

Archives' latest is a knockout

A new Records series makes its debut

At last, at last! Moravian Archives' longest running project — our "Springplace Project" — has seen the light of day with publication of the impressively titled *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees*.

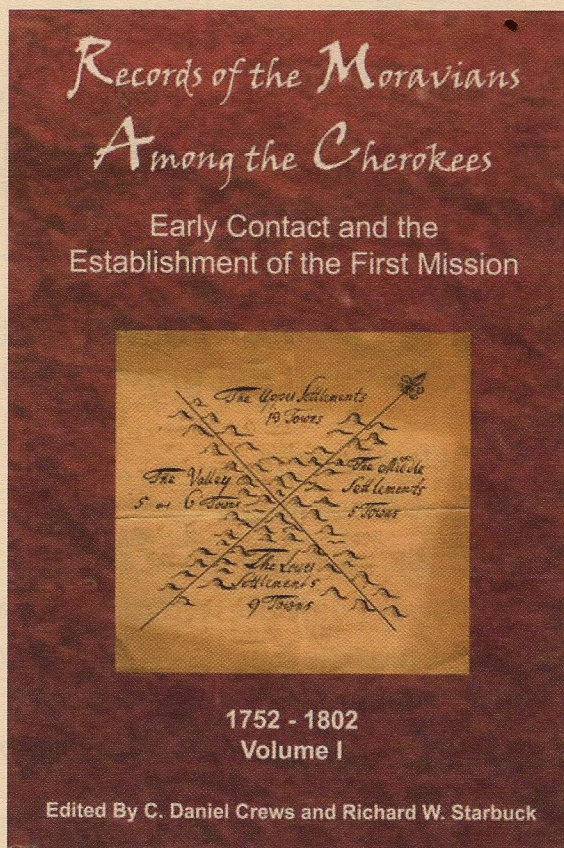
That's volume 1 of *Records: Cherokees*, subtitled *Early Contact and the Establishment of the First Mission, 1752-1802*.

And it's a beauty — 426 pages of church and mission diaries, correspondence, minutes, travel diaries, maps (three of them), pictures of documents, glossary of terms, plus an expanded index identifying people and places. All this in a green-cloth hardbound book with "Georgia red clay" dust jacket.

The University of Oklahoma Press is marketing the volume nationally at \$50.00 plus shipping and handling, but for a limited time with a limited supply Moravian Archives is offering volume 1 at \$40.00 plus \$5.00 shipping and handling. Cash or check only (no credit card) can be made to Moravian Archives, 457 S. Church Street, Winston-Salem, N.C. 27101.

Volume 1 launches the *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees* series, which presents for the first time in one place the original documents of the Moravian Church's mission to the Cherokee nation. Those who lived it now get to tell their story in their own words.

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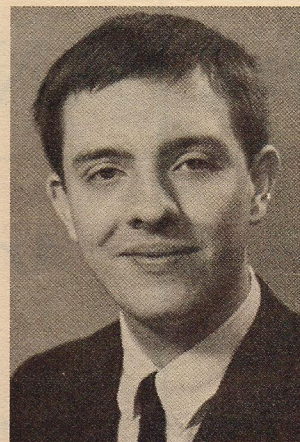


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. . . at the Archie K. Davis Center ("the Archives building") in Salem
("we're in the graveyard")

- * Refreshments
- * Low Brass music
- * Open vault (we never do that)
- * Power Point presentations (if we can get it to work)
- * Archives publications half off (except *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees*)
- * *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees* at \$40 (that's cheap!)

Easy parking in the Salem College Fine Arts Center parking lot off Salem Avenue

* Historical fact: *The Wachovia Moravian* printed "Danny" Crews's picture, then ceased publication.

'City' directories make their debut on Archives web site

What new old things are on the Archives web site?

How about a few 19th-century city directories, three of them in fact, plus an 1878 *Guide to Northwest North Carolina* and a handy map depicting Salem and Winston, circa 1876.

Go to www.MoravianArchives.org. Click on the "History" button in the left-hand column. Then click "Salem, Winston in City Directories." Now you can choose which "tour" to take of Salem and neighboring Winston:

- "Directory, Salem, Winston, 1869" is our oldest. It is a typescript extract from Branson's North Carolina Business Directory for 1869, published in Raleigh by J.A. Jones. County and town officials are listed as are churches and pastors, hotels and boarding houses, lawyers, "manufactories," merchants, mills, physicians, and "prominent farmers." No addresses or residences are given.
- "Directory, Salem, Winston, 1873" was published February 20, 1873, by Salem's newspaper, *The People's Press*. It too is a business directory, but residences can be located since most businesses then were conducted in the homes. It is compiled not by business categories, but as a stroll northward up Main and Church Streets from Salem Creek through the town of



Salem into Winston. Pictures have been added to accompany the *Press's* commentary, such as Wm. T. Vogler's jewelry store: "Tombstones cut to order, in good style."

- "Directory, Salem, Winston, 1879-1880" is the first modern-era directory of the two towns. It was compiled by Chas. Emerson & Co., and it gives us the bonus of Greensboro as well. It features not only business listings, but a "complete index to the residents of the cities" plus a street directory of
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Thanks to Friends, old clock chimes again

A message from a "newcomer" to the Moravian Archives:

Dear Friends of the Archives,

Let me introduce myself. I am a clock, a rather imposing grandfather clock, since I stand almost 10 feet tall. I now reside at the Moravian Archives, returned from a long-term loan to Old Salem Museums & Gardens.

Actually, I am a Northern Province clock, and very old. Augustine Neisser of Germantown, Pennsylvania, made me in the 1740s or '50s. Br. Neisser was an "old" Moravian who came over the mountains to Herrnhut. He was in the second Moravian Church colony which sailed to Georgia in 1736. When that effort ended, he resettled with other Moravians in Pennsylvania.

Neisser was indeed a clockmaker. He made the first "town" clock of Bethlehem in 1747. That clock was placed in the bell turret of the "old Seminary," also known as the "Bell House," where it still keeps time today.

No one knows for certain how I got to Salem in the Southern Province except that I came with the Reichel family. I was on display at Old Salem in the Vierling House, but with re-arrangement of displays, Old Salem no longer had need of me.

So now I grace the second floor hallway of the Archie K. Davis Center, and thanks to Friends of the Archives I chime again the lovely delicate ring that Augustine Neisser gave me so many years ago.

Sincerely,
A. Neisser Clock



Alan Moran of Old Town Clock Shop prepares the Neisser clock for ticking and chiming after decades of silence.

A new *Records* series now begins

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Several readers have commented that volume 1 “reads like a novel.” And indeed it does, because the documents are not presented in records groups (e.g., Salem Diary, Elders minutes, etc.) as in the earlier series *Records of the Moravians in North Carolina*. Rather, *Records: Cherokees* (to distinguish it from *Records: N.C.*) presents the documents chronologically as they were written or received. So mention may be made of a letter received, and the next document is the letter itself.

Much of volume 1 has been published before, especially in *Records of the Moravians in North Carolina*, but those volumes have been long out of print. Moreover, the passages are almost lost amid the other records, so that researchers might even overlook the fact that mission to the Cherokees was a concern of the Moravians stretching almost 50 years earlier than the first mission. Even in 1752 Bishop August Gottlieb Spangenberg noted that beyond South Carolina were “the Cherokees, a great nation.”

The series *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees* brings to light a significant chapter of American history that bears further understanding and research. Two world views meet and reach an accommodation that benefits both. The mission-minded Moravian Church, a small but energetic Protestant faith, had long sought to bring the Gospel to the Cherokees. The Cherokees saw education and schools as their best defense against European encroachment. Despite the divergence of views, the Cherokees permitted a Moravian mission to begin in 1801 in their land in what is now northern Georgia. The series *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees* will follow the Moravians’ mission for most of the 19th century as it weathered the Cherokees’ Removal to the Indian Territory, the devastation of the Civil War, and the missionaries’ own self-doubts and loneliness.

Though these records — mission diaries, correspondence, reports, mission conference minutes, travel diaries — were kept by the Moravian missionaries, they constitute, as one scholar put it, the only account of daily life in the Cherokee nation. As such, these documents provide insight into the Cherokees’ struggle to preserve their land and their way of life.

The series *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees* is being made possible through generous support of the Cherokees themselves — the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians in North Carolina. In addition longstanding and generous support of Friends of the Archives has gone to translating and transcribing the mass of records generated by the missionaries over almost a hundred years. Further encouragement and support have come from the Cherokee Moravian Historical Association and the Wachovia Historical Society. To all, we offer our deep gratitude and hopes for continuing support.

Now on to volume 2, covering 1802- 1805.

A bishop’s accolade:

“Thank you for another superb publication from the Archives! It will be a significant accomplishment to have the story of Moravian connections with the Cherokees, previously available only in occasional glimpses, now through these volumes recounted from the beginning of the story in the mid eighteenth century to the closing of official mission work at the close of the nineteenth century. Your vision for this project and your skillful efforts to bring it about are deeply appreciated.”

The Rt. Rev. Graham H. Rights

Our Friends keep the Archives humming

While America's economy has been slow to recover, our Friends have even increased the pace of their support of the Moravian Archives. For our Friends' generous vote of confidence, we offer a deeply grateful thank-you.

Last year 239 individuals and families (some several times) contributed \$26,890.00 to the continuing work of the Moravian Archives. This compares with \$25,765.24 from 235 contributions in 2008. That made 2009 the third best ever Friends campaign. Wow! Take a bow, Friends. You deserve it.

Friends' contributions don't sit idle, but work for the Archives in many ways and projects.

- On the walls of our home at the Archie K. Davis Center are a number of maps, dating from the 1920s back to colonial times (the oldest are photographic reproductions; the originals reside safely in the Archives vault). All these maps at one time or another have had their life extended for many decades through conservation work, thanks to Friends of the Archives.
- The decades-old project of translating and transcribing the documents of the Moravian mission to the Cherokee Indians has reached its conclusion (we think). Next comes publication of those records (see page 1). Meanwhile, our records transcriber has returned to typing Aufseher Collegium (Salem Board of Trustees) minutes into the computer — yet another project at least partially funded by Friends of the Archives.
- Go to www.MoravianArchives.org on the Internet, the Archives' web site, which is fully funded by Friends of the Archives. There you can find statements of faith of the Ancient Unitas Fratrum stretching back to 1464. While there you can also enjoy reading 77 years of *The Wachovia Moravian*, which from 1893 to 1970 was the monthly newspaper of the Moravian Church, Southern Province. It's chock-full of "new" history. In addition you can make a contribution to the Archives on the web site through PayPal by clicking the "donate" button on the home page.
- More and more as churches struggle to keep up their funding, the Archives must turn to its Friends for the daily needs of lights, heat, air conditioning, even staff salaries. In this way, the support of all our Friends of the Archives is an essential part of even our daily operation.

So for big things (20-year records projects) and little (are the lights on?), it's our Friends — everyone listed below — who keep this Archives humming. Thank you.

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What's new on the web

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who was living or working where — a veritable goldmine of information for today's genealogical researchers. And the advertisements give a glimpse of the times: park your transportation at Beck & Moore livery stable behind Merchants Hotel — good feed and hay.

The 1878 *Guide to Northwest North Carolina* takes readers on a tour through the counties in the region from Caswell County westward. In addition, extensive thumbnail histories of the Moravians of old Wachovia help fill the booklet, for example: "Who are the Moravians," "First Settlers and Heads of Families," and "Remarkable Events in Moravian Settlements."

A map accompanies the directories to help web-site readers get around in 1870s Salem and Winston.

Us? for sale?

A letter we received recently:

"Dear Mr. Wayne Vurkette: [We think that must be Wayne Burkette, president of Provincial Elders Conference.]

"We are interested in purchasing your company. If you are interested in selling your company, please call. . . ."

Sorry, our "company" has been purchased once and for all time by His blood.

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