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The 102 Charter Members of the North Carolina Bird Club

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Seventy-five people met in Raleigh, N.C., on 6 March 1937, to form the North Carolina Bird Club, an undertaking sponsored by the newly organized Raleigh Bird Club. By the May deadline, NCBC had 101 paid charter members and one honorary charter member, T. Gilbert Pearson. These 102 people are listed below along with their 1937 addresses and brief biographical sketches if such information is available. Names in bold type are persons known to be living in December 1985. The editor of *The Chat* will welcome further details on the lives of the founding members and early bird club leaders.

Allen, Catherine, Professor, Meredith College, Raleigh

Miss Ida Catherine Allen was a native of Ohio. She taught German at Meredith College and headed the Modern Language Department prior to her retirement in 1940. She died 7 April 1953 in Asheville.

**Allen, Murray, Esq., 609 Security National Bank Building, Raleigh
Lawyer.**

Allison, J.C., 117 Hillcrest Road, Raleigh

Anderson, Miss Grace C., 528 Walnut Street, Statesville

President of NCBC in 1942; taught English and expression at Mitchell College; died 6 October 1950 (*Chat* 14:71).

Benbow, C.D., Box 128, Tarboro

Biggs, Joseph D., 220 Chamberlain Street, Raleigh

Student at N.C. State College (now NCSU); later director, Washington Field Museum, Bug House Laboratory, Washington, N.C.

Bostian, Dr. Carey H., 2208 Hope Street, Raleigh

Geneticist; professor and chancellor at N.C. State College; NCBC secretary-treasurer and treasurer; retired and living at Chapel Hill.

- Bragaw, H. Churchill**, Washington
Associated with Washington Field Museum; manager of Orton Plantation; killed in action in World War II (Chat 8:28).
- Brannon, C.H.**, N.C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh
Died in Virginia.
- Brimley, Clement Samuel**, N.C. Department of Agriculture, Raleigh
State entomologist, an author of *Birds of North Carolina*, first president of NCBC; born in England 18 December 1863, died 23 July 1946 (Chat 10:61-64).
- Brimley, Herbert Hutchinson**, N.C. State Museum, Raleigh
First director of N.C. State Museum, an author of *Birds of North Carolina*, president of NCBC 1942-1944; born in England 7 March 1861, died 4 April 1946 (Chat 10:41-45).
- Brimley, Ralph**, Central High School, Winston-Salem
Son of C.S. Brimley and former treasurer of NCBC.
- Brown, Mrs. E.M.**, Washington
Living at Beaufort County Nursing Home, Washington, N.C.; age 95.
- Browne, Miss Cicely**, 408 Dixie Trail, Raleigh
Daughter of William Hand Brown Jr.; worked for Bishop Penick; donated the Hymettus Woods nature park to City of Raleigh; lives in home adjacent to the park.
- Browne, Dr. Wm. Hand, Jr.**, State College Station, Raleigh
Taught engineering at N.C. State College; deceased.
- Bunn, Mrs. Turner B.**, 509 Falls Road, Rocky Mount
- Busbee, Miss Louise**, 1818 Park Drive, Raleigh
Louise Taylor Busbee, known as Miss Lulie, operated St. Mary's Kindergarten near the First Presbyterian Church in downtown Raleigh.
- Carson, C.M.**, 324 S. Tryon Street, Charlotte
- Cheek, Mrs. Charles C.**, Sanford
- Clark, Mrs. S.N.**, Tarboro
- Coker, Coit M.**, Box 950, Chapel Hill
- Craighill, The Rev. Francis H.**, 225 N. Church Street, Rocky Mount
D.D., Episcopal clergyman, pastor of Church of the Good Shepherd, Rocky Mount; born 1875, Suffolk, Virginia, died 14 October 1941 (Chat 5:49). His wife, Mary Reese Craighill, died 24 June 1946 (Chat 10:75).
- Craven, H.E.**, 1710 Park Drive, Raleigh
Henry Eddins Craven was born in Concord, N.C.; attended Wake Forest College; and served as superintendent of schools at Franklinton prior to moving to Raleigh, where he became a vice president of King Drug Co. He was an egg collector who traded specimens with T. Gilbert Pearson and often went afield with C.S. Brimley. As the bird merit badge examiner in Raleigh, Craven had a standing offer of \$5 to any Boy Scout who could show him an Ovenbird nest. Mr. Craven died in 1938.
- Craven, William**, 1710 Park Drive, Raleigh
The son of H.E. Craven, Bill served in World War II and was a Boy Scout executive in Goldsboro, N.C., and Daytona Beach, Florida. Returning to North Carolina, he operated a Western Auto Store at Warsaw for 4 years prior to joining King Drug Co. Prior to his retirement, Craven headed the photographic division of the

- company. As a young man, he helped Harry Davis and others with the excavation of Town Creek Indian Mound, and he took motion pictures at some of the early NCBC meetings.
- Daniel, Mrs. O.J., 2021 Fairview Road, Raleigh
- Davis, Mrs. Andrew J., Henderson (Chat 1[5-6]:7)
 With Claudia Watkins Hunter a co-founder of Henderson Bird Club.
- Davis, Ferd, Zebulon**
 Ferd Leary Davis, Zebulon attorney; son of the Rev. and Mrs. Theo. B. Davis; graduate of Wake Forest College and Wake Forest Law School; major general and former Adjutant General of North Carolina; uncle of CBC member Richard J. (Ricky) Davis.
- Davis, Harry Towles, N.C. State Museum, Raleigh
 Director of the N.C. State Museum, 1937-1966; president of CBC 1962-1964; born 1897, died 6 September 1978.
- Davis, Mrs. Harry T., Raleigh
- Davis, Mrs. M.A., Washington
- Dollar, Mrs. M., 201 Park Avenue, Raleigh
 Wife of Dr. Dollar, a chiropractor.
- Dye, Mrs. L.M., 701 N. Blount Street, Raleigh
- Eaton, Miss Louise, Oxford Orphanage, Oxford
- Eliason, Mrs. Minnie H., Mitchell College, Statesville
 Taught biology; deceased.
- Eliason, Miss Nancy, Peace Junior College, Raleigh
 Taught biology; deceased.
- Farmer, J.S., Tenacres, R.F.D. 1, Raleigh
- Finster, Miss Ethel B., Box 5015 Biltmore Station, Asheville
- Fox, Wade, Jr., West Court Street, Greensboro
 Dr. Fox was later associated with the Department of Zoology, University of Southern California, Los Angeles (Chat 15:35).
- Francke, Mrs. L.J., Glen Head, N.Y.
- Garren, G.M., 15 W. Lenoir Street, Raleigh
 A retired person who usually went on the early-morning bird walks sponsored by Raleigh Bird Club; deceased.
- Gee, N. Gist, Greenwood, S.C.
- Goodwin, Mrs. Miles, 120 Hillcrest Road, Raleigh
 Wife of Dr. Goodwin, a well-known Raleigh physician.
- Green, R.W., 2818 White Oak Road, Raleigh
 Economics professor at N.C. State College; died 15 June 1946 (Chat 10:75).
- Green, Mrs. Charlotte Hilton, 2818 White Oak Road, Raleigh**
 Nature columnist for *Raleigh News and Observer* for 42 years; first president of Raleigh Bird Club; president of CBC, 1957-1958; wife of R.W. Green; living in a retirement home at Tarboro, N.C. (see *Wildlife in North Carolina*, October 1983, pages 15-17).
- Gregory, The Rev. C.E., First Presbyterian Church, Morganton
 Carey Ellis Gregory, 1874-1943 (Chat 7:48).

- Grey, The Rev. John H., Jr., 1719 Park Drive, Raleigh
D.D., pastor of West Raleigh Presbyterian Church; first editor of *The Chat*; born 1902, died 1971.
- Guion, George Seth, 1701 American Bank Building, New Orleans, La.
Lawyer and collector of ornithological journals; died 1943 (Chat 8:16).
- Habel, Miss Margaret, 327 E. Jones Street, Raleigh
Active in Raleigh Bird Club; deceased.
- Hall, Earl H., Woman's College of the University of North Carolina, Greensboro
Now deceased, Dr. Hall was a professor of biology.
- Hamnett, Mrs. W.E., Edneyville
- Harrison, Dr. T.P., 1800 Park Drive, Raleigh
Professor of English at N.C. State College and head of the department; ran 5 miles each day in the woods where Cameron Village was built; deceased.
- Haynes, Milford W., Box 731, Tarboro
- Hearne, Miss Clara, Roanoke Rapids
Elementary supervisor, Roanoke Rapids Schools; president of NCBC, 1944-1946.
- Heidelbach, Bert, Jr., N.C. State Box 3133, Raleigh
Student at N.C. State College; deceased.
- Higham, Mrs. John V., Carroll Drive, Raleigh
May Davis Higham died 1 April 1945 (Chat 9:42).
- Holmes, Mrs. G.H., Tryon
Marie Allen Walker Holmes (1875-1950) and her husband George Hamilton Holmes (1872-1950) died from injuries sustained in an automobile accident in April 1950. Mr. Holmes was a president of Tryon Bird Club and a signer of the CBC charter (Chat 14:46).
- Holmes, J.S., N.C. Dept. Conservation and Development, Raleigh
State Forester.
- Holmes, Mrs. J.S., 302 Forest Road, Raleigh
- Hoshour, Mrs. Samuel, Mansion Park Hotel, Raleigh
Crippled and confined to a wheelchair, she was brought to state and local bird club meetings by her husband, who was a successful salesman; deceased.
- Hunter, Claudia Watkins, Henderson
A co-founder of Henderson Bird Club and its first treasurer; president of NCBC 1939-1941; died 1974.
- Hutchings, Miss Lida, Pine Bluff
- Jones, Joe, The Chapel Hill Weekly, Chapel Hill
Retired newspaperman, Life Member of CBC, living at Berryville, Virginia. His wife, Betty Smith, wrote the 1943 best-seller *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*.
- Kelly, Virgil, 212 Maple Avenue, Fayetteville
A collector of birds' eggs who added significantly to the ornithological records of the state (Chat 14:36-37).
- Knox, Bertha, Salisbury
- Kugler, Mrs. Frank C., Washington
- Little, Mrs. J.C., 1210 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh
Husband was an attorney.
- MacNeille, Miss Marion C., Pine Bluff

- Mangum, Miss Eva, R.F.D. 1, Morganton**
- Martin, Miss Flossie, R.J. Reynolds High School, Winston-Salem**
 Taught biology; living at Mocksville, N.C.
- McAllister, Lacy L., Pilot Insurance Company, Greensboro**
 Secretary-treasurer of NCBC; scoutmaster
- Memory, Mrs. Jasper L., 405 Washington Street, Whiteville**
- Metcalf, Dr. Z.P., N.C. State College, Raleigh**
 Zeno Payne Metcalf (1885-1956) was head of the Department of Zoology and Entomology at N.C. State College, a teacher of ornithology, and the founder of the wildlife curriculum there in 1937. His grandson, Micou Metcalf Browne, is a CBC member and contributor to *The Chat*. Dr. Metcalf's daughter, Mrs. Micou F. Browne of Raleigh, recalls that her father was always getting up early in the morning to lead a group on a field trip.
- Mozo, Ralph H., 406 E. Ninth Street, Greenville**
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- Murray, The Rev. Joseph James, 6 White Street, Lexington, Virginia**
 D.D., first editor of *The Raven* (1930-1969); born 1890, died 1973.
- Nooe, Miss Katherine V., Statesville**
 Public school teacher; deceased. Her sister, Miss Sarah Nooe, is a Life Member of CBC.
- Oberholser, Dr. Harry C., Washington, D.C.**
 Served with U.S. Biological Survey (now U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service) for nearly 50 years; born 1870, died 1963 at Cleveland, Ohio.
- Odum, Eugene P., Cleveland, Ohio**
 Ph.D., lived at Chapel Hill; brother to H. Thomas Odum; compiled writings of H.H. Brimley; pioneer ecologist, Alumni Foundation Distinguished Professor of Zoology and director of the Institute of Ecology at the University of Georgia at Athens, retired.
- Payne, Mrs. Louis W., 1920 Sunset Drive, Raleigh**
 Hennie Payne, first wife of L.W. Payne of the N.C. Highway Department; deceased.
- Pearson, Dr. T. Gilbert, 1775 Broadway, Room 841, New York City**
 President of the National Association of Audubon Societies (1920-1934), founder and president of the International Committee for Bird Protection (1922-1938), editor of *Birds of America* (1917), principal author of *Birds of North Carolina*, honorary charter member of NCBC; see *Chat* 50:29-41.
- Pritchett, Mrs. H.D., Box 1622, Charlotte**
- Rankin, Henry A., Jr., Fayetteville**
 Life Member of CBC; still residing in Fayetteville.
- Rivers, Miss Dorothy, 530 N. Person Street, Raleigh**
- Ross, Miss Blanche, Morganton**
- Royal, Dr. Ben F., Morehead City**
 M.D.; friend of the Brimleys and Dr. Metcalf; especially interested in herons and shorebirds; deceased.
- Sanborn, Miss Nellie F., Birdhaven, Southern Pines**

Shaftesbury, Dr. Archibald D., Woman's College of U.N.C., Greensboro

Archibald Davis Shaftesbury was a biology professor, the founder of the Carolina Marine Laboratory at Beaufort, N.C., and an authority on flea taxonomy. He served as the fourth president of NCBC and second editor of *The Chat*. Born about 1893, he died 9 April 1967 (*Chat* 31:53).

Shannon, Mrs. W.B., Pine Bluff

Shelburne, Miss Mary, City Museum, Washington

Director, Washington Field Museum, Bug House Laboratory, 1938; married James L. McLaurin; living at Bath, N.C.

Sigwald, John J., Box 1197, Wilson

Scout executive; NCBC vice-president; moved to Fayetteville; apparently did not return to North Carolina after WWII service.

Skaale, Mrs. A.J., 3401 Hillsboro Street, Raleigh

Worked with Harry T. Davis to have Raleigh declared a Municipal Bird Sanctuary; husband was an engineer with Carolina Power and Light Co.

Smithwick, Dr. D.T., County Historian, Louisburg

Stimson, Maurice E., Logan Stimson and Son, Statesville

Swann, Miss Ada B., Bryant Pond, Maine

Taylor, Mrs. Isaac M., Morganton

Urquhart, R.A., Lewiston

Farmer who lived outside Woodville, Bertie County; maintained many martin houses; born 1889, died 3 January 1947. Richard A. Urquhart Jr., a Raleigh CPA, recalls that his family used to visit the heronry in Urquhart Swamp along the Roanoke River. The area was logged after WWII but was made into a wildlife preserve in 1985. The younger Mr. Urquhart is a first cousin to Wallace Patterson Jr. of Chapel Hill.

Vernon, Dr. James W., Morganton

Westmoreland, Miss Ann, Goldsboro

Williams, A.S., Pinehurst

Wilson, Mrs. H.E., Parkview Apartments, Raleigh

Witherington, Robert H., Box 3253 N.C. State, Raleigh

Winston-Salem insurance agent; served on CBC Executive Committee 1980-1982; Life Member.

Wray, Dr. David L., N.C. Dept. Agriculture, Raleigh

Entomologist; revised *Birds of North Carolina* (1959); retired but maintains office in the Agriculture Department.

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