



THE PEACOCK QUILL



Whitfield-Murray Historical Society

SEPTEMBER 2014

SEPTEMBER MEETING

Sun., Sept. 21, 2014
The Emery Center
2:30 p.m.

PRATER'S MILL COUNTRY FAIR

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 11 & 12, 2014
Visit the WMHS booth!

CHATSWORTH BLACK BEAR FESTIVAL

Sat. & Sun., Oct. 18 & 19, 2014

CHRISTMAS SALE

Fri., Nov. 7, 10:00-4:00
Sat., Nov. 8, 9:00-12:00

"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 to 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.

PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE OF EMERY CENTER IS FOCUS OF SEPT. MEETING



A local teacher recently toured the Emery Center with her students. Here she & a student view exhibits in the "From Civil War to Civil Rights" room.

The next meeting of the Whitfield-Murray Historical Society will be Sun., Sept. 21, 2:30 p.m., at the Emery Center, 110 W. Emery St., Dalton. The program will be "The Emery Center—Past, Present & Future." Tours of the historic school will also be available after the meeting.

HISTORICAL QUESTION #8

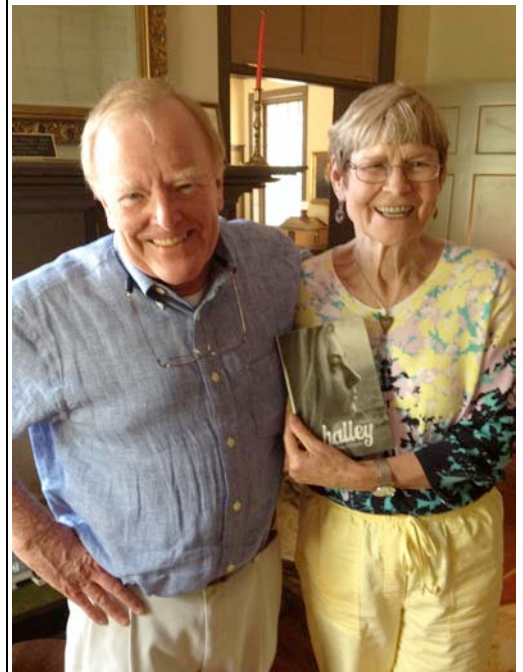
In each newsletter, we ask a question about local history. To check your accuracy (or to find the answer!), just go to our website: www.whitfield-murrayhistoricalsociety.org.

The seventh question appeared in the May newsletter: In Murray County's earliest days, the suggestion was made to rename Spring Place in honor of a U.S. Secretary of War. Who was he? Here's question #8: What two Dalton homes were used as hospitals during the Civil War? (Hint: WMHS owns these houses today.)

NEEDED

eBay-savvy volunteer.
Call 706-278-0168.

AUTHOR VISITS SPRING PLACE, HAMILTON HOUSE



Hamilton House chair Bruce Davies welcomed author Faye Junkins Gibbons on Sun., Aug. 17. Here Gibbons displays her new book, *Halley*, which was sold at Hamilton House & at the Spring Place Festival on Sat., Aug. 16. Gibbons was born in Murray Co. & grew up in Whitfield Co. Her books contain elements of her childhood in both counties. Read about tufting, the CCC & other Depression-era topics! Copies of *Halley* are available at the archives for \$20.

WE ALWAYS WELCOME QUARTERLY SUBMISSIONS.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Carolyn Davis - Dalton, GA
Andrew Wood - Dalton, GA
Ted Yarborough - Chatsworth, GA



HERRIN SIBLINGS DONATE STARR DESKSET

Siblings Margaret & Hassell Herrin recently donated a family treasure to WMHS. Their mother, Margaret Sprayberry Herrin, was friends with local physician Trammell Starr. Her work with social services often meshed with the doctor's practice. Upon Dr. Starr's death, his family gave Mrs. Herrin the doctor's deskset. Since Dr. Starr (1888-1971) was such an outstanding citizen who contributed much to the quality of life in this area, WMHS is honored to have the deskset. Many a prescription was written with that pen! Thank you, Margaret & Hassell!

RECENT ACCESSIONS

- Bruce Broadrick brought in pharmacy photos & receipts to scan.
- Tim Howard donated his collection of *North GA Journal*, *GA Backroads* & *GA Journal* to CGA library, plus old GA road maps.
- Ellen Thompson donated *The Valley Point High School Years, 1933-75* for CGA library & maps of Whitfield County.
- Randy Beckler donated old Whitfield County stamps from tax assessor's office.
- Leigh Gable donated antique farm tools.
- Mary Rogers Hardin donated four vintage pillows.
- Tim Smith donated memorabilia from Virgil T. Smith's days as GA Representative

- Hassell Herrin & Margaret Herrin donated Dr. Trammell Starr's pen set.
- Mike Ritchie donated two hoop tufting setups, including yarn & needle guns.
- To the Old Spring Place Church: Mrs. Lois Robinson, Mr. Herman McDaniel, Fort View Cleaners, Carlton's Pharmacy, Earl Coker, Carlos & Eva Cortes & Tony's Colorful Cuts. Other items: Carlton McDaniel, Civil War maps of Murray County; Sherry Willis Scott, music & school books; Civil Defense uniforms, certificates & other memorabilia from the Charlene Lawless family.
- To the Chatsworth Depot: Don Ritchie, railroad lanterns & a "switch lock;" Michael Brock, a bedroom suite from the Old Pickering Apartments in Chatsworth, in memory of his grandmother Aileen Kilgore & his mother Sheila Campbell; Carey Mitchell, an original deed to the Chatsworth Land Company (1905).
- To the Wright Hotel: Susan Ritchie, a pair of antique lamps, her grandmother's high chair & doll (still in its original dress) from c. 1903; Melissa Snead, an antique apron.

COMMENT FROM A RECENT DONOR

WMHS recently enjoyed this comment from a donor: "We're down-sizing, & my husband & I need to get rid of some items. There are a number of places I could've called, but I chose to call the historical society. You all do such good work for our community!" Our volunteers picked up a treasure-trove of items. Some can be used at our properties, & others can be sold at one of our annual sales. The donors received a tax-donation letter.

The next time you're cleaning out, remember to call or email WMHS! We can arrange pickup if needed.

Symphathy Is Extended to . . .

- Member Skip Cox whose son, Mike Cox, passed away recently.
- Member Joyce Wilbanks whose husband, Garvin, passed away recently

RECENT DONATIONS

- * **In memory of** Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowen by Nellena Smith.
- * **In honor of** Tim Howard to Paul Ross Scholarship Fund by Sandra Clark.
- * **In honor of** retiring Varnell Elementary teachers Rebecca Giles & Beth Smith by Nellena Smith.



THANKS TO BOOK SALE DONORS & HELPERS!

Thanks to everyone who donated books during the past year. The recent book sale netted needed funds & helped clear out storage space. Much appreciation is extended to folks who helped set up & work during the sale: Ann Cook, Joy Frerichs, Mary Hardin, Donna Ivester, Betsy McArthur, Dot McCrory, Ann Millican, Paula Morrow, Ann Pate, Louise Smith, Nellena Smith, Patti Spanjer & chair Ellen Thompson. Leftovers were donated to the Spring Place sale, Dalton Regional Library & the Little Lending Libraries. It is rewarding to be part of a community that works together.

Recent Volunteers at CGA: Phill Conley, Christian Cunningham, Caroline Gossett, Marcelle White & Beverly Rice.

Thanks to all the WMHS folks who supported Vann House Days, volunteered at the Spring Place Festival & are making the Second Saturday openings at the Wright Hotel & the Chatsworth Depot possible!



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