



# THE PEACOCK QUILL



Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

JANUARY 2016

## CALENDAR

### JANUARY MEETING

Sun., Jan. 17, 2016, 2:30 p.m.  
Old Spring Place Methodist Church

### GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS

Sat., Jan. 16, 2016, 9:00-4:30

For beginner/Intermediate researchers

Sat., Mar. 5, 2016, 9:00-4:30

### Brick Walls Workshop

For intermediate/advanced researchers  
who have hit a brick wall!

Crown Gardens & Archives

**CALL TO REGISTER.**

## REMINDER FROM TREASURER

WMHS treasurer Martha Minor reminds donors who make and/or receive tax-deductible contributions that donation checks should be made out to the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society, not to the individual properties. (Those may be designated in the "for" line.) The tax-exempt status & ID number are in the name of WMHS, so contributions need to be the same. Many thanks!

## HOORAY FOR COHUTTA!

The 2015 Holiday House at eight historic sites in the city of Cohutta was a resounding success. Many thanks to these Cohutta folks who donated time & expertise to the preparation & tours: city clerk Donna Henderson-Maples, mayor Ron Shinnick, former mayor Don Henderson, Pam Shinnick, Marty & Glenn Coon, Parky Williams, Betty & Henry Baker, Todd & Cindy Johnson, Kenn Maples, Brad Walker, Beth Briggs, Sandra Lowe, & Clinton & Chris Duke,

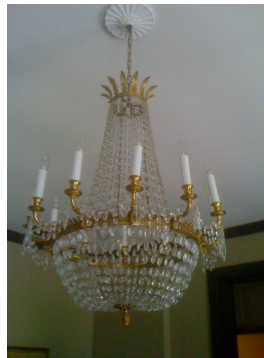
Thanks, too, to WMHS volunteers Sue Crawford, Judy Alderman, Cecilia Bridges, Mary Hardin, Patty Spanjer, Judson Manly, Mike Manly, Marvin Sowder, Bruce Davies, Jim & Rhonda Wilbanks, Betsy McArthur, Randy Beckler, Sandra Clark, Ann Bowen, Ann Compton, Helen Conley, Nellena Smith, Louise Smith, Tim Howard, Brenda Brantley, & Ellen Thompson.

## JAN. MEETING FEATURES COMMITTEE REPORTS; OFFICERS & TRUSTEES ELECTED

The January meeting of the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society will be Sun., Jan. 17, 2:30 p.m., at the old Spring Place Methodist Church. The program will feature committee reports from 2015. Come hear what WMHS has accomplished in the past year!

New officers & trustees were elected at the Nov. meeting. Officers to serve two-year term of Jan. 1, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2017 include second vice-president for membership, Mary Hardin; secretary, Jan McNeill; public relations (radio/TV), Jane Harrell & (print) Nellena Smith. New trustees to serve three-year term of Jan. 1, 2016, to Dec. 31, 2018 are Bill Blackman, David Loughridge, & Milton Ryman. Serving on the nominating committee were Melissa Burchfield (chair), Sue Crawford, Betsy McArthur, Marvin Sowder, & Patty Spanjer.

Continuing officers in the second year of their terms are Tim Howard, president; Sue Crawford, 1<sup>st</sup> VP for programs; & Martha Minor, treasurer. Current trustees reelected for three-year terms were Bruce Davies, Tonia Kendrick, & Ellen Thompson. Other trustees continuing in their current terms are Judy Alderman, Ralph Ausmus, Carlton McDaniel, Marvin Sowder, & Dr. Don Thomas.



**FOR SALE: Hamilton House chandelier. 1980s vintage. \$1,499**

## GENEALOGY WORKSHOPS PLANNED FOR JAN. & MARCH

DAR genealogist Sarah Roach returns in 2016 with two genealogy workshops at the archives. These would make great Christmas gifts!

### Jan. 16 morning topics

### "How to Begin Your Family Research"

The morning workshop includes: Basics of Genealogy, Types of Historical Records and Where to Locate Them, Approaches for Finding Records on Women, Organizing your Family Information, and Where to Get Help

### Jan. 16 afternoon topics

### "Using Technology in Your Research"

The afternoon workshop includes: Using the PC to Store Your Data & Report the Information, Using the PC to Search for Family Data, Evaluating the Accuracy of the Data you Find, Using Other Technologies, Basics of DNA (What is DNA and how do I use it?).

### March 5 all day

### "Let's Break Through your Genealogy Brick Wall"

Brick Walls is an interactive work session structured to teach participants strategies and methods to solve genealogy problems now & in the future. Get specific ideas of how to solve your brick wall, and develop an individual research plan. Listen to other attendees' brick walls and participate with ideas for their research plans. Learn to break through many types of brick walls—which you may face in the future--using advanced approaches & analytical thought processes.

Cost for the workshop is \$35 for one-half day, \$40 one whole day, & \$70 two whole days. Call the archives at 706-278-0217 to register. Payment may be mailed to P. O. Box 6180 to reserve a place.

## PHOTOS NEEDED FOR TWO AREA CHURCHES

Smyrna Baptist Church & First Baptist Church of Chatsworth are looking for pictures of former pastors for display at the churches. They would like to have sharp, clear head-&-shoulders photographs from the time period each minister served the church.

Following are pastors for whom a picture or a better picture is needed: at First Baptist, J.W. Butts, J.H. Ballew, A.J. Morgan, J.C. Collum, & J.W. Dooley; at Smyrna, Fred Brown, Blake Carter, Arch Cooley, Jimmy Parker, & J.W. Dooley.

If you can provide a picture or clues for finding one, please contact Carolyn Forrest at 706-695-3716 or Tim Howard at [howardt@windstream.net](mailto:howardt@windstream.net).

## CONDOLENCES TO . . .

\* The family & friends of Routh Hill Cline, artist & devoted archives volunteer.

## HISTORICAL QUESTION #16

In each newsletter, we ask a question about local history. To check your accuracy (or to find the answer!), just go to our website: [www.whitfield-murrayhistoricalsociety.org](http://www.whitfield-murrayhistoricalsociety.org).

The fifteenth question appeared in the Nov. newsletter: What famous Texas political dynasty has roots in Murray County? ANSWER: It's not the Bushes but the Connallys. The family moved here from Lumpkin County after the Gold Rush; but after losing several sons in the Civil War, most of the surviving family members moved to the Lone Star State. Tom Connally, a United States senator who signed the United Nations treaty for the U. S., visited Murray County in 1937 to visit the farms and cemeteries connected to his family. Texas governor John Connally, wounded in the JFK assassination, was a cousin of the Senator.

Here's question 16: What Cherokee Indian was killed racing on Thornton Avenue?



## THOMAS HONORED WITH STATE AWARD

WMHS trustee Dr. Don Thomas was recently honored by the Georgia Hospital Association. The GHA recognized Thomas's more than five decades of service with the Distinguished Service Award.

During his half-century-plus medical contributions to the community, Dr. Thomas has served in a number of leadership roles, including local medical organizations as well as his 14 years in the state Senate.

We are proud of you, Dr. Don!

## WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

- \* Joe Lowe - Dalton, GA
- \* Elizabeth Smithson-Salt Lake City, UT

## THANKS, VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to everyone who donated items, volunteered, &/or patronized the Christmas Sale. We made \$1,048! Volunteers were Peg Adams, Evelyn Atkins, Vivian Chance, Ann Cook, Skip Cox, Dorothy Gray, Sherrian Hall, Donna Ivester, Virgilia Meek, Brenda Ownbey, Jackie Pope, Louise Smith, Nellena Smith, Marvin Sowder, Wanda Stagg, & Ellen Thompson.

When you decorate for Christmas this year, please donate items you no longer use for next year's sale.

Recent volunteers at the archives included Judy Alderman, Sheila Clark, Bruce Davies, Margaret Herrin, Nellena Smith, Marvin Sowder, Ellen Thompson, & Dorothy Weathersby.

## HAVE COUPONS?

Office Depot, Staples & Big Lots?  
They are always welcome!

**ARE YOU AN AMAZON CUSTOMER?**  
**Order through [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), & designate your order to benefit the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society!**

## RECENT DONATIONS

- \* The estate of Ruth McGill donated to the General Fund.
- \* Howard Turner donated a wooden roller used at Crown Cotton Mill.
- \* Ben Beall donated genealogy papers on John S. Beall
- \* Penny Carpenter donated IT services to Crown Gardens & Archives.
- \* Leonard Bros. pumped water from the basement of the Wright Hotel.
- \* Two Brothers Construction Co. fixed the archives roof & donated supplies.
- \* Ellen Thompson donated to the publications fund, gave blackout fabric for shades in the Archive Room, & contributed three books: *Courage, Compassion, Marine: The Unique Story of Jimmie Dyess*, *Memories of the Mansion: The Story of Georgia's Governor's Mansion*, & *Fuller E. Callaway: Portrait of a New South Citizen* & the DVD, *Twice a Hero: the Jimmie Dyess Story* to the archives.

## In Memory of . . .

Ellen Thompson donated to the General Fund in memory of Mark Pace & Routh Cline.

**Are you handy with a hammer & saw? The archives needs you.**

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