

BLAND COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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NEWSLETTER
MARCH 2011

**Quarterly
Membership Meeting
will be held at the
Library on March 12th
at 1:30 PM**

Eric Workman, Bland County Administrator since September 2010, will be our guest. He will be speaking about things happening in the county as well as the Sesquicentennial Celebration planned for this year.

We will have a short business meeting and light refreshments after the program.

Please look at our website
<http://blandcountyhistsoc.org/>

Although it is still under construction, there is a lot of interesting information. Be sure to check out the [Items for Sale](#). We have new items listed.

**December Quarterly
Meeting**



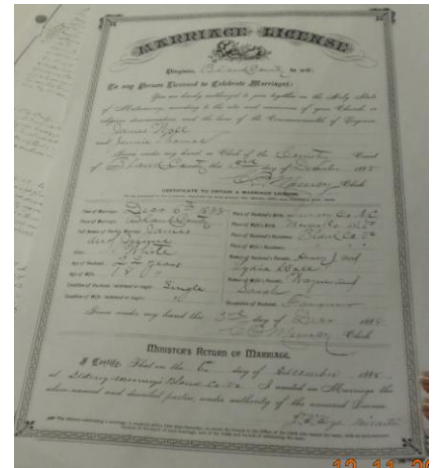
Becky Johnson, Clerk of Bland County Circuit Court was our speaker on December 11th. She had lots of interesting information about the different types of records that are kept in her office.

Marriage and will records, as well as land deeds, are the most beneficial to genealogists.

Court proceedings are recorded in the Court Order books. Military discharge records are on file only if the discharged veterans bring documents to the office for filing. Death records are on file at the Bland County Health Department if the deceased expired in the County.

Becky answered questions and showed samples of some of the records she had mentioned.

After a short business meeting, everyone enjoyed fellowship time with light refreshments.



--Marriage License, 1888--

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Bland County History Book Vol. 2 is in the final stages of completion. It will be available in the near future. Thanks to all who contributed information.



MEMBERSHIP

If you haven't renewed your membership for the year 2011, please remember to do so as our membership calendar year runs from Jan 1st through Dec 31st.

Individual memberships are \$15.00 and couples are \$25.00.

NEW MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

We are pleased to announce that we have created a new membership category. Any student attending public school in Bland County may now join the Historical Society for only \$5.00 per year. We are hoping this will encourage many of our students to become interested in our County's history and its preservation. Contact us if you know a student who would enjoy a membership.

WE HAVE COOKBOOKS

Reprint of the 1945 BLAND COUNTY COOKBOOK, first published by the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Bland Methodist church. This "must have" collector's item is a compilation of recipes from the many good cooks of that day. Also included in this spiral bound, 109-page book, are advertisements from businesses that were open in 1945. \$15.00 (can be shipped for \$20.00)

RESTORATION PROJECT

Our first restoration project on the former Bland County Jail (Society office) is now complete. The old shingle roof has been replaced on the newer addition, which served as cells, and on the front porch. The new roof is a medium gray metal, complete with ice guards. The bricks were grooved and new flashing installed. The project was done by Boyd Coffey Construction of Max Meadows, VA. As funds are available, plans are being made to paint the metal roof on the original two-story jail building the same gray color.

before



after



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