

Burke County Genealogical Society Quarterly Meeting
Monday February 18, 2013 6:30 pm

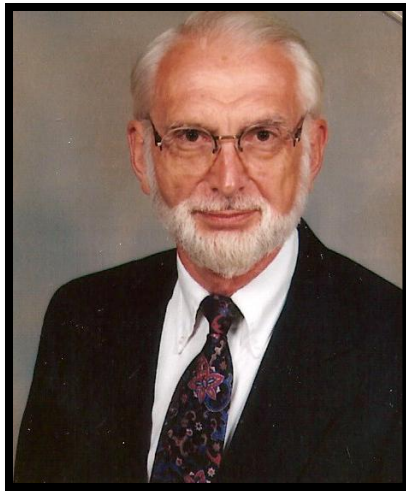
Old Burke County Court House
Upstairs Court Room 102 E. Union Street Morganton NC

“Overcoming Slavery”

presented by Dr. James Haney
President of the Board of Directors of the Carson House in Marion, NC.

Dr. Haney and a local advisory committee of African-Americans created the Carson House permanent exhibit, "Bondage and Resistance: Slavery in the Up-Country," the only such exhibit in western NC to focus on that crucial episode in local African-American cultural history.

Dr. Haney will discuss the trials and accomplishments of local enslaved people. Some of them, using the skills and work ethic they acquired on the plantations went on to become community leaders in the post-Civil War period. Dr. Haney is currently researching the lives of some of the descendants of those African-Americans once enslaved by the Carson family.



Crazy Patch Quilt from the Carson House Collection. Made in the 1860's by Hannah Greenlee, a slave of Thomas Young Greenlee. Contains African alphabetic symbols which may have been intended to guide slaves on the "Underground Railroad" to freedom.

Dr. Haney earned degrees from UNC Chapel Hill, Lutheran Theological Seminary, and Master and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University. He has been a Lutheran parish pastor in the US Virgin Islands and Ithaca, NY. For 32 years he taught the History of Christianity at Concordia College in Minnesota. Dr. Haney is the author of numerous genealogy, church history, and McDowell County history books. His books of local interest include: McDowell County, North Carolina, 1843-1943, and Gold: "Shining Dust" in the Cultural History of McDowell County, NC,

Call Gale Benfield at 828-437-5638, ext. 5205, for more information.

This meeting is FREE & open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For information on the Carson House, please visit <http://www.historiccarsonhouse.com>