

Davie County Public Library

Nancy Murphy Honored by Historical Society

At its September 23, 2008 meeting, the Davie County Historical & Genealogical Society recognized the contributions of Nancy Murphy to both the Society and the History Room of the library.

Nancy Kelly Murphy has logged over 30 years of volunteer service to the Davie County Historical and Genealogical Society and the Martin-Wall Local History Room of the Davie County Public Library. Nancy typed the copy of *The Squire, Daniel, and John Boone Families in Davie County, North Carolina* booklet in 1982. She began editing and producing the *Davie Dossier* newsletter in 1988. She compiled and produced the *Davie County Marriages* books in 1998, and produced the *Davie County Cemeteries* books in the same year. In 1999, working with Everette Sain, Nancy transcribed and compiled the *1860, 1870, and 1880 Federal Census* record books for Davie County.

When Nancy began helping with research and typing in the History Room, Miss Flossie Martin, who established the collection in the History Room, pondered how long Nancy might last in her new role. Flossie later said, “She’s a cheerful person to be around. The first time I saw her, she was sitting over there in the office typing and smiling. A lot of volunteers have come and gone, but Nancy has stuck with us.”

In addition to her time spent compiling and producing books, Nancy donated some 70 CD-ROMs to the History Room for genealogy researchers’ use.

A native of New Jersey, Nancy Kelly married Joe Murphy, a Davie County native and retired AT&T engineer. They have two sons, Steve and Mike, who are both married.

