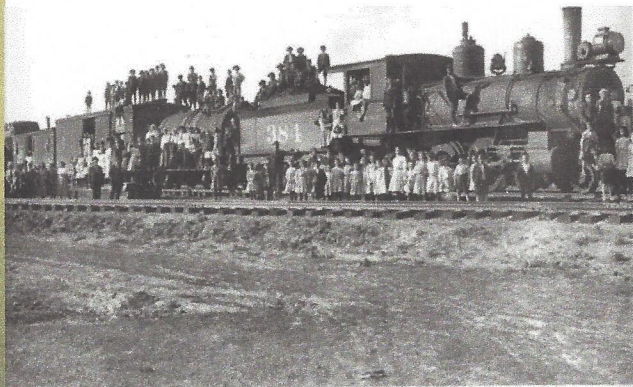
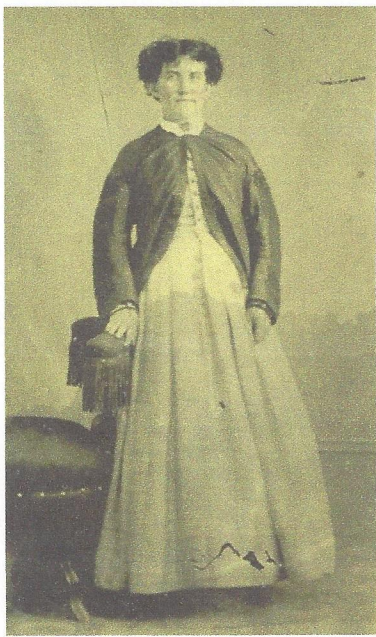


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'Those who don't remember their ancestors don't deserve to be remembered!'

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Sarah McGuirk, Orphan Train Rider

One family's true story

Our speaker for the 7 o'clock Monday, April 15 meeting at the Rockingham City Hall is Tamra Wilson. She will tell of her research about her great-grandmother, Sarah McGuirk, who was among some 150,000 abandoned children moved out of Manhattan by train in a 75 year period beginning in the mid-1800s. Some were adopted by loving families. Others were cruelly treated by their sponsors who used them as slave laborers. Sarah married a Civil War veteran in 1869 and died at age 31.

Wilson lives in Newton, N. C. She is sponsored by the North Carolina Humanities Council. She has written and had published several short stories.