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## **Hooray for Spring!**

*By Anna Mitchell, Local History Librarian*



From the Wayne County Public Library Collection

Spring has sprung and the Local History staff is as excited as this little one from a photograph in our collection! We had a busy winter filled with community partnerships and programs. We are looking forward to this new season of new and exciting opportunities to learn about Local History! We hope you'll join us for our workshops and programs over the next few months. Stop by and visit us the next time you're at the library - we'd love to see you!

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Photographs from the Habitat for Humanity Goldsboro-Wayne that will be featured in the new exhibit.



# An upcoming exhibit - Habitat for Humanity History

By Anna Mitchell, Local History Librarian

Habitat for Humanity of Goldsboro-Wayne has a milestone on its horizon - the completion of their 100th home! To celebrate this incredible community achievement, we are partnering with Habitat to create a digital exhibit telling the story of the Wayne County affiliate and the impact it has had, and continues to have, on our community. This exhibit will consist of photographs, documents, and other history. There will also be an entire section of Oral Histories. Over the last few months, the Local History staff and Habitat staff have been working to collect and transcribe oral histories of homeowners, volunteers, and past Habitat leaders. These will be an invaluable resource for preserving the history of this community organization and an opportunity for people to hear the impact of Habitat in the words and voices of those most closely involved. Be on the lookout for a celebration of Habitat's 100th home and the unveiling of this digital exhibit!

## Recipe Swap - April 16

By Anna Mitchell, Local History Librarian

It is scientifically proven that our senses, particularly taste and smell, have a direct link to our memories. The smell of a fresh baked pound cake can transport us back to our grandmother's kitchen. The taste of a special sweet can remind us of holidays gone by. For this reason, food and recipes play a huge role in our sense of identity, culture, and community memory! On April 16 at 6 PM, join us for a recipe and memory swap! Bring a recipe or two and memories to share! These recipes will be added to our online community cookbook, Meals & Memories.

### CHEESE FONDUE

One cup scalded milk, 1 tablespoonful butter, 1 cup soft bread crumbs, ½ teaspoonful salt, ¼ pound of cheese, 3 eggs. Mix the bread crumbs, butter, salt, grated cheese and milk. Stir in the yolks of eggs beaten to a lemon color. Fold in the stiffly beaten whites, pour into a buttered baking dish and bake 20 minutes. Press with finger to test. Serve for luncheon or entree at formal dinner.—Maxie McFarland, Teacher Domestic Science, Goldsboro High School.

### CHEESE STRAWS

One quart flour, 1 lb. cheese (grated), 1 heaping tablespoonful of lard, 1 cup milk (sweet), ½ teaspoonful cayenne pepper. Put cheese, lard, milk and pepper in boiler, let melt together. Put baking powder and flour same as for biscuits; make up with melted cheese, etc., and roll out thin, cut in strips and bake a light brown.—Mrs. W. H. Godwin, Goldsboro.

### CHEESE AND NUT SANDWICHES

Chop ½ cup of nut meats fine, and mix a cup of cheese chopped fine, add a dash of salt and pepper if they seem to need seasoning. Spread between slices of white bread. If desired this sandwich may further be improved by putting between the folds a crisp lettuce leaf.

### GINGER AND NUT SANDWICHES

Mix thoroughly 1 cup of finely chopped pecan nut meats, ½ cup candied orange peel chopped very fine. Add to the above about 4 tablespoons of ginger syrup, 2 tablespoons of vinegar, a little dash of salt. Spread between thin unsweetened wafers. These are delicious served with tea.—Mrs. T. L. Ginn, Goldsboro, N. C.

Recipes from "My Favorite Recipes," a First Baptist Church Cookbook.

# Event Highlight: An Evening with the AKAs

By Anna Mitchell, Local History Librarian



In February, Local History celebrated Black History Month by partnering with the Alpha Kappa Alpha, incorporated Epsilon Phi Omega Chapter. Together, we crafted a digital exhibit that tells the story of the AKAs, particularly the local chapter. This exhibit displays the origins of the group, their uniquely AKA traditions, some of their outstanding members, and their role as a community service organization. I depended heavily on two very special AKAs - Renita Dawson and Dr. Carol Artis. Without their help, this project wouldn't have been possible!



*Above: History table at event.*

*Below: LH librarian Anna Mitchell and AKA Renita Dawson.*



On February 7, we revealed the exhibit for the first time at a special event called "An Evening with the AKAs." During the event, we decorated using the sorority's signature colors of pink and green. We had a gathering of 90 people who came to celebrate the AKAs and learn about their rich history! At the event, the Epsilon Phi Omega chapter set up displays showing the group's history. These included photographs, clothing, and other memorabilia. Beverly Kee; Chapter President, Dr. Carol Artis; Chapter Historian, Wanda Johnson; Chapter Chaplain, and Renita Dawson; Chapter Technology Chairmen all spoke about the Epsilon Phi Omega chapter's history and their continued efforts to serve their community.

The exhibit, Sisterhood & Service, is available to view with the rest of our digital exhibits on our site Wayne County Memories. It is currently listed as our featured exhibit at the top of the page!

To view the exhibit, visit:  
[waynecountymemory.com](http://waynecountymemory.com) or click this ivy leaf!



# Scrapbooks, Scrapbooks, and Scrapbooks

By Kailauna White, Local History Assistant



A pillar of research and genealogical discoveries are the scrapbooks made by those before us. Scrapbooks hold valuable information on our ancestors. Things like photos, letters, or newspaper clippings tell a story that offers us a unique look into someone's life, through their own eyes. What they found important enough to immortalize tells us more about a person than the preservation itself. A great example is the scrapbook of Frank Hinnant and his preservation of Goldsboro's Boy Scouts in the 1940s. It's thanks to Frank Hinnant, Bill Moon, and Conway Rose, and many others, that our collection is flourishing with details and discoveries that give us a personal look into the Boy Scouts of that era.



*Digital scans from the Frank Hinnant Scrapbook available in the Local History Collections*

Interested in making scrapbooks that'll last a lifetime, learning the ins-and-outs of preservation and safe photo storage, and getting a chance to put your history on paper? Be on the lookout for a new scrapbooking program this upcoming May!

Yet, as we in Local History peruse scrapbook donations, we find a number of items did not survive the passing of time. Photos fused to deteriorating paper, keepsakes falling apart at the seams, letters faded to the point of illegibility. It's heart wrenching to see all the hard work of the past whittled away. We work hard to preserve these memories, but there's only so much to be done before the past fades. That makes the scrapbooks that do survive the test of time invaluable to the preservation of history. The next time you're in Local History, ask about our scrapbooks and take a look into a past oft forgotten.

# That's Old News!

By Anna Mitchell, Local History Librarian

Scrolling through reels of our Goldsboro News Argus microfilm collection is a great way to get a glimpse of Wayne County's past! This full-page advertisement from June 10, 1944 is a call for the people of Goldsboro and Wayne County to buy war bonds. This advertisement, just four days after D-Day, leans heavily on the invasion as a tactic for encouraging people to buy the bonds. A short paragraph in the middle states that the invasion has occurred and this is the "beginning of the end." This sense of urgency and patriotism encouraged Americans nationwide to contribute over 180 million dollars in war bonds over the course of the war.

To learn more about America and Wayne County during World War II, stay tuned for information about Local History programs happening in June!

FACE TWO GOLDSBORO NEWS-ARGUS, GOLDSBORO, N. C. SATURDAY, JUNE 10, 1944

## 5th WAR BOND DRIVE STARTS NEXT WEEK

# INVASION!

### THEY'RE LANDING - BACK THEM UP - NOW!

At this very moment our boys are swarming on the continent of Europe—their first big step to end this war by starting on their march to Berlin. This is the beginning of the end!

### WE MUST BUY WAR BONDS - NOW!

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## Remember When...?

By Kailauna White, Local History Assistant

As the flowers bloom, it's worthwhile to look back at the Goldsboro Garden Club. This photo is of the Kemp Garden, a 4-acre garden owned by Mr. and Mrs. William Kemp. This dream of a large, sprawling garden is still alive today, as the area continues to be a hot spot for children and parties. In celebration of the Goldsboro's Garden Club 101-year anniversary, Local History will be hosting a plant exchange in April!

# Programming Recap

## January

### Cursive Writing Workshop

*January 11 @ 6:00 PM*

### Preserving Family Photos

*January 16 @ 4:00 PM*

### History Documentary Night

*Surviving the Holocaust*

*January 25 @ 4:00 PM*

### Using Fold3

*January 25 @ 3:00 PM, Steele Memorial*

## February

### An Evening with the AKAs

*February 7 @ 4:00 PM*

### Oral History Introduction

*February 13 @ 6:00 PM*

### Using Our Collections

*February 20 @ 6:00 PM*

### History Documentary Night

*Black is the Color*

*February 29 @ 6:00 PM*

## March

### Getting Started With Ancestry

*March 14 @ 4:00 PM*

### History of North Carolina Quilting

*March 16 @ 1:00 PM, Aycock Birthplace*

### Women's History Trivia Night

*March 21 @ 6:00 PM, Well-Traveled Beer*

### Preserving Family Photos

*March 27 @ 3:00 PM, Steele Memorial*

### History Documentary Night

*March 28 @ 6:00 PM*

# Upcoming Programs

## April

### Cursive Writing Workshop

*April 9 6:00 PM, Local History Room*

Reading the penmanship of the past can prove to be one of the largest stumbling blocks to doing historical research. Join us for this informational session and workshop and learn tips and tricks for deciphering those tricky cursive letters. Call 919-735-1824 ext. 1830 to register!

### Getting Started with Ancestry

*April 13 @ 10:00 AM, Northern Wayne Library*

Reading the penmanship of the past can prove to be one of the largest stumbling blocks to doing historical research. Join us for this informational session and workshop and learn tips and tricks for deciphering those tricky cursive letters. Call 919-735-1824 ext. 1830 to register!

### Spring Recipe Swap

*April 16 @ 6:00 PM, Local History Room*

Join us for a casual and cozy afternoon of sharing memories and recipes with friends and neighbors. Come prepared with recipes to swap and stories to share! Call 919-735-1824 ext. 1830 to register!

### History Documentary Night

*Myths of the Titanic*

*April 25 @ 6:00 PM, Local History Room*

For the 112-year anniversary of the Titanic tragedy, we'll be viewing *Myths of the Titanic* and dissecting fact from fiction. The film (47 minute runtime) will be followed by a short discussion. Call 919-735-1824 ext. 1830 to register!

### 101 Plant Exchange

*April 27 @ 11:00 AM*

Celebrate the 101-year anniversary of the Goldsboro Garden Club and join us for a Plant Exchange! Bring plants, trimmings, and gardening tools to exchange.. We'll be meeting in the Community Garden



**Do You Have A Loved One That  
Served In WWII?**

*We want to hear from you!*