



THE PEACOCK QUILL



Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

MARCH 2015

CALENDAR

GENEALOGY WORKSHOP

Sat., Mar. 7, 2015, 9:00-4:30

Brick Walls Workshop

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

Crown Gardens & Archives

CALL TO REGISTER.

MARCH MEETING

Sun., Mar. 15, 2015, 2:30 p.m.

Crown Gardens & Archives

WEST GEORGIA TEXTILE HERITAGE TRAIL CONFERENCE

Th.-Fri., Mar. 19-20, 2015

Archives/Hamilton House/

Prater's Mill/Dalton Little Theatre/ Shaw Research & Development

RUMMAGE SALE

Fri., Apr 17, 2015, 10:00-4:00

Sat., Apr. 18, 2015, 9:00-12:00

DONATIONS WELCOME!

DOCENT TRAINING

Wright Hotel & Chatsworth Depot

Sat., May 2, 2015, 10:00-12:00

Meet at Wright Hotel

HUFF-A-BALOO

A festival to benefit the restoration of Huff House

314 Selvidge St., Dalton

Residence & headquarters of Gen.

Joseph E. Johnston

Sun., May 3, 2015, 12:00-6:00

WMHS CARAVAN

A Tour of WMHS Properties

Sat., May 9, 2015, 11:00-4:00

Visit the properties of your choice.

\$25 adults/\$15 students/under 10 free

Tickets in advance: \$20/\$10

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Order through amazonmile.com, & designate your order to benefit the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society!

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

MARCH MEETING FEATURES EFFECTS ON LOCAL FAMILIES DURING THE CIVIL WAR

The March meeting of the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society will be Sun., Mar. 15, 2:30 p.m., at the archives. Speaker Lee White will discuss the effects of the Civil War on local families.

William Lee White is a park ranger at the Chickamauga & Chattanooga National Military Park where he gives tours & programs at the Chickamauga & Lookout Mountain battlefields. He is the author of *Bushwhacking on a Grand Scale: The Battle of Chickamauga*, part of the Emerging Civil War Series, as well as several articles & essays on topics related to the western theater. He also edited *Great Things Are Expected of Us: The Letters of Colonel C. Irvine Walker, 10th South Carolina Infantry, CSA*. He also contributes to the Emerging Civil War blog on a regular basis.

McDANIEL ISSUES CHALLENGE GIFT

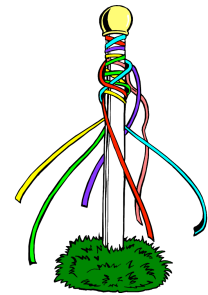
Member Herman McDaniel has made a \$500 "challenge gift" to the Chatsworth Depot fund to raise money for repairs to the building. Herman challenges other WMHS members & interested persons to contribute to the depot repairs.

KIDS' HISTORY CAMP PLANNED FOR JUNE

The Whitfield-Murray Historical Society will host a history camp for children ages 8-12 the week of June 22-26, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Campers will tour the area's noted historic sites & engage in fun activities hosted by each of the eight WMHS properties.

The cost of \$125 per camper includes bus transportation to the sites & drinks. Due to dietary restrictions, participants will provide their own lunches. A second camper from the same family may attend for \$100.

Sign-ups begin Mar. 16 & conclude May 29. Space will be limited by bus accommodations. Call the history center for more information: 706-278-0217.



HUFF-A-BALOO & CARAVAN OFFER SPRING VISITING OPPORTUNITIES

Two May events offer opportunities for area residents to visit WMHS properties. The Huff House will host a Huff-a-Baloo on Sun., May 3, noon until 6:00 p.m. with a variety of activities for the whole family, including horse & carriage rides, maypole dance, games, food & music. All eight WMHS properties will be open on Sat., May 9, 11:00-4:00, for a Caravan. Tickets may be purchased in advance at the archives.

WMHS HOSTS TEXTILE TRAIL CONFERENCE

The University of West Georgia's annual Textile Heritage Trail (THT) conference will be held in Dalton this year, & the event will be hosted by the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society. Scholars who are members of the THT will attend the conference at various sites—the archives, Hamilton House, Prater's Mill & Shaw Industries Research & Development.

Trustees Judy Alderman & Ellen Thompson have worked with the University of West Ga. to facilitate the conference, assisted by Debby Long of the CVB, Bradley Putnam, Randy Beckler & the archives committee. We welcome the THT scholars to our corner of the state!

DOCENTS SOUGHT FOR HOTEL & DEPOT

The Wright Hotel & Chatsworth Depot committees are looking for new docents to help with the Second Saturday openings this summer. We will have docent training for both places on **Saturday, May 2 from 10-12**. Everyone should meet at the Hotel. Anyone interested should contact Tim at howardtim@windstream.net or call 706-695-2740.

RECENT DONATIONS

** In memory of Phill Conley by Sherrian Hall & Ellen Thompson.

** In honor of Ellen Thompson by the Wallace Landry Family Foundation.

** Quentin Bramblett of Dalton donated a hand-made crocheted bedspread to the Wright Hotel in memory of his wife, Katie.

** Willis Treadwell shared a collection of family photos with the Old Spring Place Methodist Church archives.

** Larry & Betty Swanson donated a collection of historic newspapers & a 1920's Murray County tax digest to the Old Spring Place Methodist Church archives--along with "Bruiser," the name students gave to long-time Spring Place Elementary principal Carl L. Davis's paddle! It seems that Mr. Davis used the paddle on Larry so much that he gave it to Larry when he retired! It must have helped since Larry went on to spend many years in law enforcement! The paddle will soon be displayed in the Davis room of the old church.

** Jim & Nancy Bland made a very generous year-end gift to WMHS to help with the repairs at Crown Gardens & Archives. Residents of Atlanta, the Blands also own Carter's Quarter in Murray County & have been long-time supporters of the Historical Society. Nancy is a trustee emerita.

** Paul & Glenda Houston, members & friends from Knoxville, TN, donated items for the Old Spring Place Methodist Church archives as well as "treasures" for the next flea market!

** Mrs. Peggy Davis of Spring Place allowed us to copy her collection of Spring Place candid photos made during her school days around 1948-50. They will be archived at the Old Spring Place Church.

** Ellen K. Thompson donated historic documents to CGA.

** Wes Henderson donated materials & labor for new floor in workroom at CGA.

** Bradley Putnam donated Putnam family genealogy book.

** Teddy Walters donated labor for repairs to Hamilton House.

** Gene Quarles donated labor to fix furnace at CGA.



Volunteer Rebel Burton helps at the archives.

** Garrett Beaver donated his grandmother's sewing machine.

** Contributors to the General Fund included Jeff Thomas, Gene & Kay Henderson, Tom & Martha Minor, Bob & Linda Baker, Hunter Cox, Ellen K. Thompson, Loretta Coker, Sue Phelps, Brooks & Glenda Rizer, Morehouse Group P.C., Virgelia Meek, Sherri Leland, Virginia Stephenson, Breana Goodwin, Dewey & Susan Reams, Carlton McDaniel, Joann A. Warmack, Julian & Anita Saul, Mary M. Brown, Frances B. Anderson, & Kelley & Flora Caldwell.

** Marvin Sowder donated to the Chandler/Sowder Scholarship Fund.

** Judy Alderman donated to the Alderman/Thomas Scholarship Fund.

** Joan McGovern donated DAR magazines to CGA.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

* Jim & Rhonda Wilbanks - Cohutta, GA

CONDOLENCES TO . . .

* The family of Ethel Sumner. Ethel was a member of the Blunt House committee.

HISTORICAL QUESTION #11

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 tenth question appeared in the Jan. newsletter: What two Dalton homes were used as General Joseph E. Johnston's headquarters while the Confederate army was encamped in this area during the winter of 1863-64? Answer: The Tibbs House & the Huff House. The Tibbs House stood on N. Hamilton St. & was torn down in the 1960s. The Huff House still stands on Selvide St. & is owned by WMHS.

Here's question 11: What Murray Co. community was once called Whip, GA?

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They are always welcome!

We also recycle printer ink cartridges.

THANKS, VOLUNTEERS!

Martha Minor, Mary Hardin, Ellen Thompson, Rebel Burton, Ryan Burns, Gene Quarles, Marvin Sowder, Bruce Davies, Sherrian Hall, P. J. Hall, Routh Cline.



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