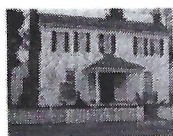


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Quarterly Newsletter



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See our latest updates for meetings and activities on Facebook.

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<https://www.facebook.com/martincountync>

MCHS Participates in Main Street Market Event on June 18



Members Shelby Hughes (far left) and Gail Keel (facing camera) entertain visitors at their booth, selling Society publications and items as well as a collection of antique books recently recovered from the Biggs House attic. Mostly literary in nature, the books were a favorite with passersby and sold aggressively at \$2 each. The Society plans to be a part of the next market from July–October as well as the “Christmas in July” event at the Martin County Farmers Market. Not pictured is Fred Harrison, who also assisted.

MCHS Volunteers Needed For the Following!!!!

Biggs House: Tues–Fri. 11am–3pm, Summer Hours

Christmas in July Event, July 25. 8am–1pm

\$15,500 Received from Barnes Trust

MCHS received the maximum amount requested in a grant proposal submitted earlier this year to directors of the Barnes Charitable Trust. The monies will cover the costs of a new HVAC system using natural gas. Installation occurred earlier this spring using a little over \$8,000 of the amount. Remaining funds are earmarked for plumbing and related repairs as stipulated in the grant. Many thanks to MCHS board member Carol Shields for writing the request and corresponding with grant administrator Jenny Thigpen.

The Barnes Charitable Trust has and continues to be one of the most generous and ardent supporters of cultural endeavors in Martin County. A plaque was recently placed in the hall of the Biggs House in recognition of the gift.

Enterprise and Weekly Herald Newspaper Print Archive Acquired by MCHS

In response to a written request by Board member Fred Harrison to Kyle Stephens, regional manager with Adams Publishing, MCHS has obtained ownership of the 1899–1980 portion of the print archive for the former Williamston *Enterprise* and Robersonville *Weekly Herald* newspapers, in recent years merged. These have lately been placed in the Biggs House and plans are currently underway for shelving. More information will be forthcoming.

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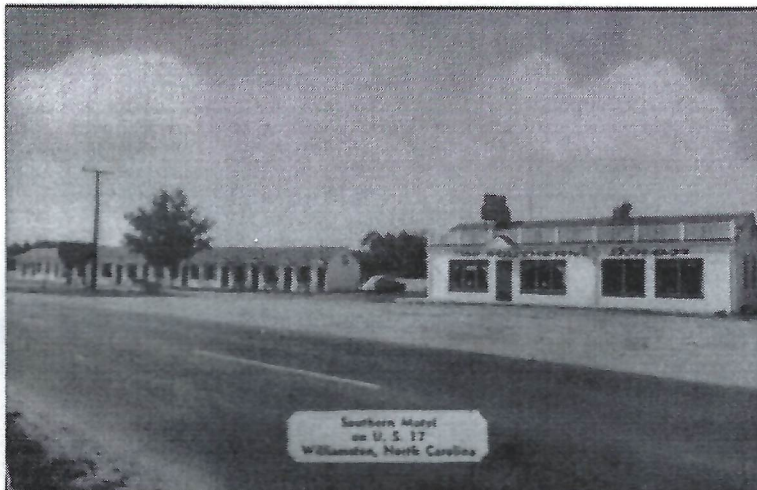
Meetings
 General (Membership) Meetings are currently held monthly excepting June and July every second Tuesday, 10:00 am at the Biggs House.

Dues

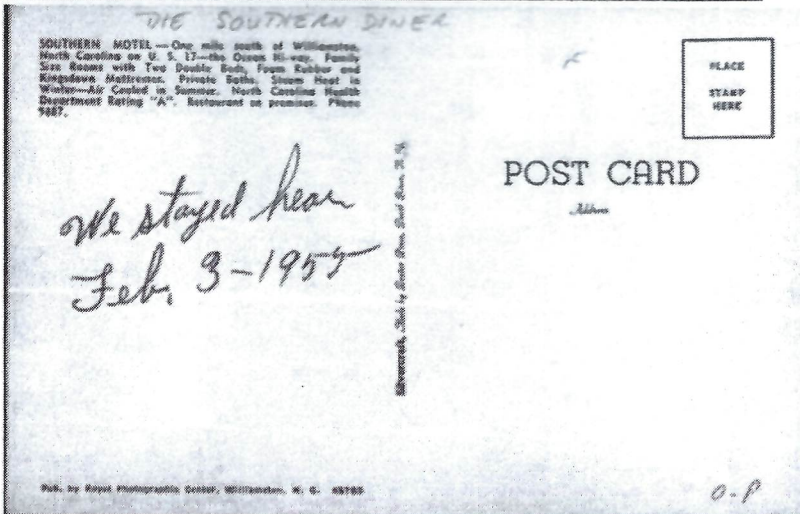
Individual	\$15.00
Family	\$30.00
Business	\$50.00

Landmark Sees March of Time

The former Southern Diner (Roanoke Realty) was recently demolished to make way for a new pharmacy. The restaurant and attached motel (demolished earlier)



Southern Motel
 on U. S. 17
 Williamston, North Carolina



constructed in the late 1940s to early 1950s was a memorable site for travelers along US 17, then known as the Ocean Highway, stretching from Maryland to Florida.