

**OLD HICKORY COUNCIL, BSA/CAMP RAVEN KNOB
HISTORICAL ASSOCIATION
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Annual Report of the Association Historian for the Year 1994

According to the bylaws of the Historical Association, the primary duty of the Association Historian "...shall be to prepare and to arrange the publication of a history of the Old Hickory Council and Camp Raven Knob." My first year as Association Historian — the first year of operation for the Historical Association — was consumed in becoming aware of available historical resources and in helping to create a stable foundation of research materials upon which a council/camp history can be based.

The Association joined the North Carolina Federation of Historical Societies in March 1994. The Federation operates out of the Division of Archives and History, North Carolina Department of Cultural Resources, in Raleigh, North Carolina. Membership in the organization affords knowledge of history—related workshops, public and private grant opportunities, and new publications. Membership also helps to validate, from a public point of view, the work of the Association.

In March 1994 the Old Hickory Council arranged to place appropriate Boy Scout records, concerning the operation of the council and its camps, in the Southern Historical Collection at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. The council's records will give historians and other researchers good information about the activities of the Boy Scouts of America in North Carolina and the American South. This arrangement ensures that the work of Old Hickory volunteers and professionals will be remembered. The Old Hickory Council appears to be one of the first councils in the nation to place a substantial number of important records in a major archive.

The Association's Camp Museum at Camp Raven Knob in Surry County was open for a few hours each week during the summer camp season. Approximately 150 individuals visited the museum, located underneath the Dining Hall. I was able to add a number of names to my list of necessary oral history interviews and to identify individuals who are pictured in several old photographs.

A list of items that were donated to the museum in 1994 is attached to this report.

It was my pleasure to serve as Association Historian during 1994.

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