Here's the list of material donations added to the Heritage Center's archives January-March 2013:

- Photo of Willie Franklin Grimes, Johnston County Sheriff 1912-1918 – from Mary Edna Grimes.
- Book: Upon These Steps - Brothers in NC. 23rd Regiment by David C. Reavis – from Gwen Canady.
- Photo of Smithfield High School Class of 1912 – from John Hobart.
- Barber Mill history: copies of 1879 documents and photos 1925 and later; copy of Needham Whitley family photo – from Robert W. Barber.
- Photo of Smithfield High School ninth graders, 1933 – from Warren Grimes.
- Farming & household records of Costa William Hocutt, O'Neals Township, 1940s-1970s – from Patricia Braswell Miller.
- Book: Vance County Heritage 2011 – from Mark Pace, Vance County Heritage Book 2011 Committee.
- Photos: Yelvington Grove School children, c.1922, and Smithfield School students, mid-1920s – from Beverly Braswell.

This Edison Phonograph is part of the Heritage Center’s 1913 display.

Paintings by African-Americans on display

Also on display in the Heritage Center’s exhibit hall this spring is a collection of paintings by Johnston County African-American artists. Pictured here is a large painting done by the late Carson George for Smithfield’s St. Mark AME Church.

If you have an idea for additional presentations, please contact me by phone or e-mail – Wingate Lassiter

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