



# THE PEACOCK QUILL



WHITFIELD-MURRAY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MARCH 2014

**NEW HOURS**  
**at the Hamilton House!**  
Saturdays, 9:15-12:45  
Docent Christian Callahan  
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**RUMMAGE SALE**  
**Friday & Saturday**  
**May 2 & 3, 2014**  
at the archives  
Friday, 10:00-4:00  
Saturday, 9:00-12:00

## MOHAWK FOUNDATION SUPPORTS HUFF STUDY

The Mohawk Foundation is funding a professional study to evaluate the Huff House. The Ga. Trust for Historic Preservation will review & make suggestions to the WMHS board about the best use of the 1850s home. The Boring & Hill families donated the Huff House to WMHS in 2013.

Many thanks to the Borings, Hills & Mohawk Foundation for support of our local heritage!

**DO YOU HAVE HUFF HOUSE  
STORIES TO SHARE?**  
Email [wmhs@optilink.us](mailto:wmhs@optilink.us)  
or [ekthompson@optilink.us](mailto:ekthompson@optilink.us)  
or call 706-278-0217  
or 706-581-3173.

## IS YOUR FAMILY HISTORY ON FILE AT THE ARCHIVES?

If not, start today by sharing copies of basic information & photos. You can always add to your file at your convenience. We can make the necessary copies & scan photos. Help your descendants have an easier time tracing their family tree than you've had!

## RUMMAGE & XMAS ITEMS WELCOME YEAR-ROUND!

We can pick up if needed.



Tut McFarland

## MARCH MEETING WILL FEATURE TUT MCFARLAND

Tut McFarland will share family stories of Dalton at the Mar. 16 meeting at the archives. A Dalton native, Tut graduated from Dalton High School & LaGrange College where she majored in speech & theatre. She performed for several summers at the famed Barter Theatre in Virginia, taught private speech lessons, & then joined the faculty at Morris St. School where she taught third grade. A lifelong member of Dalton First United Methodist Church, Tut taught fifth grade Sunday School for 50 years! She has performed in numerous Dalton Little Theatre plays, is a member of Lesche & an active community volunteer.

## HISTORICAL QUESTION #5

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

Our fourth question appeared in the Jan. newsletter: How did Dalton get its present name? Dalton was named in honor of Captain Edward White's mother whose maiden name was Mary Dalton. Capt. White led the syndicate from New York that laid out the town along the railroad.

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## LOUGHRIDGE, McDANIEL CONTRIBUTED MUCH

by Tim Howard

WMHS recently lost two long-time members with the passing of Nell Ruth Loughridge & Henrietta McDaniel.

Nell Ruth was the last surviving leader of the "original" WMHS which organized to save the Vann House in the 1950s. Even though she was a young mother at the time, she was involved in those efforts including the dedication in 1958, & she eventually served as a president of the group. It was only natural then that she helped reactivate the Society in 1976. Over the next three decades, she was hostess for countless historical society events, coordinated a number of meetings & programs, & coordinated the refreshments for the dedication of the Old Methodist Church in 1979. It was that day she was first heard to remark that she just knew that when she got to heaven, St. Peter was bound to ask her to make some punch and cookies!

Nell Ruth served on the Murray County History Committee that published the Murray County Heritage book in 1987. In 1988 she was instrumental in organizing the Friends of the Vann House; she served as vice-chairman & as a trustee until 2006. She loved to meet & greet people at the Candlelight Tours! Nell Ruth was also a trustee for the Society, serving as trustee emerita at the time of her death.

Henrietta McDaniel was a mainstay of the WMHS for more than 30 years. She & her husband, Carlton, restored one of the most historic homes in Spring Place after a WMHS Holiday House next door; from then on, they did it all. They quickly became involved with the Old Spring Place Methodist Church project, helping coordinate the Spring Place Festival every year since its inception. With her excellent sewing & design skills, Henrietta was a natural for the Vann House Quilters group; her handi-

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**CONTRIBUTED**--continued from front-- work is on display in the Vann House today. She also volunteered at the Wright Hotel & often displayed her quilts as part of the annual Art Show at the Chatsworth Depot.

**QUESTION** --continued from front-- Here's question 5: Which three Murray County judges served "at home," then went on to state & federal judgeships? (See story in next column.)



**Interns David Dickie & Justin Deal work on a preservation project at the archives. The archival materials used are from a grant made by the Community Foundation of NW Ga.**

**CONDOLENCES TO . . .**

- The family of Henrietta Westmoreland McDaniel, longtime volunteer.
- The family of Nell Ruth Davis Loughridge, past president & trustee emerita.
- Dale Lowman & family in the death of Dale's mother, Mrs. Fay Shah.

**WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!**

- Sam Jonas - Centennial, CO
- Lowell Kirkman - Dalton, GA
- William McDaniel, Jr. -Dalton, GA
- Dewey Reams - Dalton, GA
- Annette L. Wood - Independence, CA
- Anita Saul Family - Dalton, GA
- Faith Ingle - Chatsworth, GA
- Jerry Trollinger - Dalton, GA
- Larry Brooks - Tunnel Hill, GA

**DONATIONS**

- *To WMHS:* M/M Roland Harbin, Jack Bandy, Anita Saul, Marc & Penny Carpenter, Joseph W. Reid, Elizabeth M. Hayes, Reece McWilliams & Jimmie Hair.
- *To Blunt House:* M/M John Simon, John T. Blunt, & M/M Warren Coppedge
- *To Thomas/Alderman scholarship fund:* Dr. Don Thomas.
- For publications in honor of Ellen Thompson by The Wallace Landry Foundation.

**HAVE COUPONS?**

**Office Depot, Staples & Big Lots? They are always welcome! We also recycle printer ink cartridges.**



**Hamilton House docent Christian Cunningham inspects textiles.**

**RECENT ACCESSIONS**

- Lenwile china bowl given by Mattie Lee Huff to Annette DeArmas for a wedding present.
- Tufted spread donated by Stan & Dana Easley.
- *On the Hill* book donated to CGA by Gail Mathews Pucci.
- *To Honor These Men & Going Back the Way They Came*, vintage advertisement fans & ViewMaster donated to CGA + vintage railroad scene fan to Chatsworth Depot by Ellen K. Thompson.
- Tufting & household items including old Dalton phone books donated by Betty Anderson.
- Advertising memorabilia & photo of parade from 1940s donated by Charles McClain.
- Thanks to Judge Charles A. Pannell, Jr. for a generous donation for the Murray County Courthouse portrait project underway in cooperation with the Murray County Clerk of Court Donna Flood & Sheriff Gary Langford's office. Pictures of past clerks will be placed in the courthouse, & pictures of former sheriffs will be placed in the new Murray County Jail. Judge Pannell also placed portraits of the three Murray Countians who served first in Murray County & then went on to state & federal positions. Special unveiling ceremonies are planned in the spring. Thanks to several of our members who have provided photographs, too.
- Thanks to Herman McDaniel & Billy & Joyce Townsend, we now have mannequins at the Chatsworth Depot featuring a conductor & an engineer in full L & N Railroad attire. Children enjoyed seeing them at the Christmas "Polar Express" event at the depot.
- Bruce Davies donated Moravian Diary on CD to CGA.
- Scott Stuart, general manager of Dalton Golf & Country Club, donated 54 chairs to the Huff House.

**MEMORIAL DONATIONS**

- *Loughridge Scholarship fund in Memory of Nell Ruth Loughridge:* Lamar Adams; Stephanie Brown; Mike, Susanne, Chris, Shea & Patrick Crow; Joe & Grace Davis; C. L. Dunn; Daniel Dunn; Lamar Dunn; Chatsworth First Baptist Church Unlimited Sunday School Class; Barbara, Bill, Angie & Will Grider; Vickie Hobbs; Glenda Houston; Sherwood Jones; Barbie Kendrick; Tommy, Mary & Nathan Kendrick; Todd Kenner, DVM; Starlin & Linda Kirby; Seth Kirby; Eva & Bruce Loughridge; Stacy L. Martin; Fred A. Mayfield; McDaniel Family; Mickey & Jan McNeill; Betty Mosteller; Allison Oxford; Judge & Mrs Charles Pannell; Huston, Buck & Mary Parson; Phenna Petty; Tom Peeples; Vickie Reed; Pat Ridley; Robinette Family; Brenda Sandlin; Sexton Family; Tom Starnes; Jim Wilbanks; Wm. W. Keith III; Patricia Stamps; Priscilla McRee; Tim Howard; Carolyn Martin; James R. Davis; William A Pannell, Ruth Ann Pannell, Joyce Mitchell, Murray Co. Schools Technology Dept., Kelli Kendrick, Linda Kirby, Jim Wilbanks, Jim & Karen Pannell.
- Tim Howard in memory of Joyce Farmer.
- Tim Howard & Carolyn Martin to Wright Hotel in memory of Henrietta McDaniel.
- Sandra Clark in memory of Reg Burnett.

**Emery Center Seeks Members, Support**

The Emery Center, local African-American museum located in the former Emery Street School, seeks members who support our local history. Individual memberships are \$25 per year to this non-profit, tax-deductible organization. Life memberships cost \$125. Checks may be mailed to P. O. Box 1831, Dalton, GA 30722.

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**Be sure to send MAIL to P.O. Box 6180!**

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