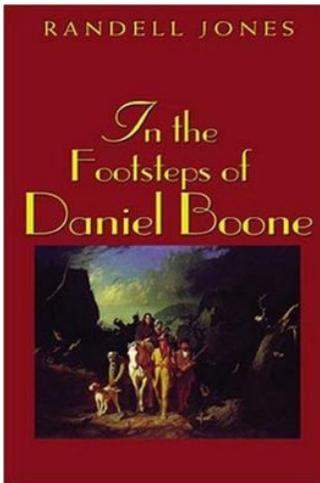
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**124th Annual Meeting**

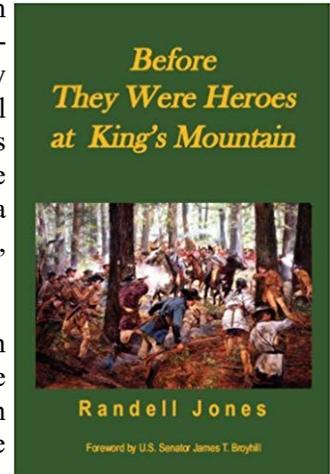
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Just click on “Classroom” in the main menu to find the link to the “The American Spirit, 1780” video.

Randell Jones is the author of *In the Footsteps of Daniel Boone* and *Before They Were Heroes at King’s Mountain* (see book covers below) as well as other books of the pioneer era and the American Revolution. Most of his books feature historical aspects of North Carolina, including *Scoundrels, Rogues, and Heroes of the Old North State*. He has produced three videos including the aforementioned “*The American Spirit, 1780*.”



Since 2007, Randell has served as an invited member of the Road Scholars Speakers Bureau of the North Carolina Humanities Council. In 2013, the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, conferred on him their national History Award Medal. His works have received two Kentucky History Awards from the Kentucky Historical Society and a Medal in 2014 from the National Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, for his body of works. Several of his books and videos have been recognized with awards from the North Carolina Society of Historians. Randell lives in Winston-Salem, NC with his wife.



He earned undergraduate and graduate degrees in engineering from Georgia Tech and an MBA from UNC-Chapel Hill. His Jones ancestors lived in East Tennessee during the time David Crockett was there, and he believes a McBride ancestor was on the campaign with Colonel Andrew Lewis down the Kanawha River to what became the Battle of Point Pleasant along the Ohio River during Lord Dunmore’s War in October 1774.

Randell speaks to groups of varying size on topics related to American heritage and North Carolina history.

He is a member of the Genealogical Speakers Guild. The North Carolina Humanities Council has notified the Society that our application for funding for Randell Jones through the Road Scholars Program has been approved.

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*Johnnie P. Pearson*



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MANY STORIES, ONE PEOPLE

*This presentation is made possible by funding from the North Carolina Humanities Council, a state wide non-profit and affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.*

## *A Tour of “Our Places”—* Wachovia Historical Society May 2019 Board Meeting *by Helen B. Beets*

The Wachovia Historical Society Board of Directors spent their May meeting time touring the original Salem Tavern (*below, left*) and the Boys School (*below, right*) in Old Salem. Salem Tavern is one of the holdings of the Wachovia Historical Society and is leased to Old Salem by the Society. The original Tavern is on the tour for ticketed Old Salem guests. The Tavern is interpreted from around the time of George Washington’s two night stay in late May, 1791. President Washington met North Carolina Governor Martin here to discuss North Carolina’s future ratification of the United States Constitution. Built in 1784 and enlarged in 1815, it was the first entirely brick building in what is now Old Salem, and is one of the oldest surviving brick tavern buildings in the United States. This treasure was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1964.



We entered the Tavern as a guest would have, through the back door. The barn for the horses of the travelers is behind the Tavern and guests would have situated their steeds before entering the Tavern. The first Tavern was built on this site in 1771 and subsequently burned to the ground in 1784. The extant Tavern was quickly rebuilt under the leadership of mason Johann Gottlob Krause, using bricks intended for the Single Sisters House, thus delaying that project. The Tavern was an important revenue producer for the church and

was essential for the “strangers” traveling to and through Salem to trade and purchase goods.



At the far rear of the Tavern is the large kitchen (*left*) which was manned both by paid workers and enslaved people, largely driven by the economics of the time. Meals were prepared in the kitchen and served on the second floor. A married couple was usually tasked with running the Tavern for the Church. It was hard work and the couples typically rotated out every decade or so. The managing couple had two rooms for their private use on the main floor, a bedroom and an adjoining room where everything else took place to run the enterprise. The Tavern space includes a public room, “pub”, with a bar in the contiguous hallway. Travelers spent their evenings in this space playing games and talking. Salem residents were not permitted to interact with the strangers except to the extent necessary to accomplish trade. The bedroom for travelers on the main floor was a shared affair with multiple beds. Travelers rented space in a bed and would often sleep in a bed with another stranger with whom they were otherwise unacquainted. Families or travelers with their wives would rent the entire room for privacy. There is one small bedroom for the hostler on the main floor, next to the door to the backyard which provided efficient access to the horses for which this young man was charged with caring. The second floor of the Tavern had more sleeping space as well as the dining room but is not interpreted at this time.

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## from the President

by I. B. Southerland III



The committees of the Board continue to work hard on their assigned areas. Highlights are below:

- **Collections:** The scrapbook project is complete and is now online at: [www.digitalnc.org](http://www.digitalnc.org).
- **Publications and Public Relations:** Publishing **The Wachovia Tract** is a major undertaking which we are pleased to say comes out three times a year! This current issue is the 2nd for 2019. The 3rd issue comes out on or about October 1, 2019, just before the Annual Meeting (Oct. 15). A second priority for this committee is to make necessary improvements to the website.
- **Annual Meeting/Davis Award:** Plans for the Annual Meeting on October 15 are complete. The winner of the 2019 Davis Award will be announced at the meeting.
- **Properties:** Our May Board meeting included a walk through of the Salem Tavern. The overall condition of the building was good. We toured the entire building from attic to basement. The committee continues to consider the future of the Adam Spach house property.
- **Membership:** The Committee has made some excellent recommendations for increasing our membership. These opportunities will be pursued.
- **Special Events:** The Committee is exploring several options. Details to come!

Your Board continues to work hard to accomplish the goals of the Society. We welcome your ideas to expand our outlook and mission. You can also help by asking people to join the Society! Thank you for your support! ★WT

I.B.

## A Tour of "Our Places"—

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The third floor was used for storage and still is today. In 1815 the wooden Salem Tavern was built next door to provide more sleeping space to accommodate the demand for lodgings in Salem.

We walked from the Tavern along Main Street passing T. Bagge, the Single Brothers House, and the



Square to arrive at the juncture with Academy where we entered the newly renovated Boys School. Wachovia Historical Society helped with this latest process with a \$25,000 grant. The Boys School was built in 1794 to provide the space to educate boys aged six to fourteen in Salem. The Museum of the Wachovia

Historical Society was located here from 1897 until 1953. The space now provides many hands-on learning opportunities in the areas of music, science, and math. There is a brief film that orients the visitor to the space and



how it was used by the early Moravians. Your board held their May meeting on the second floor of the Boys School in the main hallway (above). It was a delightful afternoon for us to be in these special places and physically reconnect with some of the

resources we endeavor to preserve. ★WT

*Helen B. Beets (Above, interior views of the Boys' School, including the WHS Plaque.)*



## *Coming full circle! St. Philips returns to Old Salem— 1822 to 2019*

*by Conrad A. Mitchell*

The long road back started in a tiny slave dwelling located on a piece land in the Wachovia tract, in the home of a slave Phoebe, wife of slave Bodney, a manager of the Wachovia Administration Farm in 1822.

Bro. Abraham Steiner held the first service on March 24, 1822, and in the following year a Log Church was built by slave labor and financial support from the white Female Missionary Society. The Missionary Society recognized the need for a place of worship for the African residents of Salem. It was called the African Church, the Slave church, the Negro church, the Colored church and other names, but the “Log Church” still stands today a tall memory.

The slave population in Salem and around the town grew and the Log Church was unable to hold the crowds that attended funerals and other special celebrations. In the late 1850’s the need for a larger building was met by the construction of the “Brick Church” (*at right*) which was completely filled for the consecration service held on December 15, 1861. The “Brick Church” was the place where slaves learned to read, write and gathered skills to perform the tasks needed to make Salem the progressive town it became at that time. The Rev. Seth Clark of the 10th Ohio Calvary announced emancipation of all slaves in the area on May 21, 1865. The packed church was filled with joyful voices celebrating the news of freedom, “You are free, you are free.” It was not until 1914 that the church got its name St. Philips, a name given to it by Bishop Edward Rondthaler. The church expanded over the Stranger’s graveyard to enlarge the popular school in 1890.



In 1952 the St. Philips “Brick Church” location was closed and the church moved across to a neighborhood known as Happy Hill about a mile away. The St. Philips congregation used the community house in the Happy Hill Garden Complex at Mock and Vargrave streets, as the church location for 7 years.

The Provincial Elders Conference decided to build a church for its members in 1959, but unfortunately the church was destined to move again. The North Carolina Highway Department finally decided to extend the North-South expressway which passed through the Church property in 1967. The Highway is now known as Highway 52. Many of our members and businesses in the area were displaced by this road building decision.

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## Coming Full Circle—St. Philips

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Instead of building a new church the PEC purchased a property belonging to the Bon Air Christian Church located at 3002 Bon Air Avenue, Winston-Salem NC. to be used by the St. Philips Congregation. The congregation of St. Philips at its 147<sup>th</sup> anniversary, May 4, 1969 witnessed the formal building dedication, and a new cornerstone was installed in the Bon Air Church. The Lay Pastor of St. Philips, Dr. George Hall, originally from Nicaragua, served the congregation since 1946 and continued in the new location until his retirement in 1967.

The PEC called the Rev. Cedric S. Rodney, a Moravian from Guyana, and installed him on January 7, 1968. Rev. Rodney served for a period of 32 years until he retired in 2003. Rev. Rodney during that time also served as a professor of Religion at Winston-Salem State University. Since his passing several ministers served St. Philips on interim and supply pastor basis up to the present time.

As time progressed, the congregation's numbers began to decline as families moved away and younger members left to begin careers and their own families. After many hours of discussion and prayerful consideration, the board decided to exercise prudent stewardship and chose to return to our original church home, in what is now known as Old Salem. The Historic “Brick Church” is the oldest active African American church in North Carolina.

We have come this far by faith, leaning on the Lord, 1822 to 2019. We now return home trusting in His holy Word. He’s never failed us yet. We return to Salem. We return to the “Brick Church”. We return home. ★WT

*Conrad A. Mitchell*



*Above right, the St. Philips museum which tells the story of the St. Philips church.*

## August 13th Festival—292nd Anniversary

The 292nd anniversary of the events of August 13, 1727 will occur in August. In 1727 in the Moravian settlement of Herrnhut, Germany on what was the estate of Count Zinzendorf, there were disagreements over doctrine and practice that undoubtedly led to false assumptions and bad behavior toward others. During a communion service in nearby Berthelsdorf on August 13, 1727, the community sensed the presence of the Holy Spirit and resolved to live together as true brothers and sisters in Christ, treating each other with love and respect, while still acknowledging their differences. This event is considered the birthday of the Renewed Moravian Church and was followed soon thereafter by the settlements in Bethabara (1753), Bethania (1759), and Salem (1766). This same “renewal” was also felt by the children of Herrnhut on August 17, 1727.

A new Moravian “tradition” was begun in 2014 by celebrating the children’s renewal with an afternoon of activities ending with a lovefeast at Bethabara, the first Moravian settlement. Events have been held at other churches based on their founding dates respectively, Bethania, Salem, Hope, and last year, Friedberg. Everyone is invited to the 6th Festival, to be held at Friedland Moravian on Sunday afternoon, August 17, 2:00-5:00 p.m. ★WT



**Archie K. Davis Award for History**  
*Recipients: 1999-2018*

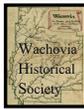
The 2019 recipient of the Archie K. Davis Award for History will be named at the 124th Annual Meeting this coming October 15. This person will join a long list of distinguished recipients of this prestigious award. We hope you will plan on attending this annual meeting and find out who will win this year! ★WT

- 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

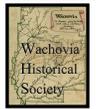
**Wachovia Historical Society**  
**2019 Meetings Schedule**

**Board of Directors**  
 Sept. 10 ■ Nov. 12

**124th Annual Meeting**  
 ■ Oct. 15 ■  
*All are invited and welcome!*



Wachovia Historical Society  
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*(alphabetical order)*

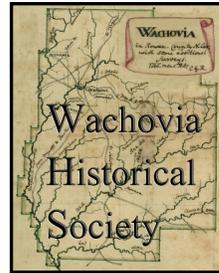
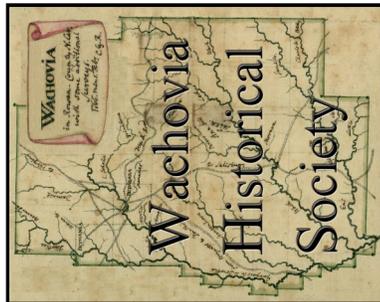


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- Conrad A. Mitchell (2019)
- Johnnie P. Pearson (2021)
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Historical Society**

*124th Annual Meeting*

**Tuesday, October 15, 2019**

Old Salem Visitor Center

7:30 p.m.

*(Music prelude—7:00 p.m.)*



**Annual Oration**

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*Presentation of  
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Award*