



THE PEACOCK QUILL



Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

NOVEMBER 2014

CHRISTMAS SALE

Fri., Nov. 7, 10:00-4:00
Sat., Nov. 8, 10:00-12:00
at the archives

NOVEMBER MEETING

Sun., Nov. 9, 2014, 2:30 p.m.
The Huff House
314 Selvidge Street

JANUARY MEETING

Sun., Jan. 18, 2015, 2:30 p.m.
Old Spring Place Methodist Church
2014 REPORTS FROM
ALL COMMITTEES

"Our greatest responsibility
is to be good ancestors."

--Jonas Salk

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!

Please share your family research or articles of interest on Whitfield & Murray county history.

RUMMAGE & XMAS ITEMS WELCOME YEAR-ROUND!

We can pick up if needed.

HAVE COUPONS?

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

NOV. MEETING FEATURES MOHR'S SELVIDGE STREET STORIES



The November meeting of the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society will be Sun., Nov. 9, 2:30 p.m., at the Huff House, 314 Selvidge St., Dalton. The program will feature Mary Jane Hamilton Mohr, author of *Selvidge Street Stories*.

Selvidge Street is one of the oldest residential streets in Dalton, & Mohr's mother lived there for eighty-two years. Mohr is a retired teacher, librarian & nurse. After living in different parts of the country, she moved back to Dalton with her husband David. Her mother encouraged Mary Jane to write the stories to be recorded & shared with future generations. The stories are a collection of memories from Mary Jane's mother, her grandmother & herself. Copies of her book will be for sale after the program.

ARE YOU AN AMAZON CUSTOMER?

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

ARCHIVES RECOVERING FROM FLOOD & TREE DAMAGES

The archives suffered a double whammy recently when flood waters were followed by a large tree falling on the meeting room. However, due to volunteer efforts, donations & good insurance coverage (tree, not flood), the archives is recovering. Please be patient as we work to make the archives even better. Donations are still welcome!



A recent photo of the meeting room shows the roof & ceiling damages.

TUT TRIBUTES WILL IMPROVE ARCHIVES LIBRARY

What a wonderful tea recently celebrated Tut McFarland's contributions to our area history! Many thanks to Bob Shaw for his generosity hosting the event & to Mary Hardin for coordinating it.

The WMHS board has voted to name the archives library in Tut's honor. Honoraria in recognition of Tut will help fund library restoration from the flood & add enhancements. Donors may mail checks to WMHS at P. O. Box 6180 & earmarked for the library.

GIBBONS BOOKS AVAILABLE AT ARCHIVES

Author Faye Junkins Gibbons' new book, *Halley*, is available at the archives for \$20. Gibbons was born in Murray Co. & grew up in Whitfield Co. Her books contain elements of her childhood in both counties. *Halley* includes tufting, the CCC & other Depression-era topics!

HISTORICAL QUESTION #9

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 eighth question appeared in the Sept. newsletter: What two Dalton homes were used as hospitals during the Civil War? (Hint: WMHS owns these houses today.) Answer: The Hamilton House & the Blunt House.

Here's question #9: It might have been the first north Georgia case of "urban sprawl," but what present day Murray County city incorporates the much older towns/post offices of Dunn and Pleasant Valley?

Sympathy Is Extended

Condolences to Judge Jim Wilbanks in the death of his father, John Wilbanks of Spring Place. Mr. Wilbanks was the last surviving Spring Place city councilman from the days when Spring Place was incorporated. He was an original member of the Old Spring Place Methodist Church Restoration Committee in 1977 and watched over the building faithfully for many years. He also assisted with the Spring Place Festival, the Spring Place Historic District National Register nomination, and served on the Spring Place Historic Township.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

- Ann Clarke - Tunnel Hill, GA
- Margaret Herrin - Tunnel Hill, GA
- Carey Craig - Dalton, GA
- Nancy & Lester Strain – Dalton, GA



RECENT DONATIONS

- * A subscription to *The Daily Citizen* has been provided free of charge to WMHS. Thank you to publisher William Bronson & all our friends at the *Citizen*!
- Joanne Lewis--flood repair fund.
- Bob Shaw sponsored the High Tea Event honoring Tut McFarland.
- Conway Gregory his complete collection of the *Quarterly* journals, *Confederate Veteran* magazines, papers on family & Sumach Presbyterian Church. He also donated 16 copies of his book, *A Presbytery Called Chattanooga* for the archives to sell.
- Michael Cole donated the source materials and a copy of Ruth McGill's book, *James F. McGill, 1848-1924*.

In Honor of Tut McFarland

- Bill Bowen
- Carey Craig
- Tim Howard
- Tonia Kendrick
- Judy Love Joyce

The above donations will benefit the archives library.

MEMORIAL DONATIONS

- Ellen Thompson to Hamilton House in memory of Dorothy Leonard & Frances Whitener.

NEEDED

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THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Thanks to all the members who worked at the Wright Hotel, Chatsworth Depot & the Section House during the Black Bear Festival. Also, the "Wash Day" display of laundry items donated to the Hotel by Carlton McDaniel was unveiled!

WMHS appreciates the volunteers who recently helped with flood & tree recovery &/or worked at our Prater's Mill booth: Randy Beckler, Rebel Burton, Flora Caldwell, Kelly Caldwell, Marc Carpenter, Ann Clarke, Routh Cline, Phill Conley, Bruce Davies, Mary Fair, Evan Hall, Sherrian Hall, Zeb Henderson, Margaret Herrin, Jane Meeks, Larry Meeks, Deborah Pritchett, Nellena Smith, Marvin Sowder, Ellen Thompson, Marcelle White, Mike White, & Tisha White.

WE ALWAYS WELCOME QUARTERLY SUBMISSIONS.

Family history & local history articles are encouraged.

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