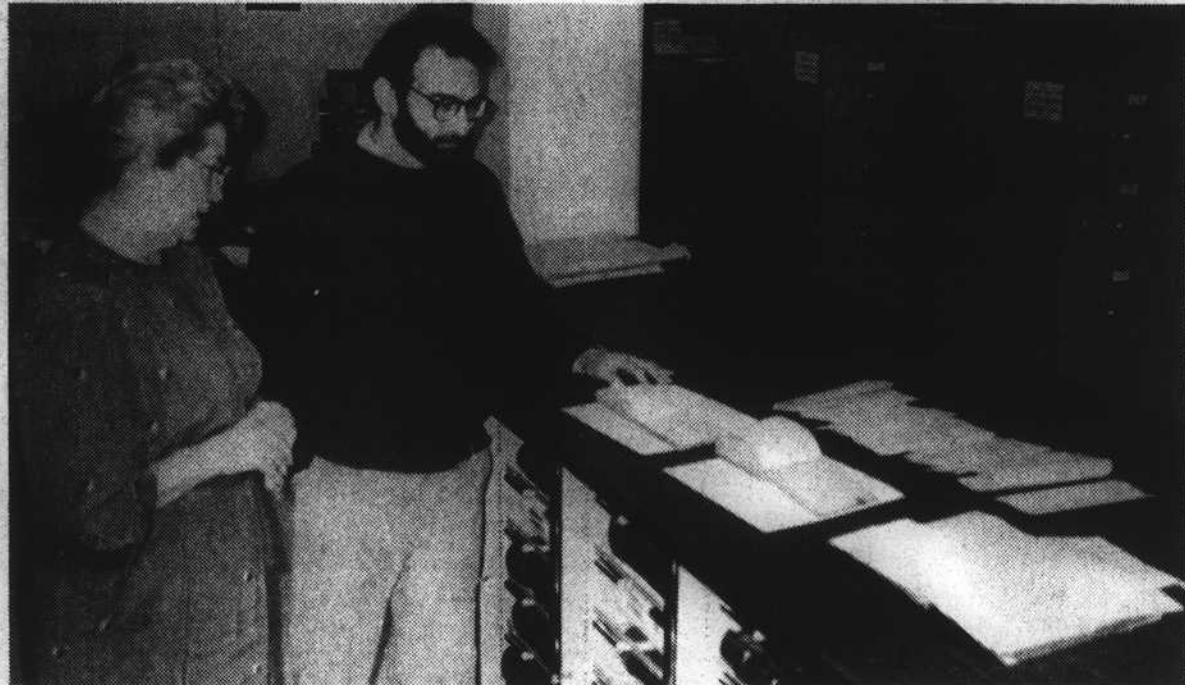


**BLAIR LEDGER**-This ledger is one of two found in court files. The top entry on the right hand page reads, "Received March 16th, 1767 of George Blair 32 pounds, ten shillings, five pence price in full of accounts to this date - John Simmons." The lower entry of the page reads, "Received April 18th, 1767 one pound - for wages on board the sloop Tally Sam Dunncomb - (signature illegible)."



**DOCUMENTS DISCOVERED**-Chowan Clerk of Superior Court, Mrs. Marjorie Hollowell and architectural historian, Brad Barker, admire "priceless" historical documents found in the court clerk's files last month. They include pre-Revolutionary War ledgers, deeds and legal documents. Barker said that they represent a missing link in knowledge of commerce in early Edenton.

## Pre-Revolutionary Documents Historic Records Found

By JACK GROVE

A "missing link" in Edenton's early history has been found among records at the Chowan County Courthouse. Records pre-dating the American Revolution were found last month by Mrs. Marjorie Hollowell, court clerk and Mrs. Sheila Sawyer, assistant court clerk. The records include a business ledger of George Blair with entries from 1758 to 1776 and a ledger of Edmund Hoskins with entries from 1799 to 1819. Also found was a printed German guide for

merchants dated 1766 and deeds and legal documents dating from the revolutionary war period.

"We were excited. We realized we had found something of great historic value," Mrs. Hollowell said last week. She said that she and Mrs. Sawyer were rearranging old civil files when the discovery was made. Mrs. Sawyer retrieved one of the ledgers from the back of the drawer, opened it and said, "Mrs. Hollowell, look at this date."

Brad Barker, architectural historian, with an office at the courthouse, was immediately summoned. He authenticated the find and a search was on for more early documents in the drawers.

Mrs. Hollowell said the

early documents quickly gathered a crowd of lawyers as the documents were uncovered. Even a judge, the Honorable J. Richard Parker, in the building for district court, was attracted by the excitement.

Barker characterized the two ledgers of "priceless significance." He said, "They greatly add to our knowledge of Edenton's trade within the region, with other American colonies, with the British, French and Dutch West Indies and with continental Europe. The highly detailed descriptions of goods imported and exported from Edenton from the mid-eighteenth century through the first quarter of the nineteenth century are exceptional."

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### Aydlett Is Honored

Memory of the late N. Elton Aydlett of Pasquotank, one of the real pioneers in the establishment of the community college system, was honored by the state board with the passage of a resolution at its regular meeting in Raleigh last week.

Mr. Aydlett was a charter member of the state board, but his support of the system went all the way back to his service in the General Assembly, where, as senator from Pasquotank, he chaired the committee which handled legislation leading to the establishment of the community college system.

In 1957, he helped obtain approval of the old Board of Higher Education for the establishment of the first community college, the College of The Albemarle at Elizabeth City, which became a part of the state system when it was set up in 1963.

In addition, Mr. Aydlett served on the board of trustees of East Carolina University, having been appointed by Gov. Luther H. Hodges. He was later appointed by Gov. Robert W. Scott to fill the unexpired term of the late Judge William B. Privott on the District Court bench.

The state board's resolution concluded with these words:

"Upon the occasion of the death of Nathaniel Elton Aydlett, the State Board of Community Colleges, in session on March 10, 1988, takes cognizance of his life and work in behalf of the North Carolina Community College System and his local community. As a charter member of the board, he provided invaluable counsel during its formation. The board directs that its sentiments of admiration and respect be expressed to his daughter and grandchildren and to the public. The board further directs

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## Fatal Accident Results In Trial

A fatal auto accident in the early morning of November 11, 1987 has resulted in the conviction of a Chowan County man Tuesday on a charge of felony death by motor vehicle.

The accident occurred on Base Road and involved four vehicles, one driven by William Kevin Forehand, 18. Passengers in his car included Annie Morgan Taylor, 17, of Quebec, Canada and Andrew Williford, 17. Miss Taylor was an exchange student at John A. Holmes High School.

Testimony by N.C.

Trooper Craig Garriss indicated that Forehand's 1985 Honda was left of center on the rain-slick road when it struck an oncoming car, slid sideways and was struck on the passenger side by another car. He said that the teenagers had been drinking prior to the accident. Miss Taylor was fatally injured.

Garriss said that excessive speed was not a factor in the collision but that 11 cans of beer were found in the Honda.

Williford testified that the beer had been purchased for them and beer was consumed at a party in Edenton before

they decided to drive toward the airport.

Prosecutor Frank Parrish told Superior Court Judge Richard B. Allsbrook that an offer had been made to the parents of Miss Taylor to provide them with transportation to Edenton for the trial but that the offer had been declined.

Forehand had been charged with involuntary manslaughter, felony death by motor vehicle and DWI. A pre-trial plea arrangement was negotiated between Forehand and his attorney, Charles Busby, and the dis-

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## Edenton Residents Given Facts On AIDS

A team of local medical practitioners and educators are working to dispel myths and spread the facts about AIDS, a deadly disease that is of epidemic proportions in the United States.

The facts were laid out to a

group of about 30 parents and teachers. Making presentations were Dr. Candace Corson, M.D., John Mitchener, III, school board member and pharmacist, Claire Mills, RN at Chowan Hospital and Jill Jordan of the

schools central office staff.

Mrs. Mills told listeners, "AIDS is a disease of lifestyles. We deal with AIDS at Chowan Hospital. It is here in this community. Prior to 20 months ago, we had not seen any cases." Since then, she

said that five cases have been treated at the hospital, all originally diagnosed with the HIV virus. All but one have since died of AIDS. She said that most of these cases were those that had returned to the county from elsewhere with the disease.

The nurse said that 420 cases have thus far been reported in the state. Of those, 55 per cent have died.

There are ten children with the disease in North Carolina, one of whom is known to be in a school system in the western part of the state. Of those children, one is a hemophiliac,

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**AIDS DISCUSSED**-John Mitchener, III speaks to a group at D.F. Walker School last Thursday evening as part of a panel discussion of the dread disease, AIDS. He highlighted the need to educate the public on the restricted communicability of the virus. Other panel members, from left, are Dr. Candace Corson, Claire Mills, RN, and Jill Jordan of the school system central office staff.



**OLDER WORKERS HIGHLIGHTED**-Edenton Mayor John Dowd signs a proclamation that proclaims the week of Mar. 13 through 19 as "Employ the Older Worker Week." Looking on is Kathy Keefe, manager of the Edenton Employment Security Commission office. A special program this week will identify local employers that have the greatest number of employees 45 and older.

## Employees Honored

The Employment Security Commission office (Job Service) in Edenton is looking for the employer in Chowan County who employs the greatest percentage of older workers. ESC is featuring radio spots on WZBO asking employers to let them know how many older workers they employ.

Each year, Job Service promotes National "Employ the Older Worker Week," March 13-19. The commission is calling attention to the fact that hiring and employing workers over 45 years of age is a good business practice.

Charles T. Skinner, Older Worker Specialist in the Edenton office said that workers over 45 are traditionally dependable employees.

Certificates of recognition

will be presented to employers in each of three categories who employ the largest percentage of older workers, 45 and older.

Category One is 1 to 25 employees; Two is 26 to 75 employees and Three is 76 to 300 plus employees.

Since the beginning of this program year, July 1, 1987, Job Service has placed 106 "older workers" in jobs. A special tally will be taken for "Employ the Older Worker Week."

Kathy Keefe, manager of Edenton Job Service will present the certificates of recognition next week. She stated that middle-aged and older workers bring both ability and experience into the labor market and thus contribute to increased productivity. She termed the older worker a valuable resource.

## Anniversary Celebrated

Byrum Hardware Co. begins celebrating 72 years of operation this week. The company, begun in 1914 on the east side of Broad St., moved to its present location in 1919.

Sales and prize giveaways will highlight this celebration from March 17 to 31.

A special Byrum's supplement is included in this week's edition detailing the company's history and celebration festivities.