



THE PEACOCK QUILL



Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

JULY 2015

CALENDAR

WRIGHT HOTEL, CHATSWORTH DEPOT & SECTION HOUSE OPEN

“Americana Music Series”
at the Chatsworth Depot

Sat., June 13, 2015
Sat., July 11, 2015
Sat., August 8, 2015
Sat., Sept. 12, 2015
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

ARCHIVES CLOSED

Tues.-Sat., June 28-July 4, 2015
HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY!

JULY MEETING

JUDGE JIM WILBANKS

George Washington,
the Indispensable Man
Sun., July 19, 2015, 2:30 p.m.

VANN HOUSE DAYS

Sat. & Sun., July 25 & 26, 2015
10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

SPRING PLACE FESTIVAL

Sat., August 15, 2015

DO YOU KNOW THESE FOLKS?



This unidentified photo is in the archives' files. If you can identify the people pictured, please call 706-278-0217 or email wahs@optilink.us.

2015 PRESERVATION AWARD RECIPIENTS ANNOUNCED



Left to right: Jackie & Augustine Gallman, Betty Blackwell, & Carolyn Luffman.

Betty Blackwell of Rocky Face, Carolyn Z. Luffman of Chatsworth, & the late Erik Gallman of Crandall have been selected to receive the 2015 Historic Preservation Awards. The awards are presented in connection with National Historic Preservation Month.

Blackwell is a long-time volunteer at Prater's Mill & the Vann House & has also preserved family stories in book form. Luffman, a past-president of the Society, is currently chairman of the Friends of the Vann House & has spent years researching family history as well as that of Sumach Cumberland Presbyterian Church.

Gallman researched & preserved many of Murray County's historic buildings in two series of paintings that are on display at the Chatsworth-Murray County Library & the Old Spring Place Methodist Church. He also served as executive director of Crown Gardens & Archives from 2009 to 2011 where he led a major renovation project.

These recipients were recognized at the May 17 meeting in Chatsworth.

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GEORGE WASHINGTON, THE INDESPENSABLE MAN, IS JULY PROGRAM

Judge Jim Wilbanks will present the July program, “George Washington, the Indispensable Man,” on Sunday, July 19, at 2:30 p.m. at the Varnell Community Center. We'll see you there!

JOURNAL WILL BE PUBLISHED SOON

Tonia Kendrick has redesigned *The Journal* (formerly the *Quarterly*), & the issue will be out soon. The *Journal* will be mailed rather than emailed. Articles of interest are always welcome.

ANOTHER CHALLENGE!

The Northwest Georgia Community Foundation has donated \$2,100 toward an HVAC upgrade to our archives storage room. This upgrade will improve the climate in the room where many documents & photographs are stored. Donations to help with this project are welcome.

2015 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS RECOGNIZE LOCAL WORK



Left to right: Jacob Hixenbough, Justin Smith, Emily Krout, Bailey Adams, & Clay Chapman

Five Whitfield & Murray high school seniors have received WMHS scholarships for 2015. These students were presented certificates at their schools' awards days. Each (OVER)

SCHOLARSHIPS (from front page) student received a check and a one-year membership in WMHS at the May 17 meeting. These students excel in many areas in their schools & communities.

Justin Smith, a senior at Murray County High School is the son of Dennis & Darlin Smith. His scholarship is in memory of James & Nell Ruth Loughridge.

The recipients of the Paul Ross Scholarships at North Murray High School are Bailey Adams, Clayton D. Chapman, & Jacob Hixenbaugh. Bailey is the son of Kenneth & Rachel Adams. Clay is the son of Rick & Melanie Chapman. Jacob is the son of Susan Hixenbaugh.

Emily is a senior at Northwest Whitfield High School & the daughter of Angela & Brad Smith. The scholarship is in memory of Dorothy Sapp Seaton.

Congratulations to these young historians!

HISTORICAL QUESTION #13

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.

The twelfth question appeared in the May newsletter: Where can you see the original center of Dalton that was laid out in 1847? The answer: The brass circle of nails in the foyer of the Dalton Depot Restaurant.

Here's question 13: Which Murray County post office community was first named Ramsey, GA? In those days before zip codes, the mail kept getting confused with another Georgia community also called Ramsey, so our town's name was changed to something else. What was it?

RECENT DONATIONS

For history camp

→ NGEMC Round-Up grant

For archives climate control

→ Northwest Ga. Community Foundation

To the general fund

Daniel Harkleroad, Marcia Kendrick, Jan McNeill, Ellen Thompson, Bruce Davies, Joann Anderson Warmack, Woody Glenn, Patty Spanjer, Willena Wilbanks, Tim Howard, & Jarrod Hayes.

To the archives

→ Ann Clarke donated office supplies.

→ Linda Mizzell donated her collection of *Everton's Genealogical Helper*.

→ Ann Sanders donated colonel dress & cap costume for period events.

→ Tim Howard donated issues of *Georgia Backroads* magazine.

→ Sheila Clark donated two framed photos of the Crown Cotton Mill & employees + *Images of Dalton*.

→ Lois Robinson donated photos of her Morris Street School 3rd grade classes & 1965 Antioch School yearbook.

To the Huff House

→ Five large display cases from Dalton Area Convention and Visitors Bureau.

→ Peacock camelback sofa & wing chair, two large pieces of framed art from Tricia & Wm. Edwards.

→ Victorian arm chair & framed picture from Kathryn Puryear.

→ Antique vases & pillow from Brenda Griffin.

→ Curved blue damask Victorian sofa, antique pine rope bed & bedding from Kathryn Sellers.

→ Vase & flowers from Betsy McArthur.

→ Monetary donation from Dr. Charles Smith.

→ Monetary donation for new roof; landscaping labor & plants from the Willard Strain Foundation.

→ Bedside table & lamp, framed print, several decorative pieces, Harper's *Pictorial History of Atlanta Campaign* from Nancy Strain.

→ Chest, two dressers, buffet, four chairs, & two mirrors from Nancy & Steve Williams.

→ Antique pump organ from Nancy Whitfield.

→ Carpet from Randy Beckler.

→ Plumbing work & replacing sump pump from Nathan Burnette.

→ Installing carpet & refinishing floor from Marvin Sowder.

→ Installing lights by Bucky McCamy.

→ Plumbing work by Byron Duckett.

→ Custom-printed note cards with Huff House photo by Susan Lama & the Paper Princess.

→ Settee, coffee table, dining table, & banquet ends loaned by Betty Sponcler & Bill Bowen.

THANKS TO

* VOLUNTEERS AT CHATSWORTH DEPOT'S AMERICANA MUSIC SERIES:

Tom Brown, Dennis Cherry, Chatsworth Ford, Pizza King, Tom Ramsey, Robert Cyphers, Dan Sluder Trio, Mountain Creek House Fire (Robert Lovett/Pattee Wilbanks), Murray County Library, Chatsworth Depot Committee, & Ted Yarbrough.

* **New docents for our Murray County sites:** Brandon Headrick, Gayle Johnson, Lilly Cloer, Alison Parker, Macy Briley, Linsey Briley, Ted Yarbrough, Jodi Lowery, Katherine Baxter, and Carolyn Martin. Half these docents are high school & college students!

* **Mr. Billy Steele & the Murray High Metals Fabrication classes** who completed a project making the gate to the Moravian Spring more secure.

* **Thanks to all of YOU, our donors**, the spring rummage sale yielded over \$2,500! Other community organizations benefitted, too. We donated unsold items to the Salvation Army, Little Local Libraries, & the Habitat for Humanity Restore. It's not too soon to drop off unneeded items for the next Christmas sale or rummage sale. Tax-donation forms are always available.

* **Thank you to the following rummage sale workers:** Chairman Nellena Smith, Flora Caldwell, Viviian Chance, Ann Compton, Ann Cook, Dorothy Gray, Sherrian Hall, T. J. Hall, Donna Ivester, Virgelia Meek, Anne Monk, Paula Morrow, Ann Pate, Jackie Pope, Louise Smith, Marvin Sowder, & Ellen Thompson. A big thanks, too, to our executive director, Jennifer Detweiler, for all her help.

* **Thanks to Caravan volunteers:** @CGA - Sheila Clark, Lois Krantz, Virgelia Meek, Flora Caldwell, Nellena Smith. @Hamilton House - Bruce Davies, Marsha Whitener.

In Memory

* The family of Donley Horace Marble of Floydada, TX, who was instrumental in the preservation of the Bradley Cemetery in Dalton, passed away February 10, 2015. He was 82 years old.

* The family of Stuart McFarland of Dalton.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

James & Ann Brownlee - Dalton, GA
Moquita McCranie - Chatsworth, GA
Marcia Kendrick - Chatsworth, GA
Paul & Jan Anderson - Cohutta, GA
David, Pam, & Jim Loughridge - Chatsworth
Sheila Clark - Lakeland, FL
Elizabeth A. Crockett - Dalton, GA
Anne Sane - Dalton, GA
Mary Ellen Clark - Tallahassee, FL
Linda Whittle - Dalton, GA
David & Hui Bryant - Dalton, GA
Melinda Baker - Tunnel Hill, GA
Nathan Lents Family - Eton, GA
Brandon Headrick - Crandall, GA
Linsey Briley - Chatsworth, GA
Macy Briley - Chatsworth, GA
Emily Krout - Rocky Face, GA
Clayton Chapman - Dalton, GA
Bailey Adams - Chatsworth, GA
Jacob Hixenbaugh - Chatsworth, GA
Justin Smith - Chatsworth, GA

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