



## Rockford Preservation Society

SPRING / SUMMER 2011 NEWSLETTER

THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, N.C.,

### Thank You Rockford Descendants



#### *You Made Last Year's Remember Rockford Families Reunion a Success*

A heartfelt "thank you" from the Rockford Preservation Society Board of Directors to over 100 Rockford descendants who attended our Remember Rockford Families Reunion on Labor Day weekend. Your decision to participate and represent your Rockford family demonstrates your love of Rockford, its history and its heritage.

Your appreciation of the restoration work that has been done encourages us to continue moving forward in this worthwhile work. Your expressed support of preserving this heritage for our future generation tells us we are not alone in our desire to save this village. Now, more than ever, with a shared vision of what the restoration of Rockford means to each of us and our children, we have the confidence to finish the job. Together we can do it.

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### What About This Year?

Turn the page for the answer.....

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## The 2nd Annual Remember Rockford Families Reunion Returns Saturday, September 10th This Year

### 2nd Annual *Remember Rockford* Families Reunion

September 10, 2011  
Rockford, NC

Saturday, September 10, 2011 has been set as the date of the 2nd Annual Remember Rockford Families Reunion by The Rockford Preservation Society.

It follows the success of last years descendants reunion which was attended by over 100 sons and daughters of the Rockford village.

The same emphasis on Rockford heritage will be the theme throughout this year's one-day event. Once again the Surry County Genealogical Society will host an exhibit offering those attending resources for researching their Rockford ancestry.

#### **We Need Family Captains**

We would like to identify someone from each Rockford family name or group to represent the family as a contact person. This person will just need to be willing to communicate with the extended family to keep them informed of Rockford happenings. We don't yet have the addresses of all Rockford descendants and it would be awesome to have key people to send out the information through your own email, or facebook connections, utilize the internet and help us keep all the "family" informed. We were thrilled to have 13 family groups from 9 states attend last year's Reunion and want to find more descendants from more areas.

If you would be willing to be a Family Captain, email Hannah at:

[hannah@rockfordbedandbreakfast.com](mailto:hannah@rockfordbedandbreakfast.com).

#### **Make Plans Now**

It is not too early to begin making plans to attend the Remember Rockford Reunion this year.

Unlike last year's gathering which occurred over the 3-day Labor Day weekend, this year's reunion will be a one-day event. Plans for the day will include:

- Bluegrass music
- BBQ lunch with the fixins' \$10/person
- Family speakers to share family history/letters
- Re-enactors participation

Bring a lawn chair and your family histories and family trees and let's have a wonderful time together as one big Rockford family!

Registration information will go out very soon so we will know how many to plan for.

#### **Nearby Lodging:**

Hampton Inn – Dobson, NC

Fairfield Inn – Elkin, NC

Hampton Inn – Jonesville, NC

Pilot Knob Cabins  
Pilot Mountain, NC

Hobson Guest House  
Boonville, NC

Rosey Joe's Guest House  
Boonville, NC

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## Preserving Our History - Celebrating Our Traditions

### Rockford Memorial Day Service



The Rockford annual Memorial Day Service was held May 28, 2011, 3:00 PM at the Rockford Methodist Church in the Historic Village of Rockford. Our featured speaker was Nora Brooks who portrayed Anna Morrison Jackson, the widow of Stonewall Jackson. She previously portrayed Robert E. Lee's youngest daughter Mildred Childe Lee for our 2009 Memorial Day service.

Nora Brooks teaches honors and advanced placement history of the U.S. War for Southern Independence and the American Revolution at Sun Valley High School in Union County, North Carolina. She is an alumnus of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College and a recipient of the Jefferson Davis Medal for Promotion and Preservation of Southern History by the North Carolina Division of the United Daughters of the Confederacy.



The program concluded in the Rockford cemetery where flags were placed on soldiers graves. Local civil war re-enactors from the 28<sup>th</sup> NC Troops Companies I and F gave a gun salute at the cemetery.



## Great News For York Tavern!

RPS has been approved for another \$5,000 grant for the Mark York Tavern from the Marion Stedman Covington Foundation! We have some matching funds for this project, and would appreciate any contributions so we can get started on the next phase. This will include priming and painting the tin roof, repairing and replacing the window sills and panes, and basic electrical wiring.

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## RPS Fundraiser Dinner



**April 2011**

A gourmet dinner, good conversation, and Surry County History trivia benefited preservation efforts of the Rockford Preservation Society in the Village of Rockford. Chef Jamey Comer and Sous Chef Curtis Kline created a delightful culinary experience at the 1840 Hamlin-Burrus-Holyfield house, also known as the Rockford Inn Bed and Breakfast. The menu included: Appetizer



- Spice rubbed grilled shrimp nicoise – Jumbo grilled shrimp with a nicoise salad, French green beans, cherry tomatoes, fingerling potatoes and shaved red onion. Salad - Spring mix greens, shaved carrots, hothouse cucumbers, tossed in a honey balsamic vinaigrette with parmesan croutons. Entrée -



Chicken Roulade - Rolled chicken with spinach, pancetta and caramelized onions served with Yukon gold potatoes and grilled asparagus. The meal concluded with a superbly presented Saffron poached pear with Chantilly cream, toasted pecans and fresh berries.

Attendees tested their local history knowledge as events, places and persons important in Surry County were highlighted. "This was a wonderful dining experience and a very successful fundraiser for Rockford," said Hannah Holyfield.



## Candlelight Christmas - 2010

A Candlelight Christmas in Rockford was held on December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010 in the Rockford Methodist Church. It was the 20<sup>th</sup> year of this Christmas tradition led by Dr. Gena Poovey, Professor of Music at Limestone College in Gaffney, SC and sponsored by The Rockford Preservation Society, Inc. In addition to Dr. Poovey, performers on Thursday were Gene Anderson, Betty McGurk and friends, and the North Surry Greyhound Sound directed by Sylvia Lowery. On Friday, performers were the Men's Ensemble from Limestone College, Miranda Owens, Flutist, and the Surry Community College Chorus directed by Angie Smith. Accompanist for both evenings was Norma Johnson. Refreshments were served following both programs. Each evening was well attended and the music was wonderful.



## Recipes Of Rockfor Descendants

We would like to create a **Remember Rockford Families Cookbook**. Mail, email or bring your favorite recipes to us. We will get it compiled this year and the plan is to have it ready for 2012, next year's Reunion. If you can find any recipes that were handed down to you through the years from your ancestors, that would make this cookbook really special. We thought this would be fun and another way to share our family heritage.

Please send us your favorite recipes now:

Phone: 336-374-3825 -

Email recipes to;

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<b>2010 CONTRIBUTIONS</b>		
<b>RPS CHAMPION - (\$5000 PLUS)</b>		
<b>RPS INVESTOR - (\$2500 - \$4999)</b>		
Anonymous	York Tavern Project	
Hannah & Doug Holyfield	Masonic Lodge/most need	In memory of Evelyn Holyfield
<b>RPS SPONSOR - (\$1000 - \$2499)</b>		
<b>RPS SUSTAINER - (\$500 - \$999)</b>		
Elizabeth Burrus Felts	Masonic Lodge Project	
Margaret Burrus Timberlake	Masonic Lodge Project	
<b>RPS ADVOCATE (\$150 - \$499)</b>		
Sandra Thore	Methodist Church	
Dr. Gena Poovey & Noah Lindeman	Methodist Church	
Patricia Woltz	Methodist Church	
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Marion Venable		
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Becky Holyfield Link		
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Llew Folger	Most Need	In Memory of Dr. Milton Young Folger
Carole Bryant		
Bill and Ruth Thore	Most Need	In Memory of Wayne Thore
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Perkins		
Ashley Holyfield Godwin		
Alana Holyfield Greene		
Patricia Toole	Most Need	In Honor of Kitty and Margaret Felts
Millie Corkill		
Ray and Shirley Talley	Most Need	In Honor of the Remember Rockford Reunion Committee
Jann Davenport Schmitt	Davenport Gallery	In Memory of William Yancey and Daisy Holyfield Davenport
Felton and Joan Godwin	York Tavern	
Carolyn Reece	York Tavern	
Shannon Cavanaugh	York Tavern	
Marion Holyfield Vickers	York Tavern	
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Claude (Bill) Houck	York Tavern & Most Need	
Marion Stedman Covington Grant	York Tavern	
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Doug and Hannah Holyfield		
Marion Venable		
<b>RPS SUSTAINER - (\$500 - \$999)</b>		
Margaret Burrus Timberlake	Masonic Lodge	
Judy F. Rees		
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Rick Burrus		
Annette Ayers	York Tavern	
Patricia Woltz	Methodist Church	
Ted Holyfield		
Felton and Joan Godwin		
Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Perkins		
Surry County Tourism Grant	Fresco Rack Cards	
<b>RPS CONTRIBUTOR (to - \$150)</b>		
Doris Blythe	Jack and Susan Norman	Stony Knoll Methodist Church
Ronald and Lib Boyles	Paula Stanley	Joe Hicks
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Dr. Joe and Ellen Reece	Bill and Ruth Thore	Wesley Wilkins
Gena Poovey & Noah Lindeman	Susan Johnson	Rosy Beverly
Marion Holyfield Vickers	Dr. Richard Smith	Avanell King
Teresa Lewis	Kimberly Branch	Carole Simpson
David Whitfield	Cooper & Virginia Adams	
Shannon Cavanaugh	York Tavern	
Reba Wooldridge	York Tavern	

## Thank You For Every Kind Of Contribution

We want to thank everyone for all contributions! Every contribution is appreciated whether you donate for fundraising activities, attend our events, volunteer your time, or donate monetarily, it is all valuable and most appreciated. Your generous gifts make it possible for us to continue restoration, maintain and mow the properties, pay the utilities and insurance, and provide historical and cultural programming to the village of Rockford. It also gives you a chance to participate in saving a portion of your own personal heritage or Surry County's heritage. We sincerely thank you for helping us make it possible for future generations to enjoy and appreciate their heritage as well.

**Rockford Preservation Society Board Of Directors**

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