



## Macon County

# ECHOES

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### PENDERGRASS LETTERS

*Continuing our salute to the Pendergrass Family during this 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary year of the Pendergrass Building that houses the Macon County Historical Museum, this edition of "Echoes" features more Pendergrass letters. Letters are copied as written.*

To Broadie & Marie

Franklin, N. C.  
Oct. 12, 1914

My dear boy:-

I will try and write you a few lines this morning, but as usual I have nothing new to tell you. We are all well, I had a headache last night, but my cold is about well, and I am feeling alright, only so nervous. Cecil has taken another notion to leave home, and he and Grady Ray are talking of going to Pensacola, N.C. next week, to see if there is a good opening for a store. He says if he goes, he will come by and see you and sister. He is so restless he don't know what he wants. [Editor's note: Pensacola is a small community in Yancey County south of Burnsville at the east foot of Mt. Mitchell. One route there would have been through Mars Hill, then east to Yancey County.]

I did not order my chickens as I intended, for times are so hard, it looks like foolishness to pay so much and eggs only 10¢. I have ten or twelve doz. Now, but I am not going to sell till they go up.

Well, we have new neighbors in the jail now. Arthur Pannell moved in Tuesday. He married Callie Hall. Julia is living with them.

Mr. Munday told Papa yesterday that Mrs. Munday was nearly dead, and he was going to have her brought here and put in the hospital. Mrs. Addington will go to Tenn. and stay with the children. She has been in bed for several months.

"Shug" Ramsey died Tuesday he has been sick a long time and old Mrs. Mincey (Bertha's grandmother) died the same day. Bertha and Jessie were here one evening this week, they say they are going to have the biggest commencement that has ever been in Franklin. They will have four days of it.

School will be out April 23.

I guess the goods will be in today – but if Cecil leaves I don't know how he will manage it.

Well, Broadie I intended writing you a long letter but I am so nervous I cant spell or write, so will close for this time. Write when you can.

Give my love to sister, and réserve a portion for yourself.

Lovingly  
Mama

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At Home  
Sunday After Dinner

Franklin, N. C.  
Jan. 17, 1915

My Little Darling Kittie Bug,

When I came to the house last night from the store, I found lying on the fire board in dining room two really sweet letters from Broadie and you. Supper was ready, but I read before I ate that one time. When through reading, I said to Mummie, these letters are satisfactory. She said, "all except that crick in Broadie's neck. He had the same about this time last year and afterwards went to school only a few days more." I hope his neck and shoulder are well by this time. I hope you got along well on examination yesterday and can go on and complete it this Spring. Babe, that is the best thing to do, if you can, and I do hope you can alright. Here are some of the ideas in your letter that sounded mighty good to me, "well of a bad cold, over homesick, can eat well, expect to take examination in Algebra, ran for secretary, getting along fine, don't worry about Broadie and me" &c. Such ideas are pretty enough to be read in a King's home. It seems like you and Broadie are getting started into your classes now, like I wanted you to do. If you and he can be patient and keep in a good humor, it does look like you both will do better this term. You must keep yourselves warm and well. All three of us boys went to Sunday School and preaching this morning. Aunt Eliza had dinner ready when we got back. After dinner I fed the pigs and helped Mummie get the eggs. Some days she gathers over a dozen eggs. The chickens are fat and pretty. We got twenty five cents a dozens for eggs, till yesterday, then the price fell to twenty cents, chickens are 10 ct a lb. Mummie is

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**MUSEUM HOURS**

From November through April the museum is open Monday - Friday, from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., (and other times by appointment) unless otherwise posted.

From May 1 through the month of October, the Historical Museum is open Tuesday - Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday from 1-5 p.m.

If special assistance is desired at other times, please, contact the director at 828-524-9758

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

**CHRISTMAS WAS GREAT!!**

The smiling faces of children, the joyous strains of holiday music, the wonderful smell of goodies baking, the excitement in the air created by the hustle and bustle of the season ... made this such a special time of year.

We got a great start on the season on Friday night, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>, with the town's celebration of Winter Wonderland. Our museum was decked out with toys and decorations to excite the little child in all of us. Our visitors purchased handcrafted decorations from our Christmas tree. Lots of children dropped in to decorate cookies and make snowflakes, while they and their folks enjoyed a cup of hot cider. Everyone enjoyed music from carolers on Decembers 3<sup>rd</sup> and from the Mud River Ramblers on December 10<sup>th</sup>. And if you were lucky you might have gotten a kiss under the mistletoe.

Thank to the hardworking folks like Hal and Gail Chapman and their committees for making downtown Franklin THE place to be during Winter Wonderland.

Now that the holidays have passed, it is not too late to reserve your copy of "Then and Now: and pick up a gift certificate for your someone special for Valentine's Day, especially with the extension of the special pre-publication price to February 10<sup>th</sup>.

As we enter the new year, let us reflect upon preserving memories of the past and starting traditions that our children and grandchildren will want to preserve for their families in the future.

Wishing your and yours the most Blessed New Year!

Gloria Owenby  
President

**CHECK YOUR MAILING LABEL!**  
If the number beside your name ends in any number lower than 5, your membership is expired. Renew now to keep Echoes coming!

## MEMBERS

*The following have renewed membership or joined as new members (N) of the Macon County Historical Society since the last issue of "Echoes." As always, your support is greatly appreciated.*

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## QUERIES

Buena Winchester, 370 Bryson Branch Road, Bryson City, NC. 28713-9791, telephone 828-488-3029, would like to purchase a copy of *Heritage of Macon County, Vol. I*. Please contact her if you know of a volume for sale.

Deanne Gibson-Roles, PO Box 488, Candler, NC 28715 (e-mail deegib@aol.com) is interested in information regarding the John Alexander Baldwin and Samuel & Elizabeth Hensley Wilson Families. Also have information to share on the Murray and Edwards families.

Kelly Thompson, (e-mail shor\_t7@hotmail.com) 12125 Fountainbrook Blvd. #114, Orlando, FL 32825, is interested in the Joseph Roper family who lived in Burningtown in the 1870s and 1880s. Joseph was the son of John N. and Margaret Roper. Margaret was a widow by 1870. Joseph and wife Esther (maiden name unknown) had three known children: Maggie P., John W., and Wilburn Roper. The family appears to have moved to Fannin County, GA by the late 1880s (Maggie was married there in 1889.) If you have any information on this family, please contact Kelly.

Are you interested in a research trip to SCOTLAND in summer of 2005? Gary McElroy

of Asheville is organizing a trip if enough interest is shown. Gary visited Scotland last summer (2004) and decided to go back on a research trip and take others who might also want to research. See the information on page 23.

## DONATIONS

Carroll Moore of Shelby has donated 40 copies of his book, A List of Confederate Soldier from Macon County, NC for sale in our bookstore with all proceeds going to the Historical Society.

Richard and Melissa Jones donated a plexiglass showcase to the Museum.

Clarie Snipes donated an original painting by Michael Rogers.

Reed Henson loaned Civil War Era costumes and memorabilia for our Confederate window display.

John Ward loaned the 1940-1950 era reproduction tricycle and pedal car for our Christmas window display.

Members of the Macon County Arts Council donated their time to carol for us at the Winter Wonderland on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>. They were led by Bobbie Contino

The Mud River Ramblers donated their time to play wonderful music for us at the Winter Wonderland on Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>.

Jo Ann Thornton has loaned lamps, mantle, quilts, tables, etc. for our window displays.

Delores J. Beamish donated an original copy of the October 8, 1964 issue of the Franklin Press.

Doyle Clark has donated old Macon County Jail key. (See story coming in the March issue Echoes.)

Roy Ramsey donated three pieces of Staurolite

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Edith Shuler January 16<sup>th</sup>!

A belated Happy 102<sup>nd</sup> Birthday to Lolita Dean!

A belated Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to  
Faye Duvall Owenby!

*(Editor's note: If you know of a senior citizen who is celebrating a milestone birthday, please notify us!)*

## A SPECIAL THANK YOU

A very special thank you to the volunteers who helped make Winter Wonderland such a success: Vicki Carter Tallent, Mary Lou Rollins, Fred Plesner, Hannah Gillespie, Mitzi Mazzilli, Gloria Owenby, and to all the volunteers who donated cookies and cider.

## News from Macon's Past

*In this issue we are including items of interest from The Franklin Press, W. A. Curtis, editor, in some of the February, March, November, and December 1902 issues. (The 1904-1905 issues of the Press are not available.) Articles are copied as originally written. The paper was published every Wednesday. A twelve month subscription was \$1.20, six months was 60 cents, single issues were 5 cents, and obituaries were 5 cents per line.*

### November 26, 1902

#### From the "Editorial" Column

Two of the preachers of the Western North Carolina Conference were put on trial at conference for immorality. We trust the charges against them are untrue, for the influence of such practices among the clergy, if true, is very injurious to the cause of christianity.

#### Cartoogechaye

On the 27<sup>th</sup> of November there will be given at the new Crawford Schoolhouse, on Cartoogechaye, a public supper, the proceeds to be used toward furnishing the house. Lunches will be sold in paper pokes at ten cents each. There will also be coffee and cake at additional cost. We hope a large crowd will be there, and we mean to show our appreciation by giving them something good to eat. After supper Mr. F. H. Nolen will entertain the people with his humorous lecture on "Phunny Phases of Backwoods Life". It is a lecture given by Mr. Nolen in several towns in Fla., in 1896.

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#### Death of a Young Lady

Miss Minnie Campbell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Campbell of Iotla, died Friday morning at 2 o'clock of typhoid fever. She was aged about 24 years.

### December 3, 1902

#### Local Snapshots

- Miss Florence Curtis returned home from Sylva last Wednesday.
- Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Thomas returned Friday from their trip to Atlanta.
- Sam L. Rogers and Jno. O. Harrison arrived home Wednesday evening in time to do justice to Thanksgiving dinners.
- With Thanksgiving Day came a pretty brisk sprinkling of snow. The mountains were covered by evening with a blanket of white which remained part of next day though the sun shone brightly. The day was just like Thanksgiving Day thirteen years ago - in 1889.
- The weather has been precarious, or strenuous, since Sunday.

- Mr. Geo. R. Patton killed two Berkshire pigs last week, 15 months old, that weighed 738 pounds.
- The roads will simply be "awful" as they have been every winter heretofore, till spring comes again.
- Register of Deeds Blaine reports that for the fiscal year ending Nov. 30, 1902, he issued 102 marriage licenses.
- The vote for Solicitor of this district was as follows: T. D. Bryson, 5696; F.P. Axley, 4899; Bryson's majority, 797.
- Max Deitz, a former Jew merchant of our town, appeared smilingly in town last Friday morning after several months absence.
- Max Deitz, the Jew, is opening up a stock of clothing in the little building alongside the Higdon brick store.
- The new board of County Commissioners, J. C. Wright, G. W. Parrish, and J. A. Waldrop, were sworn in Monday, and organized by electing J. C. Wright, chairman.
- Mr. A. L. Welch, of Anderson, S.C., after a week spent visiting relatives here, left for his home last Saturday, taking Mrs. T.P. Shepherd, his sister, with him to spend the winter in "God's Country."
- The Carolina Locust Pin and Mica Company, whose headquarters are here, had the misfortune to get one of their pin factories burned last Saturday morning. It was located on Persimmon in Rabun County, Ga. A car load of finished pins was also destroyed. The loss was from \$1200 to \$1500.
- Max Deitz, the Jew, is opening up a stock of clothing in the little building alongside the Higdon brick store.
- We were shown some ripe strawberries yesterday that were picked Sunday, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> [?] on the place of Mr. Baz. Vanhook on Ellijay. (Editor's note: in 1902, Nov. 29<sup>th</sup> was on Saturday.)
- The United States District court convened at Asheville last Monday. We notice that the names of Harvey Ray, W. W. Higdon and Rufus Cloer appear in the list of jury No. 2, and that Theo Munday, and Barak Wright are extra jurors.
- Mr. H. H. Jarrett, member elect of the Legislature, has called a meeting of the citizens of Macon to assemble in the Courthouse on Saturday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>, to consult with regard to such legislation as is wanted or needed at the next session.
- Fresh City Sodas and Uneeda Biscuit just received at Smith's.
- Elwin Passmore, of Boston, arrived here Saturday, and is stopping at Hotel Jarrett.

#### Keener - Jones

Mr. Charles V. Jones and Miss Ella Keener were married at the residence of the bride's father on the night of the 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1902. Both the bride and groom are very young for the life they have encountered upon, but it hoped they will make a success in life, live long, and be happy.

(News from Macon's past - continued)  
December 10, 1902

### Local Snapshots

- The mountains were covered with snow again this Friday morning.
- A 12-pound ham of pork will pay for the Press one whole year. Bring in the ham.
- Why does a horse eat grass backward and a cow forward?
- Miss Bessie Allman left last week for Alabama on visit to her brother and her other relatives.
- Miss Laura Bryson has a position as a teacher at Williamston, Martin county, N. C., where she will greet the Press as a welcome weekly visitor.
- Some of our local lawyers were surprised to learn a few days ago that the Press job office is prepared to print supreme court briefs and cases in first class style.
- Mr. N. L. Barnard sold a Red Polled heifer calf, aged 11 months, for \$125 a few days ago. He has sold 12 heifer calves aged four to six months for \$300.
- A new and handsome monument has recently been placed in the Sloan family plot in the cemetery at the Methodist church. It is of variegated marble and was put up by the Cherokee Marble Works of Murphy, N. C. by their gentlemanly agent, Mr. J. L. Abernathy.
- A new supply of ladies skirt and waist patterns just in, at 50 cts. to \$1.00 per yard at Wright & Robinson's.
- A few copies of Rev. Irl R. Hicks' Almanac for 1903 can be had at this office for 30 cents per copy.
- Mr. Lee Crawford has a Red Polled cow, aged 4 years and 6 months, and she and her offspring have sold for the amount of \$575.
- The new books for the Library have been received. The Library will be open on Wednesday and Saturday evenings from 2 to 4 o'clock.
- Mr. R. Furman Jarrett took charge of the postoffice here last week as postmaster. Mr. H. H. Jarrett, who was elected to the legislature, resigned as postmaster, and Furman was appointed in his stead.

### Railroad News

The railroad is completed except the bridges and Captain Walker is pushing the work right along on them.

The piers in the Tallulah river are nearing completion. The spans will be 125 feet long.

Our railroad is progressing nicely and we hope to be able to ride the iron horse to Franklin, N. C., before twelve months elapse.

— Tallulah Falls Correspondence to Clayton Tribune.

### County Commissioners Expenses

Office of County Commissioners, Franklin, Macon County, N. C., Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1902.

I, D. W. Blaine, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners, hereby certify that the board was in session fourteen days during the fiscal year ending Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1902, and the compensation allowed the members thereof severally is as follows, viz:

W. B. McGuire, per diem member of Board, 14 days,	\$28.00
Joseph Morgan, per diem, member of Board, 11 days, and milage [sic] 322 miles	\$14.10
J. M. Carpenter, per diem member of Board, 11 days and milage, 110 miles	\$27.50
Total,	\$99.60

I further certify, that no unverified accounts were audited.

Respectfully Submitted,  
D. W. Blaine  
Clerk of Board

### To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets.  
All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure.  
E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25¢.

### Attention, Please

Those indebted to me will confer a favor if they will come in and settle by New Year.

J. R. Pendergrass

### DILLARD, GA.

(Special to the Press)

Dillard, Ga., Dec. 8, 1902

Last Saturday, the 5<sup>th</sup> inst., Mr. Guy Wikle, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. C. Wikle of our community, accidentally shot and killed himself. He and Ed Neville had been to the mountains bringing in some hogs. The hogs being scattered, Wikle set his gun down by the fence. After getting the hogs in the road he ran back to get his gun, and reaching over the fence lifting his gun with the muzzle toward his face, by some means the gun was discharged, the load penetrating his face killing him instantly.....

Young Wikle was a young man in his 17<sup>th</sup> year and one of the best boys of our vicinity. The bereaved family have the sympathy of our community.

## Weddings of the Past

*Continuing with the celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pendergrass Building, these "Weddings of the Past," were officiated by the Rev. J. R. Pendergrass, Baptist Minister. Members of the Pendergrass family witnessed many ceremonies. Unless otherwise stated, all individuals were from Macon County, all ceremonies were conducted in Franklin. All parents were still living unless otherwise noted. Information is taken directly from Macon County Courthouse records.*

October 24, 1920. C. B. Patton, 23, married Gertrude Cunningham, 16. He is the son of J. B. and Jane Patton (both deceased); she is the daughter of Jim and Wilsie Cunningham. Witnesses were J. C. Patton of Asheville, Sam Cunningham and N. H. Stiles of Franklin. (5065)

May 13, 1917. A. W. Higdon, 24, married Myrtle Bryson, 18. He is the son of S. A. and Harriett Higdon (father deceased); she is the daughter of J. L. and Fanny Bryson. The ceremony was conducted in Franklin. Witnesses were Mamie Higdon and Myrtle Bolick of Higdonville and Willie Henry of Ellijay. (4511)

June 30, 1926. Frank H. Jones, 28, married Elma Estell Stalcup, 30. He is the son of M. F. and L. Jane Jones; she is the daughter of Jesse and \_\_\_ Stalcup. The marriage took place at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Stalcup. Witnesses were Hyldah Stalcup, Harry Stalcup, and Mrs. J. B. Stalcup, all of Franklin, N. C. (4563)

September 8, 1914. W. N. Powers, 42, of Laklin, FL, married Mrs. Minnie A. Garland, 35. He is the son of L. B. and Sarah E. Powers (both deceased); she is the daughter of E. H. and Ellen S. Franks. The marriage took place at the residence of M. F. Jones. Witnesses were Elsie and Lucy Jones and Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Jones, all of Franklin. (2621)

July 17, 1910. J. Q. Pierson, 31, married Lillie F. Moore, 26. He is the son of Jeremiah and Emma Pierson; she is the daughter of J. T. and M.C. Moore. Witnesses were Lexie Love of Andrews, J. A. Palmer and Earl G. Hill of Franklin. (2545)

December 28, 1909. Jas. H. McDowell, 27, married Bertha Higdon, 21. He is the son of J. L. and Amanda McDowell; she is the daughter of Big Higdon and Jane Higdon. The ceremony was held at Big Higdon's residence in Ellijay [ed. note: the residence was actually in Higdonville.]. Witnesses were C. W. Crawford of Franklin, Tom McDowell, of Otto, N. C. and Alex Higdon, of Higdonville, N. C. (2210) [Ed. note: "Big" Higdon was William Washington Higdon.]

October 6, 1928. James Parton, 21, of Lanada, N. C. married Birdie Williams, 20, of Lanada, N. C. He is the son of Elmina Parton of Lanada, N. C. (father not given); she is the daughter of Fidel and Rosetta Williams of Lanada, N.C. Witnesses were Mattie Queen of Lanada, W. F. Curtis and A. C. Parrish of Franklin. (5085)

June 19, 1917. E. M. Lewis, 24, married Lona Moffitt, 23. He is the son of J. N. and Ella Lewis; she is the daughter of L. K. and Alice Moffitt. Witnesses were J. B. Pendergrass and Pkenny Dowdle of Franklin and G. V. Stockton of Prentiss, N. C. (4771)

November 14, 1918. C. J. Franzini, 18, married Anna Misner, 22. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Franzini of Chattanooga, TN; she is the daughter of Mary Misner Bidwell of Indiana (father deceased, name not given.) Witnesses were Mrs. J. H. B. Allen, N. H. and G. T. Styles, all of Franklin, N.C. (1148)

December 25, 1909. Geo. Madison Garland, 21, married Annie S. Beasley, 18. He is the son of W. P. and Louisa Garland (mother deceased); she is the daughter of Joseph and Mary T. Beasley. The marriage took place at Coweeta Church in Smith's Bridge. Witnesses were G. T. Styles of Knoxville, N. G. Garland of Wikles (Store?), and A. M. Ledford of Otto. (1268)

December 2, 1913. Frank T. Gettis, 47, married Hennie Liner, 31. He is the son of M. M. and N. E. Gettis (both deceased); she is the daughter of Thomas and Amelia Liner. The wedding took place at the residence of Thomas Liner. Witnesses were J. Frank Ray, E. Patton, and W. B. Dobson, all of Franklin. (1294)

January 2, 1922. Thad M. Green, 19, married Ruth Wallace, 18. He is the son of S. S. and Nannie Green; she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Wallace. L. M. and J. M. McCoy of Gneiss, N. C. and Mrs. R. S. McCracken of Franklin were the witnesses. (1299)

February 5, 1891. William A. Gribble, 34, married Sallie Holland, 20. He is the son of Thomas and Clarissa Gribble; she is the daughter of Bright and Martha Holland. Witnesses were J. S. Ash, L. M. \_\_\_ (illegible), and G. A. Mashburn, all of Franklin. (1220)

November 29, 1894. Benjamin Guinn, 19, Black, married Mary McClure, 19, Black. He is the son of Jacob and Caroline Guinn; she is the daughter of Wm. and Jane McClure. Witnesses were M. J. Owens and Lula Coleman of Franklin and Nante Waters of Parrish, N.C.. (1233)

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March 13, 1915. Frank Tallent, 25, married Ollie Tippett, 20. He is the son of Bud and Harriet Tallent; she is the daughter of Bill Tippett and \_\_\_\_\_ (mother's name not given, both parents living). Witnesses were Belle Tallent, C. L. Pendergrass, and A. Tallent all of Franklin. (3319)

November 21, 1921. Joe McDowell, 56, black, married Carrie Prator, 21, black. He is the son of Manson and Charlotte McDowell (both deceased); she is the daughter of July and Jane Prator (both deceased). Witnesses, all of Franklin, N. C., were John Roane, Ray Williams and W. Y. McCay. (4822)

January 26, 1910. Wm. H. Roane, 41, married Minnie A. Limer, 28. He is the son of J. M. and Nancy Roane (father deceased); she is the daughter of Thomas and Amelia Limer. Witnesses were S. A. Murray, D. W. Blaine, and D. F. Limer, all of Franklin. (2056)

October 31, 1925. Albert C. McMahan, 19, married Ethel Morgan, 18. He is the son of Jim and Ida McMahan; she is the daughter of Jesse and Eva Morgan. Witnesses were Lester Ledford of Prentiss, N.C., and Mattie Hastings and G. M. Emory of Franklin (4945)

February 5, 1908. Jeff Ramey, 22, of Rabun County, Ga., married Ida Norris, 18. He is the son of Tilman and Catherine Ramey (father deceased, mother of Rabun County, Ga.); she is the daughter of Caroline Norris (father deceased, not named). Witnesses were Frank and George Ramey of Rabun Gap, Ga., and J. G. Wood of Franklin. (2828)

August 28, 1915. Ed Ramey, 26, married Floy Dills, 16. He is the son of T. M. and Catherine Ramey (both deceased); she is the daughter of J. M. and Rachel Dills. Witnesses were J. F. Dillard, James Slagle and G. C. Pendergrass, all of Franklin. (5204)

September 21, 1907. James A. Queen, 50, of Jackson County, N. C., married Maggie McGaha, 49. He is the son of Isaac and Nancy Queen (both deceased); she is the daughter of John and Naomi Patton (both deceased). Witnesses, all residents of Franklin, N.C., were O. V. Hill, W. C. Cunningham, and C. W. McGee. (2626)

March 12, 1902. E. C. McConnell, 18, married Ida Sellers, 24. He is the son of W. A. and R. J. McConnell; she is the daughter of D. R. and Hester Sellers. Witnesses were Sam L. Rogers, H. D. Dean and George A. Franks, all of Franklin, NC.

April 14, 1915. Frank Phillips, 21, married Augusta Garner, 21. He is the son of J. and Addie Phillips; she is the daughter of Charles and Florence Garner. The marriage took place at the residence of Charles Garner. Witnesses, all of Franklin, N. C., were J. H. Daves, O. E. Snyder, and Roy Phillips. (2511)

November 28, 1919. Dewey Rochester, 23, of Clayton, Ga. married Minnie Henry, 20. He is the son of W. W. Rochester (mother deceased, not named); she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Henry. Franklin, N. C. witnesses were J. S. Dills, J. H. Reynolds, and J. B. Pendergrass. (5319)

October 19, 1918. W. P. Rickman, 28, married Inez Bryson, 18. He is the son of M. L. and Alice Rickman (father deceased); she is the daughter of Charles and Bulah Bryson (mother deceased). Witnesses were Clyde and Vonnie West of Wests Mill, N.C. and Allie Ray of Franklin, N. C. (5220)

November 11, 1908. John M. Moffitt, 24, married Bertha Blaine, 20. He is the son of L. K. and Zona Moffitt (mother deceased); she is the daughter of J. A. and Sarah Blaine. G. O. Enloe, T. J. Blaine, and C. A. Moffitt, all of Franklin, were witnesses. (2175)

November 16, 1926. Horace J. Morgan, 21, married Nellie M. Wilkes, 22. He is the son of W. R. and Mrs. Mary Morgan, she is the daughter of J. F. and Mrs. Lennie Wilkes. Witnesses were Mrs. Carl Angel, Fred Edwards and Quince Shope, all of Franklin. (4937)

December 17, 1914. Drue Willis, 25, married Annie Rowland, 18. He is the son of Ruben and Catherine Willis (both deceased); she is the daughter of James and Martha Rowland. Franklin witnesses were Carl C. Hill, and F. J. and Cecil S. Pendergrass. (3428)

July 30, 1902. J. H. Long, 25, married Mattie Setser, 28. He is the son of G. W. and M. A. Long; she is the daughter of M. B. and Jane Setser. Witnesses were B. F. Waldroop, S. A. Carpenter, and E. R. Waldroop, all of Leeds, N.C. (1929)

March 6, 1909. Chas O. Ramsey, 22, married Virgie D. Bryson, 16. He is the son of John B. and Texas N. Ramsey; she is the daughter of R. L. and Laura Bryson, both of whom gave their written consent to the marriage. The marriage took place at the residence of R. L. Bryson. Franklin witnesses were Mrs. Mabel Bryson, Mae Franks, and R. L. Bryson. (2714)

*In the 2005 issues of Echoes, we will print marriages which took place in years ending with the number 5 (1835, 1845, 1855, etc.)*

## Macon County Men in the Confederate Army

*Beginning with this issue of Echoes, we will publish the names of soldiers from Macon County by Regiment, and by Company within the Regiment. We will begin with the 39<sup>th</sup> Regiment. A different company will be published in each issue. We will also publish letters, documents, pictures, stories, biographies of soldiers ... any material pertinent to the Civil War in Macon County. If you have any of the above that you would be willing to share with us, please contact the Historical Society. It is our goal to present as accurate a picture as possible of the effect the Civil War had on Macon County and its citizens.*

The 39<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the Confederate Army was made up of a great many men from Macon County. In this issue we will print the names of the men in Company B, which was raised in Macon County (Company A raised in Cherokee County). It was mustered into service on October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1861. It was ordered to Camp Patton in Asheville, and was designated Company B of Maj. David Coleman's Battalion, NC Troops, in December 1861. This battalion was organized a regiment in May of 1862, and this company remained a part of that regiment throughout the war.

### Officers - Captains

Alfred W. Bell

### Officers - Lieutenants

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant

William T. Anderson

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant

Joshua C. Bird

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant

William A. Holbrook

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant

Leander H. Penland

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant

Thomas R. Roane

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Lieutenant

William T. West

### Noncommissioned Officers & Privates

John H. Allen  
Thomas H. Ammons  
John C. Anderson  
Robert S. Anderson  
Andrew J. Arrowood  
Newton H. Ballew  
J. A. Bates  
John B. Bates  
William I. Bates  
William L. Battle  
Charles M. Beasley  
William J. Beasley  
John H. Benfield  
James M. Berry  
Logan A. Berry  
Joseph W. Biggerstaff  
J. Franklin Bingham  
Robert Bingham  
Carmine S. Bird  
Jesse S. Bird  
James L. Black  
Levi Blackburn  
John Brown  
Samuel W. Bryson  
William A. Buckner  
Enoch J. A. Burnett  
Thomas J. Cabe  
William W. Cabe

### Noncommissioned Officers & Privates

J. H. Caple  
David N. C. Carpenter  
William T. Carpenter  
Joseph Clark  
John F. Cloer  
D. W. Connell  
William C. Corban  
J. A. Curtis  
James B. Dalton  
John D. Dalton  
Isham D. Franks  
James B. Fulcher  
W. D. Fulcher  
William Albert Fulcher  
Leander H. Garland  
Thomas W. Glaze  
Calvin C. Glidewell  
J. H. Glidewell  
Richard C. Glidewell  
William M. Grant  
Jesse T. Gregory  
John W. Griggs  
Kimzey Gudger  
Daniel Guy  
John L. Guy  
W. Anderson Guy  
John W. Hall  
Robert A. Hall

### Noncommissioned Officers & Privates

Isaac Henry  
John Henry  
William H. Henson  
W. A. Hill  
G. D. Hughes  
J. J. Jones  
William W. Jones  
Marcus Lafayette Kelly  
Elisha L. Kimsey  
H. C. Kimsey  
J. Erwin Lackey  
Samuel Lackey  
Henry W. Lackey  
William H. Large  
Jesse Leadford  
Pinkney Lomax  
John R. Love  
William F. Low  
Andrew P. Lowe  
Thomas H. Lowe  
Samuel J. McCall  
William R. McCall  
Elisha W. McConnell  
John L. McDowell  
Thomas R. McDowell  
James M. McGaha  
Samuel McGaha  
James Jefferson Martin

Noncommissioned  
Officers & Privates

James P. Martin  
Matthew J. Mashburn  
Joseph B. Mason  
Peter C. Mason  
W. C. Mason  
George W. Mathews  
William Mathis  
Columbus C. Matlock  
Joseph Melton  
William H. Miller  
George W. Moore  
J. W. Morgan  
Morgan W. Killian  
R. H. Night  
Ninevah C. Norris  
John Wood Owen  
Thomas W. Owen  
S. W. Picklesimer  
Thomas W. Picklesimer

Noncommissioned  
Officers & Privates

J. S. Potts  
Robin L. Price  
Milton Rhodes  
Thomas W. Rhodes  
Wilburn F. Roane  
Anderson F. Russell  
James K. Polk Russell  
John M. Russell  
Isaac Burton Sanders  
J. L. Sanders  
Noah H. Sanders  
James A. Sellers  
John A. Sellers  
James Sheppard  
William A. Sheppard  
James Sidney Slagle  
Joseph M. Sorrells  
Joseph H. Stuman  
Marvel H. Stuman

Noncommissioned  
Officers & Privates

George Washington Suthards  
Eli Tallent  
Ephraim Tallent  
James S. Thomas  
Washington G. Thomas  
Joseph M. Thompson  
William A. Thompson  
J. D. Tippet  
William T. Tippet  
Isaac N. Vanhook  
John B. Vanhook  
William T. Vanhook  
F. Lafayette Waldrup  
Isaac A. Waldrup  
William A. Waldrup  
Joseph H. Wright  
Albert G. Young  
Joseph Young

\* Source: North Carolina Troops, Vol 10

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And On the Home Front

*The following is a transcription of documents found in the miscellaneous Macon County records in the N.C. State Archives. The content speaks for itself.*

State of North Carolina  
Macon County

{ Court of Pleas and Quarter Session  
{ June Term 1859

To the Shff of Macon County: Greetings

You are hereby commanded to notify Ja<sup>t</sup> Cansler, W<sup>m</sup> Trotter, and James Fouts that they are appointed a patroll [sic] committee for that part of the Burningtown Company lying on Iotla Creek, herein fail not given under my hand

this 13 day of June 1859

R. C. Slagle C.C.C.

On reverse: Patroll Order for Burningtown Company

Ja<sup>t</sup> Cansler                  W<sup>m</sup> Trotter                  Ja<sup>t</sup> Fouts

Executed G. C. Crawford, Shff

State of North Carolina  
Macon County

{ Extra term June 11<sup>th</sup> 1864  
{ To the Shff of said County Greeting

You are hereby commanded to notify T. P. Siler, Jas. Fouts, H. H. Ray, John Kimzey, D. McCoy, & D. Malonce that they are the patroll appointed by the court for Burningtown Company.

The court order that the patrol of each district shall meet and organise (the first name in the order to be captain) and so arrange that some of the company be out on duty at least twice as week; they shall report to each term of the county court the number of times they have been out on duty, the number of slaves caught & chastised and to search for suspicious white persons and if any be found associating with slaves unlawfully to take them before a Justice of the Peace & have them bound to courts. Herein fail not given under my hand this 13<sup>th</sup> day of June 1864

R. C. Slagle C. C. C.

On Reverse: Burningtown Company Notice to Patroll June 1864

Reference: Macon County Misc. County Records Box: C.R. X. 366, Folder: Patrollers: 1829 -1864 (broken series)

going to sell a coop of these roosters in a few days. I guess Broadie's little Banties will go with them. I wish I could put Atlee in the coop, too. I let him off also. Atlee is just as pretty and funny as he can be. The roads are so muddy that we can't use Atlee yet. I aimed to have driven him to Watanga to preaching today, but road's are too bad. The weather has been mighty disagreeable since you went off. Sandy Munday started off with his beef cattle today. He had about seventy head. They will drive to Furmin Henry's tonight, and ship from Sylva on Tuesday morning. Nothing is being done on the streets and roads yet. The road workers moved their camp from Lyle Jones' down to the Double Branches last week. They'll have commissary. Tell Broadie, Tom Sanders is about well again. Nick Allman died. Bud and Lee Allman will sue Gurney to collect damage. The others are getting well, who were hurt in the mine. Bob and Frank Williams have moved their part of Lee Barnard's store in Mrs. Trotter's little store house. No other changes have been made in business. The boys about town have behaved well since you were at home. I have heard of no trouble yet. The school has opened up all right. It is said they are having a large and a good school this spring. Miss Glass was out at church today. I don't think many have joined the school from the country yet. The country free schools are closing out pretty fast now. I was mighty sorry to hear of Mrs. Crawford's death, and that the children had to go home under such sad conditions. Darling, you know any of us are liable to pass out at any time in a similar way. How wise and good it would be, for you and Broadie always, to hold yourselves in readiness to receive such a word from home, and also, for us to be ready to get such a message from you, and not let it be such a sudden surprise on any of us!

I hope Miss Ollie Moss will soon get better and come back. If you want to do well and keep up and agoing, you certainly will have to watch yourself carefully, grip your opportunities with a firm hand, keep your head cool, your stomach active, and your body dry and warm. If you will do these things God will bless you always. Babe, I realize it is a great big experience to leave home and study and live among strangers. That is the very thing which you and Broadie are now doing, and, oh, how anxious I am for both of you to give up yourselves to the Lord and let him do whatever he pleases to do with you both.

You told Mummie you guessed she would get tired reading your questions, and so far fear you boys get tired reading any letter, I will soon close. Cecil and I are doing the best we can at the store, but the truth is the roads are so rough that the people can't come to town much to trade with us. Still our trade is fairly good, about as usual in Jan.

Vivian was here yesterday. They are all well except Virginia, she still complains with her stomach. Cecil got two nice year old calves yesterday from Dock Green. Dock promised him three. Cecil aims to go to the Alison Place tomorrow and see why Dock did not all three of the calves. Carl is staying on at the Carolina Provision Co. Dewitt Cunningham drives Ed's dray hack delivering goods about over town.

I don't think of anything else of interest to write you this time so, I will now close. Hoping to hear regularly from you both.

Praying the Lord to bless and keep you. And wishing you all sorts of good success.

From your loving father,

J. R. Pendergrass

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Franklin, N. C.

Jan'y 26, 1915

My dear sister-

We received your letters of the 23<sup>rd</sup> last night, and so glad to know that you are both well. I am feeling better, but did not sleep much last night. Vivian took Virginia home yesterday evening, she did not want to go, but would not stay without him. He will bring her back Saturday, to take another treatment, she was nearly eaten up with hookworms. After we gave her the treatment you could see lots of them without the microscope. The Dr. says she will soon be alright now, but she is certainly a pitiful looking object. A lot of that swelling has left her.

Nammie Roan came yesterday before dinner and spent the night with me. They are all well up there.

Cecil and George Jones went hunting this morning and Carl took his dinner with him, so Papa and I will be alone for dinner (except aunt Liza.)

We are still having rough weather over here. It rains most all the time. There are several cases of pneumonia about. Grace Penland has it. I haven't had a cold this winter.

Sam. Munday came back Sunday. He is still drunk. I heard last week that Mrs. Munday was down sick.

Carl has another letter from Charles Ramsey, wanting him to go to VA but I don't think he intends going. I tried to get Papa to go and see the situation, as there is nothing doing here but he thinks he can't leave here. If times does not open up I don't know what the merchants will do.

Sister, I would love to write a long letter, but I slept so little I can't think this morning. I will write again tomorrow or next day, and try to do better.

Now don't think that I'm sick, for I feel lots better, if I only had slept last night.

When you haven't time to write a letter, just send us a card.

With love for you and Broadie.

Lovingly,

Mama

## PHOTO BOOK TO CELEBRATE FRANKLIN

In tribute to the Sesquicentennial Celebration of Franklin's date of incorporation, a pictorial book is being compiled. This historical book will celebrate the Town of Franklin from its establishment in 1820 through incorporation in February, 1855, and Centennial festivities in 1955 to the present. Photographs and other items will be featured along with historical text. Whether you are an old timer or a spring chicken, the book, Then and Now, will hold special memories.

Books go on sale on February 10, 2005, the kick-off date of a year of celebrations honoring Franklin. The cost of this collector's book is \$50.00. Pre-publication price is being offered at \$45.00, a discount of 10%! Gift certificates are available; the recipient will be notified by the Society. To order, please, complete the form below, with checks made payable to Macon County Historical Society. Know that all proceeds directly benefit the Macon County Historical Society programs and Museum restoration.

Yes! I want to order this commemorative book!

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Yes! I want to send this commemorative book as a gift to

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose gift card from \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # of books at pre-publication price of \$45.00  
(~~until December 31, 2004~~ extended to February 10, 2005),  
plus 7% NC tax of \$3.15 per book for a total of \$48.15 per book.

Shipping and handling \$6.85 per book.

Total amount enclosed for books: \_\_\_\_\_

Total for shipping and handling enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

Remit checks made payable to Macon County Historical Society, 36 West Main Street,  
Franklin NC 28734.

Please, hold my books, I will pick-up the book(s) on or after February 10, 2005

## Appalachian Mountain Christmas Traditions of Old

Modern celebrations of the Christmas holiday were late in making their way to those living in the Appalachian Mountains. Many ancient observances from "the old country" were still practiced here in these mountains as late as World War I, and in some pockets probably later. For instance, have you and your friends gone out "serenadin' "? Contrary to what you might think, it has very little to do with carolling. What about building a huge bonfire on a hill? Again, the practice's primary reason was not to keep warm. Maybe you've stayed awake on Christmas Eve to hear, no, not sleigh bells and reindeer hooves, but sheep and horses bowing to pray.

Many of the first settlers in the Appalachian Mountains were of Scots-Irish and English descent, so many of their customs were practiced, combined, and adapted to their new surroundings. One custom that made its way to the shores of America was a large bonfire on hilltops. The bonfires have their beginnings in the beliefs of the Druids. They thought that building a bonfire on mountaintops would hurry along the return of the sun and longer days.

Often times bonfires were combined with the practice of "serenadin' ". The youngsters in the community - keep in mind, now that houses were much farther apart then - would get together on Christmas Eve to visit with the neighbors. They'd take along cow bells, buckets, shotguns loaded with blanks, and just about anything else that would make a bunch of noise. Taking care to be quiet upon approach to the house, they'd let loose with as much racket and noise as they could muster up. The neighbors then would light a lamp or two and invite the group in for treats and cider. If by chance the group wasn't quiet enough and those trying to enjoy their slumber heard them, the home owner fired off a round from his shotgun to signal them they had been caught. More often than not, they were still invited in for hospitality. The serenadin' tradition is most likely based on the English tradition of "The Day of Misrule" where servants, the poor, and children could visit the homes of their well-off neighbors and merchants to ask for food.

Another loud tradition is anvil shooting. Yes, that's right, anvil shooting. What would happen is the square and round holes on one anvil would

be packed with black powder and another anvil would be placed on top of it. The powder is then ignited and the top anvil is shot into the air - sometimes as high as a hundred or more feet. The boom is deafening and the ground shakes. Some say this tradition goes back as far as Biblical times, and it was a customary way to celebrate Independence Day, Christmas, and, according to Tennessee history, Davy Crockett's election to Congress. Perhaps anvil shooting and the noise making of serenadin' also ties into the belief that loud noises drive bad spirits away. Shooting fireworks at Christmas also falls into the same category of driving away evil spirits and awakening sleeping vegetation for spring and are from the German and Scottish tradition. It was usually done on Christmas Eve around three in the afternoon. Think about how many Christmas festivals now incorporate fireworks in their menu of activities.

One of the most solemn and reverent celebrations in the season is Old Christmas. The change over from the Julian calendar to the Gregorian calendar caused a difference of eleven days. In those eleven days Christmas was moved to December 25 from January 6. Some Protestants refused to honor the new calendar because it was decreed by the Pope, so the celebration of Christmas remained on January 6. In the Appalachian Mountains, the celebration of Old Christmas remained until about World War I. Though they might also observe "new" Christmas on December 25th, the festivities were very different. December 25th was marked with revelry and parties and visiting, but January 6th was primarily a family observance. The fare for the evening meal was simple and the celebration included singing carols and reading the Christmas Story from the Bible. A common gourd was often passed hand to hand as a blessing was said for the coming year. It was customary for the tree to be dismantled at that time and burned piece by piece to bring luck for the new year. It was believed that on Old Christmas water was turned to wine and animals bowed to pray. Bad luck came to anyone who purposely sought out one of these signs, but if one just happened upon it all was well.

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**A Macon County  
Land Fraud Indictment ?  
Found in Burke County Court Loose Papers;  
Transcribed by Allen DeVinney,  
who very generously offered his  
transcription to Echoes for publication.**

*[These documents are part of the court record of what appears to be a land fraud case transferred to Burke from Macon county. Buncombe county is also identified as having court costs, but exactly how is not clear to this transcriber. The bulk of the documents found are receipts for payment to persons who served as witnesses, jurors, etc. Apparently the legal maneuvering went on for several years, as the documents are dated from 1838 to 1842. The essence of the case is described in the indictment (one document) and the affidavits of witnesses (other documents).]*

State  
Indictment for a conspiracy tried  
Vs before Burke Judge  
**Jacob B Trammell  
& others**

\_\_\_ hear proven in the trial that Jacob B Trammell the entry taker of Macon County with \_\_\_ Clerks to wit Jonathan Phillip & other on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May 1836 were in the entry takers iffuce ub the Town of Franklin after the hour of midnight, that they made a number of entries before the office was opened for the Entries of the other citizens, these assembled in great numbers [crowds is lined thru] about said office That when the window was opened & the Entry Taker declared himself ready to record? Entries & money \_\_\_] m Ledford was the first to hand in his entry at the window and that his entry when \_\_\_\_\_ on the Entry Takers Books [word lined thru] was numbered 234 It also appeared that the preceding entries on the book were in the names of Phillips & the others in the room & of some forty persons besides. That several hundred Entries were thrust in at the window in packets with great \_\_\_\_\_ and in great confusion after Ledfords & that they in many instances were for the same lands as those of Phillips & others in the room - then hear also evidence to show that said Trammell & Phillips have combined to secure for him Phillips & some of his? friends the entries of several parcels of land before the office was announced by said Trammel to be open for the reception of the entries of the Citizens generally by which a priority was obtained as to the date and number of the entries as placed on the Entry Takers Book - & hear also in evidence that there after a dense crowd of some four or five hundred persons

assembled about the office of the Entry Taker before & after the hour of twelve oclock at night on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of May and that they \_\_\_\_\_ after the office was opened - Then hear also evidence showing that the defendant Trammell had \_\_\_\_\_ 8 oclock of said day at the house at which the office was to be opened - That he alleged it had been torn down & he would \_\_\_ himself no further trouble about it - and then hear also evidence to show \_\_\_\_\_ there hear a diversity of opinion as to what time the office would be opened - Then hear no evidence to show any combination between the defendants to obtain money from any person, or to defraud any individual of his own land - The proof \_\_\_\_\_ directed entirely to establish a combination & conspiracy to secure to ["defend\_\_ themselves" is lined thru] themselves the entry of the vacant lands in exclusion of the rights of others and thereby gain a preference in time.

The defendants counsel insisted that the evidence in this case only tended to show (if any thing) a combination of the defendants to get the first entries of the vacant Land in Macon County & obtain preference over other citizens in entering the same & that such combination would not constitute a conspiracy however improper it might be and in the second place it was insisted that even if such a combination did amount to a conspiracy, yet the proof did not support the indictment by reason of its variance from the charge - The indictment \_\_\_\_\_ charged a conspiracy to cheat the citizens of their monies of their respective entries & of their lands & to cheat Benj S Brittain of his \_\_\_\_\_ entries and \_\_\_\_\_ and that proof of defendants having formed a conspiracy to enter for their own use the vacant lands ["of" marked thru] in question before the other citizens had an opportunity of making their entries whereby they had by unlawful means obtained a preference over others would not in law support any one count in the indictment. - The court charged the jury to constitute a conspiracy, subjecting he parties to an indictment it must appear that two or more persons combined together to effect some unlawful purpose, but in this case if the jury believe from the evidence that the defendants or any two of them entered into a combination to make Entries in the entry Takers office before it was opened or before it was declared to be opened or after it was opened, for the purpose of gaining a preference & appropriating the same to their own use thereby excluding the other citizens \_\_\_\_\_ in Law amounted to a conspiracy & that it was sufficiently charged in the Indictment. - The jury returned a verdict of guilty against Jacob B Trammell & Jonathan Phillips, - Defendants moved for a \_\_\_ to show cause why a new trial for

misdirection to jury - should not be granted - \_\_\_\_\_  
discharged Judgment pronounced against defendants  
- appeal prayed and granted —

State

Burke Superior Court of Law Vs  
Spring Term 1838  
Jacob B Trammell & other

B\_\_j S Brittain swears that the State cannot come safe to Trial at this court without the benefit of the evidence of Joseph Welch, Goldman Ingram Jacob D Welch & Samnel Roberson who are under subpoena & absent without \_\_\_\_ Whose testimony is material as he is advised and believes. He expects to prove by Ingram that some days before the office was opened that Tramel the entry taker & Phillips another deft was out together marking locations marking corners and \_\_\_\_ that it was understood from them both by witness that they were \_\_\_\_ly interested in their entries that their acts were secret but made known to witness as he was likely to be taken into the company and expect to prove by Jacob D Welch that he delivered to Tramel in the morning after the office had been opened over night several entries for lands where with is covered by the entries of some of the Dfts to the Entry taker which entries cannot be found since they were given by him to Tramel and expects to prove by Roberson the admission of Dft Phillips as to the Dfts [“entering” lined thru] locking themselves up in the room and entering a large amount of the vacant lands - before the entry takers office was opened & that fact was concealed from the public untill after some of the Dft had induced \_\_\_\_ men to enter or to give the money to the entry taker for lands that had been previously entered and before [Dfts” lined out] the entry taker had notified the public that the office was opened also by J Welch the that M Roan one of the Dfts before the office was opened told witness that that Dft had made a previous agreement with Dft Trammell to go into the office with him to make his Roans entrys and that after the Dft Trammell was arrested he had and that he had went into the room to make mony and that he had don? so was sorry he had not made more & that he had went in according to a previous agreement with Dft lTramel & that during the trial before the Justices who tried the case Witness being one of the Justices that the Justices required Dft Trammell to produce his books containing the numbers that Dft Trammell & Roan objected and after a great deal of altercation between the Justices & Dfts the book was produced and

showed that the entry takers book when produced , the first number of the books began at number 16 & Dfts Trammell & Roan & others refused to account or explain how the first number on the books was 16 and further that said Welch was the particular Justice who examined the case & the papers & who can give a full & clear account of the whole matter & this application is not made for delay but to obtain justice

Sworn to in open court

23 May 1838

B S Brittain

D P Kibler CSC

N Carolina

Supr. Court of law

Burke Court

Fall Term 1841

State

vs

J B Trammell

Wm W Pearcy the prosecutor Swears that that West Truet & Joseph Welch are material witnesses for the State in this case as he is advised & believes they are under subpoena & absent without the pro\_\_t or consent of affiant. Affiant understands that Truits absence is occasioned by the Sickness of his family. Affiant understands & believes that Jos. Welch is kept away by the pronouncement of one of the Defendants Jacob B Trammell

Sworn to in open court

D P Kibler clerk

Wm W Pearcy

Affiant further Swears that he expects by the witness of Truit to prove the conspiracy as charged, that the Defendant Trammell as Entry Taker was to be interest in the entries fraudulently made in his office before the office was opened for any others than the Defendants to make entries. Affiant expects to prove by Joseph Welch who was the magistrate before whom the case was examined. that the defendants Trammell Phillips admitted that the many entries made in said office by Defendants & for them covering more than one hundred thousand acres of land were made before the hour had arrived at which the office should have been opened according to law & before it was in fact opened for the entries of any others than the Defendants & their associates

Sworn in open court

D P Kibler

Wm W Pearcy

*[The following persons are named as being involved in this case either as witnesses, court clerks, sheriffs, magistrates, etc; the clerks and sheriffs represent Burke, Buncombe, and Macon counties. They are gleaned from subpoenae, lists of court costs, affidavits, etc.]*

Alby, John H. Senr. state wit  
 Ammons, Ephraim; state wit (d)  
 Ammons, Joshua state wit  
 Ammons, Young state wit  
 Brittain, Benj S state wit  
 Burgin, Abner? state wit  
 Butler, Moses state wit (d)  
 Byrd/Bird, Clarke state wit  
 Byrd/Bird, Wm state wit  
 Cabe, Zachariah state wit  
 Carroll, Danl state wit  
 Collins, E dshff  
 Davis, Mathew state wit  
 Dobson, W W state wit  
 Doudle, E dshff  
 Hall, John state wit  
 Hy(i)at, Jason L state wit (b)  
 Ingram, Goldman state wit  
 Irons, John state wit (a)  
 Jarratt, Nimrod S state wit  
 Jarrett, Daniel state wit  
 Jones, W shff  
 Keener, Ulrick state wit  
 Kelley, Samuel; state wit

Kibler, David P; clk  
 Kinsland, W state wit  
 Ledford, David state wit  
 Lowery, D T state wit  
 McDowell, S M clk  
 McDowell, Silas state wit  
 McKay, David state wit  
 McKee, Eli shff  
 McLeod, J H state wit  
 Moore, E S dshff  
 Moore, Joab L state wit  
 Moor, James state wit  
 Morgan, Bartlet state wit  
 Morgan, Delila state wit  
 Morgan, Wm B state wit  
 Moss, Henry state wit  
 Nowlin, Sarah state wit  
 Pasmon, W state wit  
 Peak, Z state wit  
 Percy, Wm W state wit  
 Pearson, J H shff  
 Pearson, William S clk  
 Phillips, Jonathan deft  
 Quincy; shff

Ray, Thomas state wit  
 Ray, Thomas state wit  
 Redmond, John wit  
 Roane, Thomas J shff  
 Roberts, Joshua clk  
 Robi(n)son, Samuel wit  
 Rogers, Wm T st wit  
 Satterwhite, Hanson P  
 Setser, Christopher wit  
 Setser, John state wit  
 Tatham, Wm state wit  
 Trammell, Jacob B deft  
 Trammell, Mahala wit  
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**History and Technology Merge  
 at the Museum**

Many, many thanks to Smoky Mountain Systems of Franklin who are generously installing wireless high speed internet in the Museum. We will have a port available for public use for a nominal fee. We hope to have this service up and running within the month of February. This will open new avenues of research for those who wish to use our resources, as well as being a great convenience to our members. It will also serve as an attraction to visitors who might otherwise miss our Museum and all its treasures. We owe this generous offer to member Vicki Carter Tallent of Smoky Mountain Systems. Hats off to Vicki and a big thanks from all of us in the Historical Society.

Check our website, [www.maconnchistorical.org](http://www.maconnchistorical.org), for updates and information concerning our new service.

**Sources for Costumes for  
 The 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration**

Plans for the 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration events call for 1850's dress in February and May and 1950s dress in July. Those who choose not to dress in period costume in May must buy a pass or spend some time in the "jail."

So you want to dress in period costume but don't know where to start? The Museum has a resource book complete with pictures as well as a list of costume resources for both eras. This book and list has been compiled by Rose West, and includes both internet resources for clothing, patterns, and materials and local sources for patterns and materials. Ms. West has spent much time preparing this very thorough list and resource book. Stop by to take a look.

**Our New Website: [www.maconnchistorical.org](http://www.maconnchistorical.org) - Check it out regularly as it grows!**

**A**  
**Big Bash**  
**for**  
**Bruce**



**Guess who's having  
a special birthday?**

Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup> was a lovely fall day in downtown Franklin. I think Mother Nature knew we were getting ready to celebrate a milestone for one of Macon County's hometown boys who has had a lasting impact on our community through kindness, industriousness, friendliness, and a genuine interest in his fellowman.

Bruce Byrant's family threw a wonderful party for him here at the museum. We were very honored to have his family, friends, neighbors, and business associates drop in to wish him many more birthdays and express appreciation to him for his many contributions to Macon County.

His daughter Pam, son Barney, and families decorated the museum with beautiful flowers, served lots of wonderful food complete with a cake boasting 80 candles. And the people came and came ... a long steady stream of folks, talking, laughing, and sharing fond memories of days gone by. Relatives and friends all brought together to celebrate the life of one Bruce Bryant, a great community benefactor, still going strong and who will continue to enrich our lives with no thought of recognition or personal gain for himself.

**Bruce, may you have many more!**

## Two New Books Available at the Museum Bookstore

*We are pleased to announce that we have added the following publications to our bookstore. Both have significant information for folks interested in Macon County history and genealogy.*

### Macon County Delayed Births

Compiled by Merrell Jenkins Riddle, EdD

The term "delayed births records" is often bewildering when encountered for the first time. One conjures up pictures of an extra long pregnancy, a difficult delivery, or other horrors. However, the term has quite a different meaning. In North Carolina, birth records were not kept by the counties or state until 1913. Prior to that date, family historians must rely on other sources, such as tombstones, family Bibles, oral family history, etc. The implementation of the Social Security Act of 1935 created a need for proof of age in the early 1940s. Delayed birth certificates came into existence to satisfy that need. A person (or his/her parents) could request a "delayed birth certificate" from the county of birth by presenting proof of age. To prove age, a person had to have at least three proofs of age. These could include an affidavit from either parent, an older sibling, an older relative (aunt, uncle, or cousin), attending doctor or midwife, or a neighbor. Other proofs that were used included birth certificate of child, marriage license of applicant, insurance application, armed forces discharge, school record, Bible record, etc. Most delayed birth records are, of course, for persons who were born before 1913, but there are some for folks whose birth was for some reason not recorded at birth, such as a home birth. The result is the delayed birth records that are available for almost all counties in NC.

Merrell Jenkins Riddle has compiled these records for Macon County into one volume covering the county records through book 22 (a total of 4862 certificates) as recorded through August 25, 2003. The information includes:

- an alphabetical listing of the name of each individual
- his/her birth date, gender, race, place of birth
- names of parents (with birth years if available)
- county book & page number of the certificate
- clarifying note (if applicable)
- a full name index of mothers

The 190 page softbound book (which includes a clear plastic protective cover) contains 190 pages: 149 pages of individual listings, a section of notes concerning any variances found on the certificates (such as differences between the county index and the certificate itself), and a most valuable tool for the family researcher: an index by mother, usually by

maiden name. The earliest birth year for an individual is 1855 (Noah Fouts), for a father is 1806 (Thomas Williams), and for a mother is 1824 (Margaret Bearden). The information is recorded in spreadsheet format and is very easy to read and follow. For the researcher who desires to go one step further and obtain an actual copy of the certificate, the process is expedited by having the book and page number listed, whether researching in person or by writing to the Register of Deeds to obtain a copy. This volume can indeed save the researcher much research time and dollars with all the information recorded in one handy volume!

The cost of the book is 26.75 plus \$5 S&H. It can be purchased in person or via mail order from the Museum.

### A List of Confederate Soldiers from Macon County, North Carolina Compiled by Carroll G. Moore

This little book is one of the handiest to come down the pike in a very long time! The 71 page softbound volume contains an alphabetical list of 900 men, who were age 15 – 50, from Macon County who served in the Confederate army. Also included in the listing are the regiment and company designation, age at enlistment, place of enlistment, and rank. An added bonus is a note beneath each listing giving any additional information, such as "captured", "wounded", "killed", "transferred" "died of" "discharged", etc. and the date of occurrence. The author notes that the 900 men listed here comprised 74% of the male population listed in the 1860 Federal Census for Macon County. Any person with Macon County ancestry is almost certain to find at least one, and probably several, family members in this list.

Another benefit of the book is that (almost) all Macon County soldiers are listed in one volume, eliminating the need for searching the indices of all 15 (soon to be 18) volumes of North Carolina Troops in search of an ancestor if one is not sure of the regiment in which the ancestor served. Using this book, one can then go directly to the appropriate volume of Troops for more detail on the soldier, or even directly to the full service record on microfilm. The book is a very convenient reference and a must for any Macon County researcher!

Carroll Moore, who resides in Shelby, has ancestry in Macon County, and has generously donated all proceeds from the book to the Macon County Historical Society. The cost of the book is \$10.70, plus \$2.50 S&H. It can be purchased at the Museum in person or via mail order.

**TESTAMENTARY BEQUESTS**

The Macon County Historical Society would like to remind its members, and others, that a donation to the Historical Society can easily be made through a testamentary bequest contained in your estate planning documentation. Your Last Will and Testament, Testamentary Trust, or your Living Trust can simply state that a certain dollar amount or a certain asset is to go to the Macon County Historical Society upon your passing. The information that you will need to give to your lawyer for this purpose is an accurate description of the intended bequest and the complete identification of the Historical Society, which is **MACON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, 36 West Main Street, Franklin NC 28734, Federal Tax Identification Number 58-1474825.** All bequests, large and small, will be greatly appreciated.

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***Thank you. The purchase of bricks supports MCHS's gift of  
Memory Lane Park to the people of Macon County.***

## Editor's Message

The holidays are behind us and we are looking into the new year of 2005. One of the things that I am looking most forward to is the growth of the Historical Society and the newsletter, Macon County Echoes. The newsletter is the medium by which we can all exchange information, learn something new about the history of Macon County and/or our ancestors, and keep up with what is going on in the Society and in Macon County, regardless of where we live.

We need your comments on what you want to see in Echoes. Do you like what is being presented? What changes would you like to see? And while you are thinking along those lines, please send us a query or an article, picture, old letter (a copy, of course!) ...anything you think others interested in Macon County history and genealogy would enjoy!

You may contact me at the museum or e-mail me at [deegib@aol.com](mailto:deegib@aol.com). I look forward to hearing from you!  
Deanne Gibson-Roles  
Newsletter Editor

### Interested in a Research Trip to Scotland?

Have you ever seen Bonny Scotland? If so, wouldn't you like to go again? If not, don't you want to?

We are currently planning a trip to Scotland for the summer of 2005. If we can get around 35 people interested, then we can have a say in the agenda. If you know where in Scotland your ancestors lived, we would attempt to incorporate that place into the schedule. We would also schedule a day in Edinburgh where we would have an option of a sight-seeing tour OR a day at the national records center. The center holds records for the entire country of Scotland.

The cost will depend to some extent on conditions at the time of affirmation, but will probably range between \$2500 and \$3000 USD. The length of the trip will probably be around 9 or 10 days. Breakfast will be included daily as well as a welcome dinner and at least one special dinner. Transportation in Scotland will be on deluxe motorcoaches with an experienced local guide. Once a determination is made to the actual itinerary, based on your input, an actual tour program will be provided.

This trip is being arranged through Wilcox World Travel and Tours in conjunction with a tour company in Scotland. These agencies are very professional and courteous and we have experienced excellent results with them in the past.

For information and to express your interest, email Gary McElroy at [gbmcelroy@bellsouth.net](mailto:gbmcelroy@bellsouth.net) or contact Dee at the Museum.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

All events are open to members and the general public.



**February 10, 2005, Saturday – Open House and Reception at the Historical Society Museum to celebrate Franklin’s 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The book, Then and Now (see page 11 in this newsletter) will be available. Log onto our website for more details.**



**May 27 – 30, 2005 – Memorial Day Weekend – Saturday – Monday - Main celebration of Franklin’s 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Plan to stay in town or come to town and celebrate with us. Plans include a Civil War re-enactors’ camp, a parade, a period costume contest, and historical representations of life as was lived in 1855. More in the next issue of Echoes**

Watch for the Macon County Historical Society's new website:  
[www.maconnchistorical.org](http://www.maconnchistorical.org)

Coming in mid-January!

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