

ANNOTATIONS

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CELEBRATING OUR SUPPORTERS



With great gratitude for their generosity and loyalty, the Moravian Archives hosted supporters at an appreciation reception on April 12 at the Archie K. Davis courtyard and building. Conversations with friends, good food, wonderful music, visions and dreams and pride in past accomplishments as well as gratitude for the good weather made it an enjoyable 90 minutes. We are also thankful for special friends who shared their time, thoughts, talents and hospitality: The Rev. David Guthrie, president of the Provincial Elders Conference; Chris Spaugh, president of the Moravian Ministries Foundation in America; Max Brady and his lower brass ensemble; Bill Kossler, classical guitarist; Archives Commission members; Moravian Music Foundation staff and our neighbors in the building; and event volunteers. A special thank you is due to Nicole Crabbe, assistant archivist, whose skills and insight managed preparations for the evening. Special congratulations are due to Virginia Southern, who won the evening's "Facebook friend" drawing, receiving a copy of the provincial history *With Courage for the Future*. We appreciate the work of Amy Gardin Linville, Archives volunteer, whose photographs are featured on the following pages. Even more are posted at <https://bit.ly/21KunK3>.

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Max Brady's lower brass ensemble serenaded arriving guests at the Archie K. Davis courtyard on April 12. (Photo by J. Eric Elliott)



Scenes from the Archives' April 12 appreciation event (by row, from upper left): Friends gathered in the Spaugh Lecture/Recital Hall for the program; treasures on display from the Archives' vault; "Facebook Friend" contest winner Virginia Southern with her prize; The Rev. Scott Venable, Archives Commission member, and his wife, Liz, welcome guests; a night for good conversation; The Rev. David Guthrie, president of the Provincial Elders Conference, welcomes; finger foods get the evening off right; meeting friends old and new; Bill Kossler charms in the reading room; Chris Spaugh, president of the Moravian Ministries Foundation, talks about new opportunities for gift planning. (All photos by Amy Gardin Linville except at right, by Mary Elen Kollman, and upper left and middle left, by J. Eric Elliott)



Archivist's Update

It's been a busy first 100 days since I joined the Archives' staff on Feb. 1. Since then, we've:

- started a family history docent program;
- launched a mobile-friendly Web site;
- given lectures at Bethania, Forsyth County's genealogical society, Historic Brookstown Inn and for Historic Preservation month at our own lunchtime lecture series;
- held a successful supporters' appreciation event and launched a planned giving initiative;
- welcomed five new members to the Archives Commission;
- grown our Facebook followers from 838 to 1010;
- created new user brochures for guest researchers;
- upgraded our online bookstore;
- released Vol. 8 of Records Cherokee;
- reprinted our Bethania booklet;
- been accepted to present a talk on "Moravian Memoirs: A Sense of Self amidst Competing Communities" at this fall's Conference on Moravian History and Music in Bethlehem;
- hosted conversations between local pastors and theology students from Goettingen, Germany;
- worked with our docents and volunteers to create new resources for guest researchers;
- welcomed guest researchers from Aachen, Germany and California and Georgia and Pennsylvania.

And I attended my first Synod.

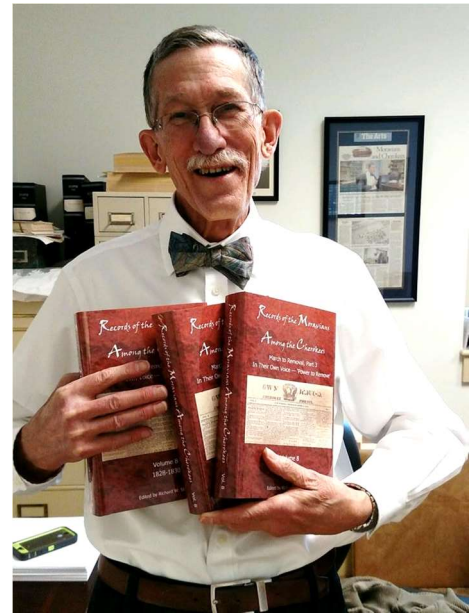
It's been a learning curve, but a challenging and exciting one. Thank you for the opportunity and your support!

- J. Eric Elliott

VOLUME 8 OF RECORDS OF THE MORAVIANS AMONG THE CHEROKEES NOW AVAILABLE

Editor Richard Starbuck celebrated the arrival of the latest volume of *Records of the Moravians among the Cherokees* – No. 8, covering the years 1828–1830 – in late

April. What happens in this volume, told from original missionary letters and reports in the Archives, many newly translated for this series? The newspaper *Cherokee Phoenix* debuts to speak for Cherokee Nation, and the political and legal debates begin over the choice presented to the Cherokee: emigrate or submit to Georgia jurisdiction. The new President asserts that he stands by with "power to remove." Compelling history. Special thanks go not only to Richard, but also to Daniel Crews, the translating team and supporters at the Cherokee Nation. Copies can be purchased at the Archives or on the Archives' Web site for \$40. The series to date is available for \$320.



(Photo by Nicole Crabbe)

NEW COMMISSION MEMBERS

The Archives Commission welcomed five new members this spring and is now ten members strong. With half its members appointed by the Provincial Elders Conference and half by Salem Congregation, the Commission meets quarterly. Our thanks to: Mike Sloan, Chair, New Philadelphia Church; Toni Bigham (new), New Philadelphia; Scott Brent, Friedland; Peggy Carter, Fries Memorial; Heather Fearnbach (new), Home; Michael Gwyn (new), Ardmore; John Larson (new), Home; Pat Nelson, Ardmore; Kirk Sanders (new), Home; Rev. Scott Venable, Fairview.

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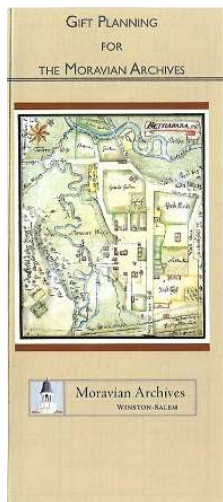
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In February 2017 the Archives received its first distribution from the Robert O. and Lois Jane Beroth Mission and Ministry Fund. This important gift is the latest of several named funds that will contribute ongoing support for the Archives. In the spring of this year the Archives received a generous gift from the will of Ms. Margaret Kolb as part of a charitable remainder trust. We are blessed by the kindness and forethought of these sustainers of our Archives who have used planned giving to create a long-term impact from their charity.

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WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY HISTORY DOCENTS

Our first family history docent training began in March with five trainees, three of whom have now completed the program. Congratulations to Mary Audrey Apple, Barry Miller and Johnnie Pearson on their “graduation.”

Docents receive three hours special training in our genealogy resources, and in return agree to thirty hours of volunteering over three months. During that time they are assisting our family history researchers, scanning new memoirs into our digital collection, and helping create resource finding guides. Our docents are currently creating a spreadsheet with information on members in our St. Philips church register from 1822-1865. With our existing graveyard registries, the Archives will soon have a longitudinal database for a large portion of the enslaved and free African-descent population in the Salem vicinity at that time.

Our second training class for the docent program will take place on Tuesday, June 19, from 9 a.m. until noon. We encourage interested individuals to contact us now for more information or to register. The class is limited to five. A third class will be held in fall 2018.



Docent Johnnie Pearson with guest researcher Misty Nichols. Nichols says, "I had a wonderful experience at the Archives and learned so much about my family history." Pearson's patience and knowledge are a help to many. (Photo by Amy Gardin Linville)