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Historical Society elects new officers



Ruthie Hodson, Bill Rousseau, Jan Brooks and Ann Grebig.

The Apex Historical Society elected new officers at its annual meeting in March.

The newly elected officers are:

Jan Brooks, president; Ruthie Hodson, vice president; Ann Grebing, secretary and Bill Rousseau, treasurer

The group also elected two new board members from the general membership. They are: Molly Weston and Larry Gustke. The society was organized in 1987 to maintain the awareness of the history and character of the town.

The group was instrumental in get the Apex Union Depot placed on the National Registry and has sponsored an annual historic home tour through the area.

Currently they are working closely with the town to decide what will go into the library building once it moves.

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The Apex Historical Society held their summer picnic on Saturday, July 22, at the wonderful home of Tony and Judy Sears. They were able to enjoy an old fashioned picnic (like the ones you used to go to at Pullen Park) as well as the wonderful working train and antique steam powered sawmill which will certainly be of interest to Bill Booth. Thanks to Tony and Judy for their gracious hospitality and to the Historical Society for their efforts to keep our town the historical community it should be.

January 1, 1990

Mrs. Jan Brooks, President Apex Historical Society 4401 Woodmill Run Apex, NC 27502

Dear Mrs. Brooks:

Recently, I conferred with Mr. Carl P. Holleman of Apex, NC regarding our mutual interest in the local history of the Apex area. He suggested that I write to you regarding the issue of giving more emphasis to the history of the Apex area.

fact that the stems from interest Мy Greatgreatgrandfather, Nathan Upchurch I, a Revolutionary War veteran, settled in the Green Level Area in about 1802. He owned a thousand acres of land including present day Green Level. brother, Moses Upchurch, settled just across the line in Chatham These two brothers gave rise to a large Upchurch Co., NC. population in the area and their descendants have intermarried with many local families over the last 178 years. Grandfather, Bartley Jefferson Upchurch, was born in the area and left there for the Civil War. My father and I were born and raised in the Inwood Church area of Wake County.

For ten years I have published the <u>UPCHURCH BULLETIN</u> and have now identified and published on 24,000 members of the extended Upchurch family. There is much more we need to learn about this and related families on the Wake-Chatham border.

I am writing to you to raise the question of how family and local history in the Apex area can be pursued more effectively. It would be extremely desirable to have a place in the Apex area where books on family and local history could be kept and made available to interested parties. For example, I would like to see copies of the <u>UPCHURCH BULLETIN</u> deposited in such a place. As far as I know there is no such facility at present.

Do you suppose it is possible that the Apex Historical Society could acquire a room in the new Apex library to be dedicated to family and local history. My understanding, which could be wrong, is that the present central control of the regional libraries in Wake County does not encourage the use of space for family and local history. Perhaps with the new library in Apex the situation will be different.

The seeking and preserving of family and local history is important in our society. I want to express appreciation to the efforts you and your colleagues are making in this regard.

Mrs. Jan Brooks January 1, 1990

Any comments you may have on these matters will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Robert P. Upchurch, Editor UPCHURCH BUYLLETIN

RPU:s cc: Carl P. Holleman, Esq.

P.S. If you know of any individuals who have an interest in the Upchurch Family, I would be pleased to have their names and addresses.

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Apex Historical Society to meet February 16

The Apex Historical Society will meet on February 16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Apex United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Tom Belton, staff member of the North Carolina Museum of History and vice president of the Apex Historical Society, will present a slide program entitled "Civil War Flags in the Collection of the North Carolina Museum of History." Most people who live in North Carolina, whether native born or not, are unaware of the variety of flags that were carried by North Carolina troops during

the Civil War. These included state flags, first, second, and third national flags, battle flags, and company flags. The presentation will also include a brief overview of North Carolina's contributions during "the late unpleasantness."

There will be a short business meeting, at which time the original sketches used for the 1988 Apex Historical Homes tour will be presented to the home owners whose homes were featured on the tour. Refreshments will be served. We urge all members to

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Double dipping

Members of the Apex Historical Society, including president Pat Shankle, prepare a table full of cookies and ice cream for a social at the Apex Public Library on Sunday. About 30 members and interested residents turned out to meet their neighbors and share their interest in history.