

# Paul Green Foundation

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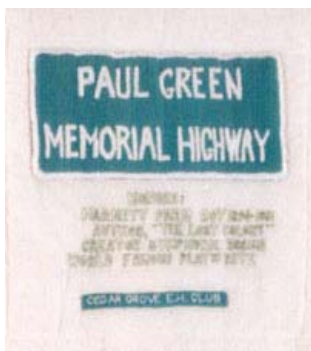
### Remembering Paul Green

**March 17, 2014** marked the 120<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Paul Eliot Green's birth in 1894. **100 years ago in 1914**, Paul – age 20 – graduated from Buies Creek Academy (now Campbell University). For the next two years, he served as principal of the three-teacher Olive Branch School near Kipling in Harnett County. By working on the family farm, playing baseball and teaching, he had the money to go to Chapel Hill in 1916 as a 22 year-old freshman.

(Photo: William, Bettie and the 6 children, c. 1905)

### Heritage in a Quilt

In 1989, the Harnett Council of Extension Homemakers Clubs decided to make a quilt that would focus attention on the history of Harnett County, to help preserve heritage needlework skills and to raise much needed money. Harnett County Home Economics Agent Jennifer Walker formed a quilt committee and assigned the 16 local Homemakers Clubs to do the 48 15-inch squares. It was readily agreed that one of the squares must honor **Paul Green**, and the Harnett County highway sign was selected.



The quilt square reads: "Honors Harnett Farm Boy, 1894-1981, Author, "The Lost Colony," Creator Symphonic Drama: World Famous Playwright." In 1990 the completed quilt was displayed between the House and Senate Chambers in Raleigh

and it was noted that it was the first historical quilt ever made in the state to solicit history from both whites and African-Americans. *A Harnett County Historical Project: Heritage in a Quilt*, chronicling the project, was edited by Jennifer Walker, published in 2013 and dedicated to Evelyn and Lois Byrd, sisters who had dedicated themselves to the project.

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### Margaret Bauer Receives Award

Margaret Donovan Bauer, Rives Chair of Southern Literature in the Department of English and editor of the *North Carolina Literary Review* at East Carolina University, received the ECU "Lifetime Achievement Award for Excellence in Research and Creative Activity in 2014" on March 6, 2014.



Margaret's manuscript, *Paul Green's The House of Connelly: A Critical Edition* has been accepted for publication by McFarland & Company, Inc. in Jefferson, NC. Her book, due out in 2015, is the culmination of many years' work on Green's *The House of Connelly*, the first play produced on Broadway by the Group Theatre in 1931. Margaret became fascinated with the play as juxtaposed with the 1935 Hollywood film from 20<sup>th</sup> Century Fox entitled *Carolina* and she has been including Green's play in her Southern literature survey classes and study of North Carolina writers.

Recently, Dr. Bauer was invited by the ReGroup Theatre in New York City to participate with the cast and director in a talkback with the audience at a revival of Green's *The House of Connelly*.