

A book on area history; HISTORIC CARTERET COUNTY has gone to press, and advance orders may be placed with members of the Carteret Historical Research Association. Pine Knoll Shores residents may place their orders with ED BAKER. Prepublication price is \$4.50. After June 14, the price will be \$5.00. This book will contain material about life in the early days of settlement of Carteret County and includes many illustrations.

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Have you wondered, as we have, what your best procedure would be in case of a medical emergency at home here in PKS? We asked Natalie Hiltz, R.N., who is one of our Civil Defense volunteers to outline the steps for us. Here are her suggestions:

EMERGENCY PROCEDURE IN CASE OF ACCIDENT OR ACUTE ILLNESS:

Call your physician and, if you need immediate emergency treatment, call 728-4111. This is the number of the Central Dispatching Board for all rescue squads in the county. In seconds they will contact the proper rescue group for our area. This is a 24 hour service.

And when you call for an emergency vehicle, be very specific as to your location. Some of our houses and streets are difficult to locate without detailed information. They can dispatch the rescue units in a few seconds, but if they lose precious minutes trying to locate a victim, it could be fatal.

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"Since William rose and Harold fell  
There have been Earls of Arundell  
And Earls old Arundell shall have  
While rivers flow and forests wave."

Centuries ago an unknown poet wrote that; we found it in a booklet about Arundel Castle outside of London. Days ago we called on a delightful 81 year old lady in Atlantic Beach named Mary Benjamin Arendel who is apparently a descendant of one of the Earls of Arundel. The one in question was, she thinks, her great great grandfather's brother, who, she told us, was in love with the queen (we aren't sure which queen), whose husband, in an effort to get him out of the way, offered him some property in Maryland in the colonies -- there is indeed an Arundel County there - and the spelling got changed on purpose here so that no homage would be paid the royalty of the time.

Although there is nothing in our booklet about branches of the family in America, Mary Arendell is listed in a book we found in the Carteret County Library called One Dozen Eastern North Carolina Families by P. W. Fisher, as the daughter of James B. Arendell and Lizzie Royal Arendell. (Incidentally there was a Bridges Arendell as well: Bridges St., you know), and her stories are utterly fascinating, especially one about another Mary Benjamin Arendell, after whom she was named, an "Aunt Polly", who was educated in France, ended up in Morehead City somehow, had the first piano in Carteret County, and played it for Confederate soldiers!

Speaking of Morehead City, it was originally known as Shepard's Point before it was sold by Bridges Jr., to John Morehead (or at least part of it was), and John Morehead, probably great grandfather of Mary, was Morehead's first mayor.

Mary herself was born in New Bern, lived in Virginia some years, came to Morehead City in 1911, has lived in her present house across from the Atlantic Beach Police Station, where her daughter now works, since 1961. She feed about 14 cats who live in and about her house, spends much of her own money keeping these creatures happy and healthy, believing strongly that God meant for us to take care of all the animals as well as ourselves. She also collects stamps -- has eight books full, welcomes all kinds - and shells from all over the world; she says that she used to send for shells from faraway places but has had to give that up because her funds must go toward feeding the cats these days. Some of us think we have shell collections; Mary's could be a shell museum, were she to set it up that way.

Arundel Castle is mentioned in the will of King Alfred in the year 901, and it is thought that he was the builder of the original structure. When William I came to the throne, he gave the castle to Roger Montgomery and created him Earl of Arundel; since that day the title has always gone to the owner of the Castle. Built on the South Downs one thousand years ago as a defense against invasion from across the sea, the castle still fulfilled its purpose during the last war. High in the keep the Royal Observer Corps kept constant vigil, and in the castle troops were alert and ready to guard the shores of England.

Now that things are calmer between England and us, wouldn't it be fun to re-spell Arendell again back to its original way, and claim our little bit of local heritage?

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