

# Richmond County Historical Society

## November 2017 Newsletter

*'Those who don't remember their ancestors don't deserve to be remembered!'*

### HAPPY THANKSGIVING *Merry Christmas*



**Doris McLean, May MacCallum and Pat Franklin sort through the history and genealogy records of R. Carol McLean who died October 19 at age 95. Mrs. McLean has donated his collection to the Richmond County Historical Society. It was transferred to the genealogy rooms at the Leak-Wall House.**

R. Carol McLean, Sr., was a faithful, valued member of the Richmond County Historical Society. He has been a resourceful contributor to the Society's genealogical efforts. In keeping with such efforts, in 2002, he received the prestigious Robert Bruce Cooke Family History Book Award from the North Carolina Society of Historians, Inc., for his book, "John D. McLean – Scottish Immigrant to Rocky Fork Creek, Richmond County, N. C., 1760-1846, and His Descendants." He also kept records on many other local families.

Carol played an instrumental role in the restoration of the Bostick School. Dr. John Stevenson, president of the Historical Society, said, "Carol also spent many hours working on (First Presbyterian Church) committees, especially as a member of the Diaconate where he was Clerk."

Carol retired from Southern National Bank (former Farmers) in 1985 where he was vice president and assistant trust officer. He was a banker since 1941. His civic activities included the Civitan Club, Rockingham Junior Chamber of Commerce, Red Cross and United Fund, and Rockingham's 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration.

**Upcoming events:** Books will be sold at Arts Richmond on December 2, Christmas on the Square (Harrington).

**Society's Annual Christmas Drop-in at the Leak Wall House on December 3 from 3 to 5 p.m. Call Cadieu at 895-1660 or Stevenson at 997-2595 if you plan to attend.**