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We continue to print letters to and from Confederate soldiers of Macon County. The letters in this issue include more of those from the Anthony Holland family. If you have similar letters in your possession and are willing to share them with the Historical Society for use in the Museum and for publication in Echoes, the Society would be very grateful.

Richmond Va
May the 28 1864

On the 5th day of this month this great fight commences and since that time how many poor fellows has been moid [mowed] down. O dearest friend pray that this fearful visitation may be the means for awakening solemn thoughts in the stout hearts among my thoughtless comrades and leading them for pardon peace and safety to Jesus the Savior of sinners. Should I die now you no my only ground of hope my only confidence my only assurance is in the cross of Jesus Christ and in the knowledge that the precious blood of Christ cleanseth from all sin. Words as full of sweetness to me now as on the day that they were first made to my soul. The power of God unto salvation may we not hope dearest wife that as it was with the dying thief even at the hour of death. Faith in the blood of Jesus Christ breathed in the soul by the Holy Ghost has set more jewels in the redeemers crown from among the soldiers. God grant that when you and I are summoned before the bar of Christ we may meet many such clothed in white robes and pains in their hands. O dearest wife it is well to have the love of Jesus Christ in its reality in our hearts. What solid peace and rich enjoyment we obtain by looking into Jesus. i have noticed a calm and peacefull look pass over the countless of the poor dying soldiers in the hospital. My dear wife pray that this dreadful war my be the cause of bringing solem thought on our dear and thaunted friends. I rote this in Richmond while waiting for the train.

Anthony Holland
to his beloved wife

Camp on the James River
25 miles above Richmond June 4 1864

Dear wife

I again seat myself to rite you a few lines to let you no that I am about as common. I hope these few lines may find you and the children well and doing well. I received your very kind letter of April the 28. The second I have got since I left home. It came to hand late last night. You aught to have seen me raking about to get some thing to make a light, to hear the news from home which was a pleasure to me. I thought it had been rote so long I had almost decided I would never hear from home anymore. I can rite you a little good news that is Capt. Adington recieved a letter from Leander[Corbin?] a few days ago. He is at Fort Delaware well and harty and faring very well. I was much rejoiced to hear from him. send his folks word as soon as you can and tell them to rite to me. The guns is roaring while I rite. This dredful fight has bein going on 32 days and God only knows how long it will last yet. Our men is driving the yankees back slowly with great loss on both sides. But it is said that the Yankees loss is more than twice as great as ours. The Yankees admit a loss of eighty thousand since this fight comenced. We have lost a great many fine men too. I doo hope this fight will end this cruel war someway so that what men is livin can go home to their familes. Give my best respects to Uncle Silas and family. Tell them I heard from Arthur yesterday. he is doin very well. Tell them he will be sent home as soon as his leg gets better. I thought awhile I would get to go home but this fight comeing up when it did nocked it in the head for a while at least. I may bee that I will get to go home after while when everything gets more still as there is no time to tend to such business now. I want you to let me know how you are making out and how your stock and grain is dooing. We are faring but moderate hear. we get a little meat, can eat it raw or broil it as we choose, and corn meal without sifting. We have a tin cup to make up our dough in and have to bake it on a rock or board. It is purty hard living but if we can only gain our independence we will not grumble

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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 Saturday 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. from Thanksgiving through Christmas) 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 to 5 p.m.

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

Greetings from the Director

Much has been going on these past two months. In addition to putting names to faces, I have been changing exhibits and reorganizing some of our research materials. I have placed a strong emphasis on developing our photograph collection, and with the help of Beverly Moore we have begun organizing and labeling our extensive collection. With the assistance of Reed Henson and Vickie Tallent we have put together a nice exhibit around the theme of a Civil war casualty.

My first Pumpkin Fest Day was an excellent education on the value of volunteers. Without the volunteers that Saturday I would have been lost. I sometimes felt in the way, but next year I hope to be more of an asset.

In October we submitted two grant proposals to the Blue Ridge National Heritage Area. One grant was to develop our Memory Garden into a native plant garden. The other grant was to start phase one of our third floor restoration project. Many thanks to Lyman Bryant for committing to assessing the structural integrity of the third floor for free – this commitment created our in-kind match of \$15,000. There were many proposals for a very limited amount of funds, but we did submit very strong applications.

Also in October I was very fortunate to attend two workshops on archival preservation. These workshops were presented by the North Carolina Historical Records Advisory Board. One workshop covered the preservation of photographic collections, hence my present emphasis on our photo collection. The other workshop concentrated on archive and museum policies; as a result of this workshop I am developing policies to present to board covering such areas as acquisitions, museum environment, maintenance, and security.

I am also becoming more involved in Echoes. I urge all members to please submit articles to Echoes – this is your newsletter and all of you have stories that are interesting and informative. Please become involved.

Please drop by the museum. We are changing exhibits on a regular basis now. We also expanded our selection of books for sale. During the Christmas season we will be open Monday through Friday 10:00am to 4:00pm, and Saturday afternoon 1:00 to 4:00pm.

Finally, in this the season of Thanksgiving, I am very thankful for this position you have rewarded me with. I look forward to coming into work everyday. How many people can say that? You have made me feel very welcome here, and I thank you.

Jerry Tate,
Director

MEMBERS

The following have renewed membership or joined as new members since the last issue of Echoes. The list covers the time period June 30 through September 30, 2005.

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DONATIONS

The following donations were made to the Macon County Historical Society and Museum between June 30, 2005 and September 30, 2005.

- Vickie Tallent donated the book, *Planting Your Family Tree Online* by Cyndi Howells.
- The Macon County office of the North Carolina Extension Service donated a "Dairyman of the Year" trophy, which was the AB Slagle for dairy herd production in Macon County.
- Jack Usher and Rutherford "Ruddy" Ellis donated 2 maps of Tallulah Falls Railroad depicting the "Y" where the engines turned around in Franklin as well as a schedule and mileage chart of the same railroad between Cornelia, Ga. and Franklin.
- Caroline Kimsey donated a photograph of the Reece family taken during the Centennial celebration in 1955.

- Mildred Shope Swafford donated 2 pictures taken during the Sesquicentennial Celebration, 2005
- James Bullman donated a book, *The Scots-Irish-Celts of Macon County, NC* of which he is the author.
- An old "signature quilt" was donated anonymously to the Museum. The names (signatures) of the quilters are embroidered on the quilt.
- Juanita Dowdle donated several items from the Helen Dowdle estate: a fan from the 1955 Centennial celebration, an old picture of the brick kiln, a picture from the Asheville Citizen of Woodrow and Maggie Bell Gibson dated May 5, 1955, and old postcards of Angel Hospital, the old post office, Trimont Inn, Lake Emory and 2 of Main Street in Franklin.
- Doyle Clark donated a prescription bottle from Angel's Drugstore. The prescription was written by Dr. Killian.
- George and Julia Garland donated a day book of Daniel LaFayette Garland, started in 1838 during the Cherokee removal at Camp Dudley. They also donated a family history book of the descendants of Daniel LaFayette Garland.
- Heather Shields donated an annual from Otto Elementary School and 2 pictures of Otto Elementary School taken in 1958 and about 1956.
- George H. Stevens, Sr. and the George Conley family donated a carbide fuel lantern and 2 brakeman's lanterns from the old Tallulah Falls RR.
- Lloyd Passmore donated a lidded jar containing a bottle with a label with a local 2-digit telephone number. The bottle contained "bee back" This was donated in memory of Isaac Nathaniel Passmore.
- Shirley Palmer donated a picture of Harry Rowland, taken about 1922, and a picture of a birthday party for William Riley Rowland taken in Burningtown in September 1940.
- Gloria Owenby donated a ledger which has been partly used as scrapbook, a postal account ledger book, a store ledger, a booklet entitled "Sixteenth Annual WNC Wagon Train - Andrews to Sylva July 4th 1973, 42 issues of *The Bone Rattler* (the journal of the Swain County Genealogy Society), a book entitled *Cowan Family History*, and a collection of *Macon County Echoes* 1988 - 2000.

MONETARY DONATIONS

The following persons have made monetary donations for support, preservation, and restoration of the Macon County Historical Society and Museum.

Mattie Fouts (deceased November 15, 2005)
Mr. & Mrs. Edward Shatley
Floyd Wyman
Marjorie B. Kline
Mr. & Mrs. Bob Corbin

Written for Franklin's 150-year celebration by Caroline Reece Kimsey, who lives on land once owned by Moses Addington and later by Washington and Caroline Potts. Caroline Kimsey is the great granddaughter of Caroline Addington Potts. Thank you, Caroline, for sharing this with us!

I am Lydia Caroline Addington Potts and today is my twenty-second birthday. Washington Potts and I were married on February 21 of this year. We live next door to my parents, Moses and Lydia Addington, who live in the house where I was born in 1833. We live in Macon County, southwest of the village of Franklin, about a half-mile from Cartoogechaye Creek.

My Addington grandparents moved from Buncombe County to this area about 35 years ago along with several of their married sons and daughters. My father and mother followed a few years later with my older brothers and sister. So the first several years of my life I saw my Grandpa and Grandma Addington quite often. I sure did miss them when they moved on to Union County, Georgia. My Duckett grandparents stayed behind in Buncombe County when my parents moved here so I have only seen them a few times in my life.

My older brothers and sisters are all married now. Some of them moved away and some of them live near us so I can visit often. My two younger sisters, Catherine and Harriett, are still living at home and will be near to help me when I have my first baby the last of December. My mother who is now 58 is still very capable and will help deliver the baby. I am so thankful that I can live near my family.

When they came to Macon County, they settled in one location and built a small cabin, then later moved to our present location and built a larger log cabin with an upstairs. I have five older brothers, two older sisters and two younger sisters. Thanks to the hard work of my older brothers and father we now have a wonderful farm and have almost everything we really need right here.

My father, now past 60, though still strong and in good health, can no longer do what he once could. So my husband is helping do much of the farming and chores. To see my father and husband laughing, talking and working together makes me very happy. They are both kind, gentle souls yet strong and determined, actually very much alike.

My mother, who is the oldest of 11 children, does so many things well and is so kind and compassionate when caring for the sick. When I was growing up I much preferred working outside to cooking and housework. Now that I am married I am beginning to improve, but I still hope my mother is around a long time so I can enjoy her good cooking.

Working in the cornfields was a hot, boring job which I never liked. And sometimes we killed snakes and I certainly didn't like that. But it takes a lot of corn for our family and the livestock during the winter so everyone except my mother and oldest sister worked in the fields. We have several horses, several milk cows, other cattle, oxen, sheep and hogs to feed.

I didn't mind working in the garden, picking berries, gathering apples, chestnuts or walnuts. Even bringing in firewood and water from the spring were pleasant chores, since the spring was near the house and I didn't have to split the firewood. Cutting enough firewood for the fireplaces to last through the winter was a long tedious job for my brothers and father. Then somebody had to milk the cows and my brothers mostly did that but I knew how to milk and sometimes had to help. Now Washington does most of the milking.

Sending us children to school was important to my parents and when there was no school or weather was bad, my father and older siblings sometimes taught us. But book knowledge was only a small portion of what we learned from our parents. Mother and Father were very exacting in what was expected from us. They always showed us what was right by their example and we know we are very blessed to have such fine parents. I hope Washington and I will do as well now that we are starting our family.

Growing up here on our farm with all the beauty of the hills and streams and surrounded by my wonderful family couldn't have been better. Spring has always been a special time for me. After the gloom and cold of the winter, the brightness of the sunshine and the beauty of the flowers and trees just took my breath away. Again Catherine, Harriett and I could play house under the big pine trees and make beds and chairs out of the pine straw for the playhouse. We went to the hills above our house and to the streams looking for wildflowers and always found them in abundance.

As the weather grew warmer, we waded and played in the nearby stream which was about six feet wide. Sometimes on hot days the cool water felt so good, we just laid in the middle of the stream. Occasionally during summer, my father or one of my brothers would go with us to Cartoogechaye Creek to fish and play in the creek. We couldn't go unless there was someone with us who could swim. Sometimes the whole family would go to the creek for a picnic.

When the wild huckleberries got ripe, most of the family would walk up on the mountain on a Sunday afternoon and pick berries. It took a lot of huckleberries to make enough pies for 12 people, but we all enjoyed picking and eating.

In the winter there were good times too. There was more time to visit neighbors and family. And of course, when we got a big snowfall, we were all excited and had a wonderful time playing in the snow. Rushing through chores in the chill of evening made us appreciate the warm hearth, the hot meal and the companionship of the family. There were always plenty of chestnuts to roast and walnuts to crack.

Occasionally in warm weather, Father would let one or two of us ride to Franklin with him. Of course, we had to be old enough to ride well. If we took three horses in the fall, we could bring back enough supplies for the winter. Since you had to cross Cartoogechaye Creek to get to Franklin, Father preferred crossing when the water was low.

In the summer and fall, we have a large variety of food. In the winter we have more meat, potatoes and sweet potatoes plus the foods that can be dried or stored in the dirt cellar. Even when there were 12 of us living at home, food was always plentiful but all except the smallest children were working to provide it. In the spring we pick wild strawberries, then in the summer we pick blackberries and in the fall, grapes are abundant along the creek banks. Most of the time our apple crops are very good and some can be stored for part of the winter. When our crops are good, we share apples, potatoes and sweet potatoes with other family members and neighbors. Wild game is abundant and we butcher several hogs each winter, plus a beef occasionally. Our milk and butter are kept in the spring house which is built over the branch from the spring. Other foods are kept there also.

From the time Mt. Zion Church was organized in 1830, our family has been attending church there. My parents and sister Avaline became members when the church was organized. It is about two miles to the church from our house but we don't have to cross any large streams to get there so it is a fairly easy journey. We've always had several riding horses so we younger children could ride with our parents or with an older sibling. As we grew older, sometimes we walked. My husband is now a member at Mt. Zion.

Washington's parents, Milus and Nancy Potts, live on Cowee, so I have visited them only a few times, since it is a long ride on horseback to their house. My mother's parents have always lived in Buncombe County and I have been there twice to see them. My grandfather Duckett is now living with my mother's sister and her husband, Margaret and Andrew Jones. A few years ago, several of us went to visit my grandmother Addington, aunts, uncles and cousins in Union County, Georgia. My grandmother lives with my father's sister and husband, Mary and Drury Logan. I have a lot of Addington cousins in Georgia and a lot of Duckett cousins in Buncombe County. Wish we could see them more. My grandfather Addington died at our house about ten years ago while he was visiting from Union County.

God has abundantly blessed our large family since coming to Macon County and prospered us in many ways. My desire is for Washington and me to continue to live in this beautiful valley for the remainder of our lives and to raise our children here.

The following tidbits of information were taken from Valuable Information for Everybody: A Compilation of Short Cuts for Saving Labor, published by the Johnson Company, Atlanta Georgia, in 1914. The Museum holds a copy in its antique book collection.

Improvement on Doubletrees.

To avoid sudden shocks that will come when wagon is heavily loaded and on rough roads, if you will bring into use a common old buggy spring and bolt same as shown to doubletree, it will save your team from sore shoulder.



To Prevent Preserves from Molding

Place a pan full of lime in the cupboard where they are stored away.

The Watch as a Compass

The points of a compass may be determined with the aid of an ordinary watch. It is simply necessary to bring the watch in a position so that the hour hand is directed toward the sun. The south then lies exactly midway between whatever hour it may happen to be and the number XII on the dial. Let us suppose, for instance, that it is four o'clock and the timepiece is held in the position indicated. The direction of the number II will then be south. If it be eight o'clock, the number X will indicate the exact southern point.

To Attract Fish

When fishing with a drop net place a fresh water worm in a clear medicine bottle and tie it in the net. The worm will be greatly magnified. A ground worm in salt water will go through contortions that will attract the fish.

Linen - Mildew

May be restored by soaping the spots while wet, covering them with fine chalk scraped to powder, and rubbing it in well.

North Carolina

Population in 1900, 1,893,810; in 1910, 2,206,287. One of the original thirteen states. Seceded May 21, 1861. Readmitted to representation upon ratifying the fourteenth amendment, July 4, 1868.

Filling for Pin Cushions

Coarse coffee grounds, washed and thoroughly dried, make an ideal filling for pin cushions. They do not absorb moisture, and pins and needles will not rust if stuck in such a cushion.

From Dr. Lyle's Account Book

We continue with our transcription of an the old doctor's account book recently found in the museum. Spelling and punctuation are transcribed exactly as found in the ledger. Editorial notes and explanations are italicized and bracketed. We have had many positive comments about the transcription in the last issue; if you have found interesting information which has helped you in your historical and/or family research, please let us know.

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John Davis (Jackson [County]): To 1 visit 30 miles to daughter including 1 nights attendance \$12.50.

Chaney Wootten (Ga): To operation on mouth. \$1.00.

Thomas Crawford (Ga): To 1 visit from Clayton – Med – Prescription & — \$5.00

S. Munday: To Linament & Prescrt for Rheumtz \$2.00

Alfred Alexander (Ga): To 2 visits – 54 miles ride – attendance 2 nights & mornings – [illegible word] - \$50.00

H. G. Woodfin: To cash of Drury \$0.50. To cash of Cunningham \$5.00. [Total] \$5.50

Jackson Johnston: To 1 visit late at night – Mrs. - \$2.00

James Angel, Jr.: To meds & prescrt for Mrs. \$2.00

Wm. F. Angel: To 1 visit to Mrs. A. 4-meds – Meds & presct. \$2.50

J. N. Keener: To 1 visit to Mrs. K. accouchment¹ \$5.00

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J. W. Dobson: To 2 visits to old B. Woman \$2.00

J. R. Siler: April. To visit to blk girl Patsy (obstetrics) \$5.00 To Sundry visits medicine & attention 3 days on Susie \$3.00. 1 Large vial camp Tinct alo² on Lucy \$0.50. May. Sundry visits Medicine & attention to Patsy 2 days \$2.50. 1 Large vial Camp Tinct³ alo³ \$0.50. June. Sundry visits medicine & attention to self 2 visits \$7.50. . [Total] \$19.00.

Alexander Baldwin: April 20. To visit to child at night \$5.00

Montrevale Cook (Cowee). April. To visit to blk girl (accouchment) \$10.00. To 10 miles ride (in haste) \$5.00 . [Total] \$15.00

John W. Beattie. To 18 visits medicine & attention to self \$12.50

John Davis (Tuckaseiga): April. To vist & attention to daughter \$12.50

H. B. Bryson: April. To Sundry visits medicine & attention to daughter Charlotte 4 days \$5.00.

J. T. Siler: April & May. To medicine & attention to Lady. 15 days (Erysepelas⁴) \$20.00

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W^m Trotter: May 10. To visit to son Green & medicine \$1.50. May 19. To Iodide Potassium & Tinct, Colchi. \$1.00. To 1 Large vial camp. Liniment \$0.50. Prescription for daughter Jennie \$1.00. 1 vial muriated⁵ Tinct. Iron. \$0.25. 1 Large vial Camp. Tinct. Aloe. \$0.50. [Total] \$4.75

L. F. Siler: May 15 & 17. Sundy visits & medicine to wife \$2.50. June 18. To 1 Qt. Whiskey \$0.75. . [Total] \$3.25.

J. Johnston: May 14. To Large vial Mur. Tinct. Iron \$0.50.

Joseph Black (Cherokee [County]): May 17. To prescription & medicine for daughter \$2.50. June 18. To 1 Large vial camp. Tinct. Aloe \$0.75. . [Total] \$3.25

Lafayette Howard: May 24. To visit & consultation for wife \$5.00

S. Munday: May 30. To 1 Large Tinct. Colch. & Iodide Potassium \$1.00

Joseph Anderson: May 29. To visit to wife (obstetrics) \$5.00

Hyal Moore. May. To 3 visits & medicine for children \$5.00

J. T. Siler: June 8th. To Medicine & attention to self – 5 days \$5.00. To 1 Qt. whiskey \$0.75 [Total] \$5.75.

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William West: June 16. To visit to little son \$4.00

John Blackburn: June 16. To 11 visits to son Medicine & attention. \$30.00

Gilbert Hughes: June 25. To visit to child \$3.00

Holoman Battles: June. To 15 visits to self & family \$20.00

Mansfield Anderson: June & July to 12 visits to self & family \$20.00

Drury Mashburn: June 27. To visit & attention to Lady obstetrics \$5.00. Credit by wheat for Lyle \$5.00. [“Settled” written in margin by entry.]

Willis Johnston: June 29 & 30. To 3 visits to little boy \$5.00.

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To 4 Bus. Corn of Donaldson \$2.00. Aug 4. To 44 Bg. Oats of Anderson & Battles @ \$0.15. \$6.60. To Cash of Owens \$10.00. Aug 22 To Cash of

Angel \$5.00. To cash of Fulcher & Johnston \$0.55. Aug 23. To cash of West \$10.00. To wheat of Drury Mashburn \$5.00. [Total] \$39.15

Cr. by Cash at Webster \$1.00. Cr. by cash To Henderson \$1.00. [Total] \$2.00

H. G. Woodfin

Aug 3. Cash of Dillard at Webster \$1.00 Aug 10. Note of D. West on Siler \$20.00. Aug 17. Cash of D. Guyer \$6.00. Aug. 25. D⁶ of D. A. Russel \$2.00. D² of Penland 1 Taylor 1 [Total] \$2.00. Sept 1. D² of Rickman \$3.00. [Total] \$34.00.

Aug D² Cr. by Expenses at Webster \$2.50. D² Cr. By Expenses at Webster \$2.50. D² Cr. Freight from Anderson \$0.68. [Total] \$3.18 D² Cr. cash of H. Addington Ext tooth \$0.50

D. Love: June. To Med for Myra – Ishams wife, & Isham \$1.00. To Med for Letta & Geo. Son \$1.00. July 3.

Rabun Mashburn: To Blue Mass⁷. Directs & ---. \$1.00 [Total incl above entry] \$3.00

D. H. Russel: July 10. To attend on child \$2.00 Aug. 25. To Cr. by Cash \$2.00

J. W. Dodson: To attend on Mrs. D. (abortion) \$5.00.

Margaret Johnson: Ext tooth at home \$1.00.

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J. W. Dobson: July 20. To Several days attend on Mrs. Day & night \$5.00. To Jøe with Flux closely 3 or 4 days \$7.50. To Little one that died – 2 visits \$2.50. [Total] \$15.00

D. Love: To med for John (myself & Lyle) – Directs \$2.00. Attend on Manson – Flux – 4 days - \$5.00. Attend on Babe, Pollys child and Lyle 2 weeks \$10.00. Attendance on Celia – 2 visits - \$2.00. Med for Ruth's daughter \$0.50. Do Polly - \$0.50. Med of Lyle for J. B. L. subsequent \$1.00. [Total] \$21.00.

Rebecca Boring: To 3 visits to Daught. \$5.00

A. L. Corpening: To extr Tooth for Ben \$0.50.

John Setzer: To Med – 4 times for Mrs. S. Direct & \$2.00.

Rabun Mashburn: Blue Mass \$1.00

Laban Stiles: To 1 visit – 8 miles to family. Milk sick⁸. Attend all night. \$5.00

John W. Beattie. To Med for wife \$1.00

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Mrs. Elizabeth Butler: To attend 1 month – nearly every day Sometimes twice a day & several nights \$20.00. Cr. by cash of S. Munday \$20.00

Rev. J. R. Owens, Ga.: to 2 visits to Webster – attend – 3 nights & part of 3 days \$20.00.

Rev. Merit Rickman: 3 visits 12 miles each to Son \$12.00. Cr. In consideration of his being a Minister \$6.00. By cash at Franklin \$3.00.

Felix Dowdle: To 5 visits from both of us - 5 miles - attend on children Scarlet fever \$10.00

A. L. Corpening: To 1 visit at night to B. Woman – 7 miles - \$4.00 [Total] \$4.00

A. J. Patton: for Bill – To med & written Prescpt. For B. W. Abor. Threat. \$2.00

J. N. Keener: To Med for Daughter – C. (Garund?) [illegible word] \$0.50.

Aaron Talent: To 1 visit & attention to daughter \$1.00

Jason Gribble: To attend on wife accouchment \$5.00 [in margin: "by note"]

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Henry Sanders: To 6 visits to son in fever 27th to Sept 4 \$12.00.

Steph⁸ Munday: To Blue Mass \$0.25. Per A. P. N. Mass – other Pills - & Presct. \$2.00

Jacob Siler: To Blist. Plast. \$0.25

Col. J. S. Moore: July 9. To adjusting & binding broken arm for Lady. \$5.00. Aug 17. To Prescription & medicine for self – colic \$3.00. [Total] \$8.00.

Mat. Cockram⁹: July 30. To visit medicine & attendance to wife at night \$5.00 [in margin: "Settled by B. G. Jacobs"]

James Angel: July 9. To visit medicine & attendance to child part of night \$2.00. Aug 8. To visit to wife at Mrs. Reid at night \$3.00. [Total] \$5.00

Binum W. Bell: To Sundry visits medicine & attention to blk girl 10 days \$12.50

Mont. Cooke: July 13. To visit medicine &c for wife & child \$5.00.

J. M. Bryson: July 13. To prescription & medicine for self \$1.25. Aug 4. D² \$1.25. Aug 30. to 1 vial Paregoric¹⁰ & Squill¹¹ \$0.50 [Total] \$3.00.

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Henry Adington: To Medicine & attention to boy John 4 days \$5.00 [in margin: "21"]

Moses Battie [Beattie]: July 16. To prescription & medicine for wife \$1.25. Aug 5. To visit & medicine for wife \$2.00 [Total] \$3.25

Andrew Bryson: 17 [July? August?] To visit to child at night \$2.50.

John Reid: July 29. To visit & prescription for child \$1.00. Aug 30. To 2 vials Paregoric \$0.50. [Total] \$1.50

Frank Poindexter: Aug 4. To Sundry visits medicine & attention 4 days \$5.00.

George Dixon: Aug. 5 & 7. To visits & medicine for wife \$12.50 *in margin: "by note"*

Martin Norton: Aug 9. To visit medicine & attention to children \$4.00. Aug 11. D^o \$4.00. Prescription & medicine for daughters at sev. Times \$5.00. [Total] \$13.00.

Mitchel Vanhook: Aug 10. To visit & attention to wife at night obstetrick [sic] \$7.50. [Total] \$10.00. Aug 12. D^o \$2.50. Aug 22 D^o to wife \$2.50. [Total] \$12.50.

W^m. Donaldson: Aug 10th. To visit & medicine for son \$3.00.

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Alex Angel: Aug 10. To 8 visits & attention to wife 8 nights. \$10.00. [Cr.] by cash \$5.00.

J. W. Dobson: Aug 12. To Sundry visits medicine & attention to blk boy John 7 days \$7.50.

Wm West: Aug 15 & 16. To 2 visits to child \$6.00. Aug 19 to 23. To 4 visits to blk boy (1 at night) (fever) \$20.00. [Total] \$26.00 [Cr.] By cash \$10.00. By D^o \$15.00. [Total] \$25.00 - • = \$26.00.

Terrell Fulcher: Aug 22. To call visit & medicine for self \$2.50. Aug 28. To visit & medicine for self \$3.00. Sept 1 & 4. To 2 visits & medicine for self \$7.00. [Total] \$12.50. [note in margin: "Settled"]

Wilburn Sanders: Aug 25. To visit & prescription for wife \$3.00.

N. S. Smith: Aug 25. To medicine & attention closely 3 days. \$10.00.

D. W. Siler: Aug 24. To 2 visits & attention to self \$5.00. [note in margin: "Paid Sept. 14"]

John Siler: Aug. To 2 call visits to wife \$3.00

Joseph Black: Aug 28. To visit & prescription for daughter at night \$2.00.

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Jesse Guy: To 2 visits & medicine for wife \$6.00.

Cannady Henderson: To visits & medicine for wife \$4.00. Cash \$1.00. [Total] \$5.00.

Hiram Sisk: To 2 visits & medicine for son \$5.00 [note in margin "Settled By note"]

J. R. Siler: Aug 10. To attention & medicine to Suke 8 days \$7.50.

John M. Lyle

Sept. 11th To cash of W. Sanders \$3.00. Sept 14 To cash of D. W. Siler \$5.00. Sept 21 To cash of Carpenter \$3.00. To Work of Battles \$3.00. To work of M. Anderson \$1.00. To work of Jo.

Anderson \$1.00. Oct 3. To Cash of Gillespie \$7.50. To order on Cockran \$5.00. [Total] \$28.50.

J. M. Lyle

By cash Toll at Dillard's Trips \$0.60. By cash Toll at Dillard's 1 trip \$0.20. [Total] \$0.80.

Notes

¹Accouchment = accouchement: an old term for the act or time of giving birth

²Camp is probably camphor or camphorated

³Tinct = Tincture. A tincture is an alcoholic extract (a solution in alcohol) of a nonvolatile substance, such as tincture of iodine. (By the same token, "spirits" referred to a solution of a volatile substance, such as spirits of camphor.)

⁴Erysepelas: a bacterial skin infection, caused by a Group A streptococcal bacteria. Characterized by a fiery red rash with raised borders, hence the former name of "St. Anthony's Fire." Usually begins with a skin trauma, such as a wound, burn, or bruise.

⁵Muriated: A salt of muriatic hydrochloric acid; a chloride; as, muriated tincture of iron. Muriatic acid is a term for HCl (hydrochloric acid.)

⁶D^o = ditto

⁷Blue Mass: Little blue pills which were a staple in medicine in the 1800s. Used to treat tuberculosis, toothache, constipation, "melancholia" (depression), worms, and a host of other ailments. The key ingredient was mercury. Doubtless many who took this medicine suffered from mercury poisoning, which could lead to mental illness and death, as mercury gradually destroys brain cells, leaving them an empty shell. It is known that Abraham Lincoln took these pills, and there has been some conjecture in recent years that this led to unexplained rages on his part.

⁸Milk sick: One thought to be a contagious disease, it was learned that the illness is actually a poisoning arising from drinking the milk of a cow which has ingested the leaves of white snakeroot plant. In turn the toxin passed from this plant in the milk. There was little means of detecting this before human ingestion of the milk. It was not usually known that the cow had ingested the plant until the family members who drank the milk became ill. There are numerous accounts of several members of one family dying within hours or days of each other after drinking milk from a cow who had feasted on the plant. (Abe Lincoln's mothe, Nancy Hanks, died of "the milksick")

⁹Cockram: this surname was originally Cockerham, later is seen variously as Cockram, Cockran, Cochram, and/or Cochran

¹⁰Paregoric a tincture of opium.. Was flavoured (with camphor, aniseed and benzoic acid) and was a less potent form of laudanum, a simple tincture of opium.

¹¹Squill: an herbal medicine used to treat asthma and other breathing problems, such as whooping cough.

The following ballads were found in the Henry files in the Lawrence Wood Collection housed at the Macon County Historical Society.

Song Ballad

March the 27th 1892

Young people all I pray draw near
Attend a while and you shall hear
How sin and satan did agree
To land my soul in misery

2

Full eighteen years around did roll
Before I thought of my poor soul
With trembling horror now I tell
I danced upon the brink of hell

3

That pleasing sin called __ mirth
Leads thousands souls to endless death
And but for gods resistless grace
I long ere now had reached that place

4

I oft in times to church did go
My beauty and ---- (word faded) there to show
About my soul I took no thought
Though Jesus had it dearly bought

5

At length I heard the gospel preached
The words my calious bosom reached
You must says Christ be born again
If you to Heaven would ever attain

6

In solom watches of the night
I roved in secret where I might
Upon my knees pour'd out my grief
And prayed to god for some relief.

7

My uncle said don't look so dull
Come go with me to yonder ball
In silk and sattan you shall shine
And be the heir of all that was mine

8

Dear unkle that will never do
It only would increase my wo[e]
Come help me mourn my reched case
I am lost undone with out free grace

9

Now since you are resolved to turn
And after silly bablers run
None of my portion you shall have
I will it to some other give

The end. Wrote by Kansas Henry
March 27 } 1892

Song Ballad of Naaman

There was Naaman the leper that
Honorable man the Captain of syrans host
He was badly afflicted and sick in the land
A burden to all on the coast
Oh my what a desease made him white
No Doctor could help him he learned
For they never did pray and handnt no way
Way to get in that beautiful stream

Chorus

Go and wash in that beautiful stream
Go and wash in that beautiful stream
Oh Namaan Oh Naaman Go down
and wash go wash in that Beautiful Stream

2

But he heard of a man in the Hebrews land
A little Maid told him about
I will go if I can he said to his friends
for he can ever releave me no doubt
So he went and he called on the profit of god
But Elisha refused to be seen
But he lifted his burden and sent him to Jordan
to wash in that beautiful stream

Chorus

3

So Naaman went on when the servant had gone
Whom Elisha had sent to his door
For he couldn't believe that he had received from
The prophet so perfect a case he thought that
The rivers down in his own land were better
Because they were clean
It was just about night when he got in the light
As he jumped in that beautiful stream

Chorus

4

Now sinner poor sinner why are you the same
As Naaman the noted Syrene
Yor sickness doth linger both body and soul
It makes you fell lonesome and meane
If you feel your lost now take up your cross
And Jesus will wash you clean.
If you feel your sick come along
And plunge in that Beautiful stream.

Chorus

The End

Wrote by Candace Henry

February 23, 1890

*Do you have ballads or poems written long ago by
Macon County folk? If so, we'd be delighted to
publish them in future issues of Echoes!*

Weddings of the Past

We continue with marriages of 150, 125, and 100 years ago. We have also included an example of a handwritten marriage license issued during the period between 1868-1874 when the transition from marriage bond to licenses was taking place.

150 Years Ago

August 8, 1855. David Arrowood married Susannah Truitt. John Hall, Clk.

November 11, 1855. Alfred Brendle married Martha I. Miller. John Hall, Clk.

April 17, 1855. John B. Cunningham married Sarah Moore. John Hall. Clk.

January 13, 1855. J. P. Dehart married Mary Thompson. No official listed.

March 31, 1855. Lem Edwards married Susannah Morrow. Westly Truitt, Witness.

June 11, 1855. James Forrester married Martha Mason. John Hall, Clk.

August 27, 1855. W. W. Guy married Nancie Kerby. John Hall, Clk.

October 16, 1855. Thos. J. Hooper married Sophia Ann Wilson. Joshua Ammons. M. G.

August 31, 1855. Berryman Love married Francis Satterfield. J. P. McConnell, Witness.

December 29, 1855. William Morrison married Elizabeth Sanders. Peter Davis. (no indication of whether Davis was the witness or the official.)

February 20, 1855. Frances Poindexter married Margaret J. Bryson. John Hall, Clk.

July 20, 1855. William Roper married Eliza Tallent. Robert Hall. (no indication of whether Hall was the witness or the official.)

The following marriages took place in 1880 & 1905. All parties were from Macon County, all parents living, and license obtained by groom & on the same day as the marriage unless otherwise noted. License number given in parenthesis at end of each listing.

125 Years Ago

March 18, 1880. N.H. Passmore, 22, married S. H. Franks, 19. He is the son of Thos. J. and M. L. Passmore; she is the daughter of Joshua and Rachel Franks. Married by E. H. Franks, J. P. at the home of Joshua Franks in Millshoal. Witnesses: H. H. Gibson, R. J. Berry and L. T. Berry. License obtained March 11, 1880. (3134) (Note: another marriage record appears in the Macon County marriage records for N. H. Passmore in 1923 to Margaret Valentine. He is 65, she is 47.)

February 12, 1880. W^m S. Moffatt, 22, married Roxanna Elliott, 22. He is the son of Josiah and Sarah Moffatt; she is the daughter of Robert and

Elizabeth Elliott. Married by J. H. Addington, J. P. at his residence. Witnesses: John H. Moffatt, R. E. Addington, E. C. Addington. License obtained February 9th, 1880 by Columbus Hodgins. (2177)

March 18, 1880. Joseph McGuyer, 30, married Nannie C. Hill, 29. He is the son of Patrick and Sarah McGuyer of Dandridge, TN; she is the daughter of S. W. and Celia Hill. Married by C. B. Fugate, Sr., Minister of M. E. Church (South) in Highlands. Witnesses: Selena Norton, -G. A. Jacobs, E. P. Norton. License obtained by E. P. Norton on March 17, 1880. (2228)

December 5, 1880. Lafayette Norris, 18, married Mary Long, 18. He is the son of L. D. and M. Norris (father deceased); she is the daughter of unknown and Mary Long (mother deceased). Married by M. L. Kelly, J. P. at the residence of Laban Long in Smith's Bridge. Witness: N. L. Rhodes, Z P. Cabe, J. M. Rhodes. License obtained by G. W. N. Cabe on December 4, 1880. (2376)

November 14, 1880. John Poindexter, 21, married Margaret Jacobs, 18. He is the son of Jasper and ___ Poindexter (father deceased); she is the daughter of W. B. and ___ Jacobs. Married by B. G. Wild, Minister of M. E. South, at the home of W. B. Jacobs. Witnesses: J. A. Wild, F. G. (Tripplett?), J. R. Shepherd. License obtained November 13, 1880 by Bery Roper. (2596)

February 11, 1880. R. W. Reese, 22, married M. Octavia Womack, 20. He is the son of Sam^l and J. A. Reese; she is the daughter of J. and S. A. Womack. Married by C. D. Smith, M. G. M. E. Church South at the residence of Rev. J. Womack. Witnesses: Sallie Downs, Gemina Reese, Dora (Niebins?), Charles Huey, J. R. Siler. License obtained by C. G. Huey. (2695).

December 24, 1880. T. P. Siler, 51, married Jane Reaves, 28. He is the son of Jesse R. and Harriet Siler (both deceased); she is the daughter of John and Sarah Reaves (father deceased.) Married by F. Poindexter, J. P. at "their place of residence." Witnesses: L. M. Conelly, J. F. Wilks, Mont Willis. (2907)

November 5, 1880. John Swaney, 36, of Swain County married Laura Gibbs, 23, of Swain County. He is the son of James and Elizabeth Swaney of Tennessee; she is the daughter of Nicholas Woodfin and Lucy Gibbs of Swain County. Married by J. S. Woodard, Baptist Minister, at Burningtown Church house (Baptist.) Witnesses: T. C. Welch, Jacob Franklin, N. M. Welch. License obtained November 4, 1880 by Jacob Franklin. (2850)

January 29, 1880. M. C. Teague, 17, married Margaret Cheek, 17. He is the son of Walter and Susan Teague; no parents given for bride. Consent for marriage given by father of the groom and Orange Garrison, guardian of the bride. Married by

John P. Howard, J. P. at his home in Nantahala. Witnesses: Zebedee Reeves, W. H. Cochran, B. H. Taylor. License obtained January 26, 1880 by H. H. Teague. (3218)

September 16, 1880. J. C. Tilson, 20, married L. H. Rogers, 18. He is the son of ___ and Susan Tilson (father deceased); she is the daughter of W^m and Elizabeth Rogers. Married by D. L. Miller, Minister of the Baptist Church, at the home of W^m Rogers in Sugarfork. Witnesses: Newton Rogers, John Tilson, David Rogers. License obtained September 15, 1880 by W. N. McCoy. (3085)

October 14, 1880. Basil V. Vanhook, 55, Black, married Lou Rogers, 30, Black. He is the son of Bill Day and Sarah Vanhook, both deceased; she is the daughter of Harry Love and Mariah Rogers of Cullowhee, Jackson County ("not known" if father is living.) Married by E. H. Franks, J. P. at his store. Witnesses: W. N. Allman, N. T. (Mizely?), Alfred West. (3334)

July 25, 1880. A. B. Welch, 17, married M. E. Justice, 19. He is the son of J. J. and Cath Welch of Swain County; she is the daughter of A. A. and Margaret L. Justice (mother deceased.) Married by J. S. Woodard, M. G. at the home of John Anderson in Burningtown. Witnesses: John Burnett of Burningtown, A. J. Breedlove of Swain County, J. M. Forester. License obtained July 24, 1880 by L. C. Buchanan. (3569)

November 24, 1880. Major Wells, 21, Colored, of Jackson County married Margaret Angel (Black) (no age given.) Parents of groom "unknown" but "resident of South Carolina"; parents of bride not given. Married by E.H. Franks, J. P. at his store. Witnesses: Abner McDaniel, Moses Trotter, Moses Trotter (*note: Two Moses Trotter slived in Macon County at this time; the younger was a nephew of the elder.*) (3387)

September 22, 1880. L. J. Wilson, 23, married Mary Adams, 18. He is the son of Leander and Marth Wilson (father deceased); she is the daughter of B. and Sarah Adams (father deceased.) Married by E. H. Franks, J.P. at his residence in Mill Shoal. Witnesses: J. D. Franks, J. K. Wilson, E. A. Franks. License obtained by E. A. Elliott on August 28, 2005. (3549)

January 1, 1800. Jas. A. Young, 19, married Rebeca A. Keener, 17. He is the son of W. G. and Rutha Young; she is the daughter of W. and S. C. Keener. Married by Hosea Moses, J. P. at U. Keener's house in Ellijay. Witnesses: J. T. Henry, P. C. Gregory, G. M. Franks. License obtained December 31, 1879 by A. J. Moore. (3614)

November 9, 1880. Jesse R. Siler, 20, married Mira J. Bell, 16. He is the son of T. P. and Caroline Siler (mother deceased); she is the daughter of A. W. and Mary Bell. Married by Coleman Campbell, Minister of M. E. Church South, at the

home of A. W. Bell. Witnesses: J. L. Siler, T. P. Siler, Jno. Jay Moore. License obtained by Geo. W. Crawford. (2906)

100 Years Ago

December 30, 1905. William Battles, 27, married Callie Guffey, 26. He is the son of Laura Battles (father "unknown" and not known if he is living); she is the daughter of James and Eliza Guffey. Married by W. P. Allison, J. P. at the home of James Guffey in Cartoogechaye. Witnesses: M. L. McDowell, James M. Collins, A. D. McDowell. License obtained December 29, 1905 by Lum Hasting. (0146)

February 1, 1905. Charlie C. Cabe, 31, married Mary Ellen Dowdle, 26. He is the son of J. L. and Sarah Cabe; she is the daughter of Ben and Sarah Dowdle. Married by John Allison, Minister of M.E. Church South at the home of B. F. Dowdle. Witnesses: S. E. Howell, E. E. Cabe, J.H. Dowdle. License obtained January 30, 1905. (0643)

October 15, 1905. Jesse Elliott, 21, married Mary Corbin, 25. He is the son of George and Jane Elliott; she is the daughter of Mack and Caroline Corbin. Married by M. A. Love, M. G. at his home in Millshoal. Witnesses: J. L. Corbin, Bill Elliott, (Nonah?) Benfield. License obtained October 14, 1905. (1050)

December 14, 1905. W. R. Franks, 23, married Kitty Conley, 20. He is the son of E. H. and E. Franks; she is the daughter of J. J. and Sallie Conley. Married by M. A. Love, M. G. at the home of J. F. Palmer. Witnesses: J. F. Palmer, Nettie Ammons, Mrs. J. T. Palmer. (1092)

April 19, 1905. Thomas R. Gray, 58, married Miss Mary Slagle, 53. He is the son of James K. and Matilda S. Gray (both deceased); she is the daughter of Alfred and Harriet Slagle (both deceased.) Married by John H. Moore, Minister of the M. E. Church South at the residence of Henry Slagle. Witnesses: F. L. Siler, Laura Robertson, Maggie Slagle. License obtained by John B. Gray. (1355)

September 7, 1905. Lafayett Henson, 54, married Ella Carpenter, 28. He is the son of Edward and Lucinda Henson (both deceased); she is the daughter of David and Marget Carpenter (mother deceased). Married by Robt. Stamey, J. P. at the home of David Carpenter on Cartoogechaye. Witnesses: K. E. Davies, D. M. Carpenter, E. J. Ledford. License obtained September 6, 1905. (1390)

March 29, 1905. David A. Jacobs, 54, married Nannie Myers, 21. He is the son of Gater and Darcus Jacobs (both deceased); she is the daughter of Pink and Tina Myers (mother deceased). Married by J. B. Ramsey, J. P. at his home. Witnesses: T. V. Ramsey, R. V. Ramsey, S. S. Ramsey. License obtained by James Calloway. (1829)

March 15, 1905. A. Ben Ledford, 21, married Flora Ann Watts, 14. He is the son of Jesse and Gemina Ledford; she is the daughter of A. B. and Iowa Watts (mother deceased.) Married by Robt. Stamey, J. P. at the residence of A. B. Watts in Cartoogechaye. Father by of the bride gave consent for marriage. Witnesses: J. A. Hastig, J. T. Jones. M. D. Watts. License obtained on March 11, 1905. (1959)

January 29, 1905. W. R. Mason, 22, of Leatherman married Maggie Gibson, 21 of Leatherman. He is the son of Jake and Nancy Mason of Leatherman (mother deceased); she is the daughter of Tom and Sis Gibson of Leatherman. Married by John C. Hurst, J. P. at the home of J. T. Gibson in Cowee. Witnesses: J. B. Matlock of West Mills, Walter Gibson of Leatherman, B. J. Hurst of Leatherman. (2265) (Note: Groom's surname spelled "Mayson" on return.)

April 2, 1905, West McCall, 21, married Mindy Webb, 20. He is the son of Andy and Harriet McCall, both deceased; she is the daughter of Deby Webb (mother deceased, father "unknown" and unknown if living.) Married by Henry Stewart, Jr., J. P. at Highlands. Witnesses: Mr. J. Lowery, R. W. Reese, S. P. Pierson, all of Highlands. License obtained on March 30, 1905 by M. J. Talley. (2306)

January 8, 1905. James R. Ramsey, 24, married Pearl Byrd, 17. He is the son of Samuel and Nannie Ramsey; she is the daughter of John and Lucy Byrd, both of whom gave consent for the marriage. Married by W. L. Bradley, Baptist M. G. at John Byrd's residence in Burningtown. Witnesses: Vergle Smith, E. B. Byrd, J. B. Owenby. License obtained December 27, 1904. (2795)

January 31, 1905. George Teague, 25, of Parrish, N. C. married Emma Campbell, 18, of Kyle, N. C. He is the son of A. M. and Caroline Teague of Parrish; she is the daughter of Ellen Campbell (father "unknown".) Married by W. A. Solesbee, J. P. at the home of A. M. Teague in Nantahala. Witnesses: J. P. Solesbee, Harvey Bateman, Harley Rowland, all of Nantahala. License obtained January 28, 1905. (3204)

February 22, 1905. J. T. Vinson, 21, married L. B. Justice, 22. He is the son of B. L. and Lucinda Vinson; she is the daughter of Sam and Jane Justice (father deceased.) Married by T. J. Vinson, Minister Bapt. Denomination, at the home of Jane Justice in Smith's Bridge. Witnesses: S. C. Conley, D. E. Vinson, J. M. Conley. License obtained February 16, 1905 by J. E. Vinson. (3344)

December 31, 1905. Deck Welch, 24, married Cordie Houston, 20. He is the son of J. L. and Jennie Welch; she is the daughter of J. W. and Ann Houston. Married by Joseph L. Fouts, J. P. and the residence J. W. Houston in Cowee. Witnesses: T. C. Tippett, Levi Roper, John Southerds, all of Wests Mills. License obtained December 29, 1905. (3572)

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5th Annual Window Wonderland

Friday Evenings
December 2 & 9, 2005
Downtown Franklin

Once again the Streets of Franklin Heritage Association, the Town of Franklin, and the Tourist Development Commission are sponsoring the popular Window Wonderland, a recreation of a Victorian Christmas. There will be live depictions of Victorian Christmas scenes in the windows of the businesses in town, activities for all, luminaries, continuous entertainment at the Gazebo, Santa Claus, carolers, and strolling Victorian characters.

Activities will include sugar cookie decorating, snowflake and paper chain making for the children, and antique cars and trucks for all ages.

Entertainment will include music by the Burningtown Baptist Church, the First Baptist Church, the Carolines, the Lyric Theater/Choral Society, the Arts Council, Bravehearts, the Children's Handbell Choir, and the Adult Candlelight Choir from the Franklin Covenant Church.

As always, the Historical Society & Museum will be participating. Please do join us and don your Victorian or Sesquicentennial costume if possible!

Join Us As We Welcome
This Joyous Season!

Handwritten Marriage Licence from the 1860s
(Source: N. C. State Archives County Records C. R. 061. C. R. X.)

State of North Carolina
Macon County } To any regular minister
of the Gospel having the
care of souls of whatever denomination
or to any Justice of the Peace of said County,
you or any of you are hereby licensed
and authorized to celebrate and solemnize
the rites of matrimony between Joseph B.
Morgan and Izabel Forister, and join them
together as man and wife
Witness R. C. Slagle Register of Deeds for Macon County,
at office this 7th day of Oct 1868,
R. C. Slagle R. D. M. C.

Transcription: State of North Carolina Macon County. To any regular minister of the Gospel having the care of souls of whatever denomination or to any Justice of the Peace of said County, you or any of you are hereby licensed and authorized to celebrate and solemnize the rites of matrimony between Joseph B. Morgan and Izabel Forister and join them together as man and wife. Witness R. C. Slagle Register of Deeds for Macon County at office this 7th day of Oct 1868. R. C. Slagle R. D. M. C.

J. B. Morgans
M. Licence
Oct 7th 1868
I do certify that on 11th day of Oct 1868 in the county of Macon
at the residence of James Forister I celebrated and solemnized
the rites of matrimony between J. B. Morgan and Izabel Forister
and joined them together as man and wife according to the
written license
David Sheets, M. G.
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Transcription: J. B. Morgans M. License Oct 7th 1868 I do certify that on 11th day of Oct 1868 in the county of Macon at the residence of James forester I celebrated and solemnized the rites of matrimony between J. B. Morgan and Izabel forester and Joined them together as man and wife according o the written license. David Sheets, M. G. Rec. page 180(?)

OAK GROVE COMMUNITY SWINGING BRIDGE

The Little Tennessee River flows through Macon County beginning in Rabun County and flowing north toward Swain County and into the Fontana Lake. It is the only river east of the Mississippi River that flows north and eventually into the Mississippi.

I feel very fortunate to have lived near the river all my life, watching its many changes. It is a source of calm and beauty. Many people fish for food and swim and canoe for recreation.

In the Oak Grove Community about ten miles north of Franklin, the Parrish and Raby Families both took up residences near the river. There was an area near the present McCoy Bridge that was shallow enough to cross in a wagon or an automobile. Otherwise, most people crossed the river by boat or by foot on a swinging bridge.

There was a swinging bridge for all the community to use near the Oak Grove Baptist Church. This enabled those west of the river to attend church, school, and access to the road between Bryson City and Franklin, now known as Highway #28.

Bedell Dove Parrish (4/2/1910-7/23/1998) was born at the Parrish Farm on Rose Creek Road to Nathaniel Henderson and Laura Hall Parrish. As a young girl, she met Charles Donald Raby (9/27/1907-2/9/2002) at the Oak Grove Baptist Church, about two miles from her home. He was the son of Charles Albert and Clarissa Byrd Raby and lived within sight of the church.

While I was visiting Don and Bedell a few years back, the future of the bridge came up in conversation. They began to tell me of their own personal affection for and the important role the bridge played in the beginning of their young lives. I was shocked and overjoyed to have them share their story that the family had never heard. I shudder to think that it may have been lost had the future of the bridge not been in question.

Don was working as a mechanic at Joines Motor Company on Main Street in Franklin. It was February 2, 1929. He and Bedell had been seeing other, called courtin' back in those days. They courted at church and at community functions. As was the norm then, they decided to get married by eloping across the Georgia line. Bedell packed an overnight bag, telling her mother that she was going to spend the night with her first cousin, Carrie Lee Pannell. (Carrie Lee's father, Arthur Pannell, was the jailor, so the place would have been at the County Jail, which now houses the Gem and Mineral Museum). Looking back, Bedell realized that her mother knew her true mission but played along with her story. She walked the two miles down to cross the bridge. Her intent was to catch the Jitney Bus that traveled between Bryson City and Franklin.

Plans had been made to meet Don in Franklin after he got off work, then travel to Georgia to get married.

As she was walking across the bridge she saw the Jitney Bus going out of sight toward Franklin. Not to be outdone, she decided she would walk up to the Etna Post Office and hitch a ride with her nephew, Clyde West. The West's owned West's Mill Post Office in the Cowee Community. Clyde would travel daily to Etna, pick up mail and deliver it to Franklin along with mail from West's Mill. When Clyde arrived he informed her that he did not have room because he had promised his sisters, Clara and Vonnie, a lift into town that day. Bedell then wrote Don a note to let him know of her plight and that she had not stood him up. Clyde promised to hand-deliver the note to Don, not knowing of the wedding plans. Bedell told Don in the note she would wait for him at her friend, Pearl Childers' house. (Clyde later chided Bedell for being too shy and not letting him in on her wedding plans, saying that Clara and Vonnie could have waited another day to go to town.)

In the meantime, Don asked his boss if he could get off work early to get married. His boss thought he was joking and ignored his request. It was dark when he finally arrived at the Childers' home to pick up his bride. He was driving his brother, Jess Raby's car, so he was able to cross the river near the present day McCoy Bridge to get to the Childers' home. Bedell did not tell Pearl of her plans, until Don arrived. Pearl had wanted them to attend a community dance that night, so Bedell had to confess what the real plans were.

When Don and Bedell arrived in Dillard, they got the Methodist minister out of bed to perform the ceremony. They were married for sixty-nine years.

In the past few years, the North Carolina State Department has been removing these historic bridges because of safety and the high cost of maintenance. At the present time they have decided to restore the Oak Grove Bridge thanks largely to the efforts of Wilma Rogers, longtime friend of the Raby's, who fondly remembers the important role it played in the Oak Grove Community history. The Macon County Historical Society endorsed her efforts to preserve this historical landmark.

Gloria Raby Owenby
November 15, 2005

See pictures on following page.

Thank you, Gloria, for this heartwarming story! We hope that others will share their family stories such as this one for publication and enjoyment of all our readers!



Above
Oak Grove Swinging Bridge
Picture Courtesy of
Gail Robinson
Taken by her great-grandfather
Theodore McCoy
1922
(Oak Grove Baptist Church on hill)



Left
Don & Bedell (Parrish) Raby
1979
Taken for their 50th Wedding Anniversary
By
Charles E. Browning

Macon County Men in the Confederate Army

Company K, 9th Regiment, N.C. S. T. (1st Regiment N. C. Cavalry.)*

We continue with the listing of the names of soldiers from Macon County with Company K, 9th Regiment, N.C. S. T. (1st Regiment N. C. Cavalry.) 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.

This company was organized in Macon County beginning June 13, 1861. In early July, the company, known as the Nantahala Rangers, moved to Camp Woodfin in Asheville. The company was moved in early August (along with three other companies of cavalry) to Camp Beauregard at Ridgeway, Warren County. It became a part of the 9th Regiment N. C. State Troops (1st Regiment N. C. Cavalry.) Much of the Regiment's time was spent in Virginia, and it was a part of J. E. B. Stuart's unit. It participated in the Confederate invasion of Maryland.

Officers - Captains

Thaddeus P. Siler

William M. Addington

Officers - Lieutenants

1st Lieutenant

Samuel Beniah Gibson

1st Lieutenant

William H. Roane

2nd Lieutenant

Benjamin P. Ellis

2nd Lieutenant

Jacob M. Gillespie

2nd Lieutenant

Frank Leach

2nd Lieutenant

Jesse W. Siler

Noncommissioned Officers & Privates

John H. Addington
John Allison
William C. Allman
Allen Almonds
James Anderson
John Anderson
George W. Angel
James Jasper Arnold
John N. Arnold
Thomas Baily
James Barclay¹
George W. Barnes
Moses Baty
J. B. Bell¹
William F. Blackburn
Joshua J. Bolick
George W. Bradshaw
Josiah R. Bradshaw²
Jesse E. Breedlove
John Buckner
W. A. Buckner
James M. Burreece
Alexander Cantrell
Joseph Carroll
Andrew M. Carson
Jesse S. Carson
John H. Carson
Thomas Carver
C. Conner¹
John J. Constant
E. L. Corbin
Leander Corbin
Francis M. Cornett

Noncommissioned Officers & Privates

Gambriel Cox²
William D. Crawford
Joel L. Crisp²
Joseph W. Crunkleton
Harroll A. Cunningham
J. M. Cunningham
Jeffrey E. Cunningham
Jason Davis
Thomas W. P. Davis
Tyra H. Davis
J. P. DeHart
W. J. DeHart
A. C. Dellinger⁴
Jesse Deweese
John H. Deweese
Martin Dowell
Arodi Draper¹
Newton Eskridge
J. R. Gamble¹
Jacob L. Gamble¹
W. S. Gettys¹
Daniel H. Gettys
J. H. Goodson
David V. Green
J. C. Gunter
Albert A. Guy
Andrew J. Guy
George W. Guy
Henry E. Guy
Enoch Hartman⁵
James Hartzog¹
James T. Henry
John S. Henry

Noncommissioned Officers & Privates

R. A. Henry
William W. Henry
William Hester
Romeo Hicks¹
Joseph H. Higdon
William W. Higdon
Anthony Holland
James Hunt¹
B. P. Jacobs
F. M. Jenkins
William T. Jenkins
Daniel Johnson
James H. Johnson
John Wiley King²
L. H. Kinsland⁷
William Kinsland
John L. Knight
Reubin A. Lambert
Alexander Irvin Leadford
Leander T. Ledford
Adolphus W. Lomax
Joel H. Lovin²
G. W. Lowdermilk
Samuel Luckey
L. M. Maney
Harrison Manly
William Alphonso Marcus
Aaron Mathis
William Matthews
Joseph McCall
H. H. Pinkney McCoy
Arthur McDowell
Thomas R. McDowell

Noncommissioned Officers & Privates

Joseph A. McKinney¹
Thomas J. McKinney¹
Frank Medlin
James H. Medlin
Berry B. Melton
S. J. Miller
William G. Miller⁴
Jule A. Milton⁶
Joseph Morgan
J. Riley Morgan
Lorenzo D. Morgan
Hosea Moses
Larkin J. Moses
Milton Moss¹
George W. Parton
J. A. Proctor
Mansfield Proctor²
Moses Proctor²
Leonadas Ray
William Ray
John Reaves
James H. Revel²

Noncommissioned Officers & Privates

Phillip R. Rickman
William C. Rickman
Thomas D. Rodgers
J. S. Rogers
John H. Rogers
Jacob M. Rose²
Quilla L. Rose
J. G. Russell
Andrew Saine⁵
Andrew Shields
Ashbel Shields
William W. Shields
James W. Siler
Thomas Summerfield Siler
William Theodore Siler
Willie P. Siler
James H. Simmons¹
Thomas J. Simonds
William R. Simonds
Sidney R. Slagle

Noncommissioned Officers & Privates

John Thaddeus Stallcup
L. H. Stallcup⁷
William R. Stallcup
James Lewis Strain
W. M. Taylor
A. J. Tipton
James M. Toms¹
Silas Tuthero
A. M. Tutherow
John Tutherow
Albert H. Walker²
John N. Waycaster
William N. Webster⁶
John T. Welch²
Manoes Welch
Robert W. Welch
James O. Wilkes
Hiram N. Williams
Jesse K. Williams
Joseph E. Williams
E. Wilson
John T. Wyont

* Source: North Carolina Troops, Volume II by Weymouth T. Jordan

¹Enlisted in Wake County ²Enlisted in Buncombe County ³Resided in Macon but enlisted in Buncombe ⁴Enlisted in Mecklenburg County ⁵Enlisted at Petersburg, VA ⁶Conscripted in another county, assigned to this unit ⁷L. H. Stallcup and L.H. Kinsland are the same person. He was reared in his Kinsland grandparents home after the death of his father shortly before or after the death of his father, and used both surnames, Kinsland in his early years and Stallcup in later years.

We continue with the Loyalty Oaths of Macon County men during the post-Civil War/Reconstruction era. As stated previously, many of the soldiers took the oath upon release; others took the oath within the county. In some cases, these were Home Guard soldiers; in other cases the man had not served in the war, but was thought to have supported the Confederacy. The oath was required of anyone who desired to vote or hold public office.

P. A. Baldwin
I, *P. A. Baldwin*, of *Macon* County, State of North Carolina, do solemnly swear or affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God.
Sworn and subscribed to this *9th* day of *September*, A. D. 1865, before *Dr. W. H. Chapman*, J. P.

Subler Burns
I, *Subler Burns*, of *Macon* County, State of North Carolina, do solemnly swear or affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God.
Sworn and subscribed to this *14th* day of *January*, A. D. 1865, before *R. M. Whiting*, J. P.

W. J. Bates
I, *W. J. Bates*, of *Macon* County, State of North Carolina, do solemnly swear or affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God.
Sworn and subscribed to this *15th* day of *Sept*, A. D. 1865, before *Dr. W. H. Chapman*, J. P.

George W. Battle
I, *George W. Battle*, of *Macon* County, State of North Carolina, do solemnly swear or affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God.
Sworn and subscribed to this *6th* day of *Sept*, A. D. 1865, before *Dr. W. H. Chapman*, J. P.

J. Battle
I, *J. Battle*, of *Macon* County, State of North Carolina, do solemnly swear or affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God.
Sworn and subscribed to this *9th* day of *Sept*, A. D. 1865, before *Dr. W. H. Chapman*, J. P.

J. Battle
I, *J. Battle*, of *Macon* County, State of North Carolina, do solemnly swear or affirm, in presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully support, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Union of the States thereunder; and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all laws and proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion with reference to the emancipation of slaves. So help me God.
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(Civil War letters con't)

so much at our hard living. The cannon is roaring dreadful at this time so I cant contend myself to rite. I want you to rite soon and give me all the news about everybody and everything. I havent drawd nary sent of money yet. if I can get any I will send it to you the first chance I have. Let me know whether you get mu letters or not. This is all I have rote. I remain yours as ever till death.

Anthony to Elizabeth Holland

I will put ten postage stamps in this letter let me know if you get them.

Camp on the James River
30 miles above Richmond va
June the 15 day 1864

Dear son

as I have just done feeding and watering my horse I will rite you few lines to let you no that I have not forgotten you and let you no that I am in tolerable good health except my back. i can do tolerable well all to riding horseback that I cant doo but little of. I doo fondly hope these few lines my find you and all the rest of the family in the best of health. Bud I have not news of intrust to rite at present as I have not heard any reliable news in some days. i have not heard from Arthur in ten days. I am very uneasy about him. Bud how are you getting along with your crop. How does it look. Is your wheat good. Bud I want you to do the best you can and make all the corn you can for it looks like them that dont make corn this year will perish. I wish I was there to help you but there is no chance. When you go to lay by your corn dont plow too close to it and doo the best you can. and if I am ever spared to get back hom I will send you to school to tel it will make a man of you. Bud I want you to rite to me as soon as you get this. i have rote a good many letters and has never got but two yet. So I remain father till death.

Anthony to Marion Holland

Camp on the James River
30 miles above Richmond
June the 24 1864

Dear Daughter

I now seat myself to rite you a line to let you know how I am. My health is about as common only I have had the uraliza in my head for about a week. I do fondly hope these few lines may find you and all the rest of the family well and dooing well. I have nothing that will intrust you more than I can tell you that their has come another letter from Leander . he is well and harty and is still at Fort Delaware. I have received a letter from your mother a few days ago which gave me much satisfaction all though it had

been rote the 25 of May though. I read it and concluded I would wait with patience till the boys would come from home then I get a full supply and yesterday Higdon[,] Crunkleston and Bill Henry landed here to our camp and to my misfortune they had fetched letters for all the boys but me. I was sorry that I didn't get nary letter but it was a good deal of satisfaction to me to even hear from home. but was very sorry to hear that times was so hard their and that hogs and other stock had died up there so bad. I fear you will all suffer in that country though the boys tells me that nearly all the unionites or tories which you have please to call them is gone to the Yankees. There is a few more families yet to go and then I think what is left can doo much better when they all get away and this war ends. I think that what is left can live in much satisfaction on Sugar Fork to what they ever did before. Well as I dont no what to rite I will stop. I have rote a great many things that I would rite again if I nowed you did not get them. So rite soon and tell me about all your home waters. So I remain your father till death.

Anthony to Jane Holland

Tell your mother I sent her a ten dollar bill in a letter and some postage stamps in another. I want her to let me no if she got them.

The following is a letter from Sarah Johnson of Taylorsville to Gabriel Bolick of Macon County telling of the death of their son. Although no name is mentioned for the son, he was almost certainly Joshua J. Bolick of Co. K., 9th Regiment N. C. S. T. (1st Regiment N. C. Cavalry). According to North Carolina Troops, he survived the war, so he apparently died on the way home after the war.

Sept the 3? 1865 Taylorsville

I hardly know how to begin to rite to you I suppose it is your son that died at my house April the 27 I think he was here about ten days He was very bad off when he came here He had been captured by the Yankees and robbed of all he had He told me they took his horse and saddle and clothes and money I put clean clothes on him and washed his and took good care of him when he got so he could not go any longer He got out of his head He called for his father and mother often and told me he would never get well but said he would be better off He prayed often The doctor waited on him about a week very faithful day and nite until he died He is buried here in the town graveyard He was put away clean and decent I could tell you better than I can rite but maybe this will be a little satisfaction to you.

My name is Sarah Johnson
Yours is Gabriel and Mary Bolick

TREASURES REVIEWED

Starting with this issue I plan to review books from either the museum's research library or from our "for sale" shelves. I hope this review column proves to be helpful. I am open to suggestions for future review subjects, so please let us know what you would like to see in your newsletter.

In the museum's research library we have four W. Clark Medford books: Great Smoky Mountain Stories and Sun Over Ol' Starlin, That Early History of Haywood County, The Middle History of Haywood County, and Finis and Farewell. Each of these books has been autographed, and each has photographs and/or illustrations of important people and places in Haywood County.

Clark Medford was a native of Haywood County, living for many years on a farm in a rather remote area known as Iron Duff. He worked a variety of jobs from teacher to Justice of the Peace to real estate speculator, but caught the writing bug early in life. In 1934 Medford began writing a human interest column for the Waynesville Mountaineer; this column, written in mountain dialect, was a regular feature for four years, and appeared periodically into the 1960's. The "Uncle Abe" column, as it was known, became extremely popular.

Great Smoky Mountain Stories and Sun Over Ol' Starlin is an eclectic collection. Part One is a group of historical sketches, primarily of Haywood County, but also of Western North Carolina as a whole. Part Two is a historical novelette – fiction, but based on historic Haywood County. Part Three is a reproduction of many "Uncle Abe" columns from the Waynesville Mountaineer. This book is an entertaining read. The history is written in a "popular" style – no footnotes, no bibliography, no contentious subjects, but informative nonetheless; this section contains the story of Major Lewis Redmond, made more famous recently through the

writing of Gary Carden. The novelette is descriptive of a by-gone era here in the mountains of western North Carolina, when life was isolated and primitive, and families were far more self-reliant than today. The "Uncle Abe" columns are very amusing sketches of contemporary life from the hillbilly perspective; these are written in the hillbilly vernacular, which can be difficult to understand using the modern ear. And please remember that these sketches were never meant to demean or embarrass the native mountaineer, but rather to entertain primarily that local mountaineer.

The Early History of Haywood County covers the period 1785 to 1870. The Middle History of Haywood County covers the period 1872 to 1936. And Finis and Farewell is a collection of historical sketches that fill in gaps in the previous histories and concludes the Haywood histories in the 1960's. These histories have no footnotes, no bibliographies, yet they are very informative, very readable, and very entertaining. The second half of Finis and Farewell is the author's memoir, covering a period of over eighty years, mostly lived in Haywood County; these memoirs are a first-person account of a way of life that was disappearing in the 1960's, and all but gone today.

Some may question why anyone who is primarily interested in Macon County history would want to waste time reading about Haywood County. The answer is simple: life was not different, only the dates and place names are different. There is so much to be learned when we can acknowledge our similarities. Clark Medford was an entertaining writer, and I dare say that his facts are far more often correct than not. The lack of notation can be troublesome for those of us college trained, but just take a deep breath and remember that history can be, and sometimes should be, entertaining.

FOR SALE

We have a growing number of books for sale. Most of these volumes are related to Macon County or Southern Appalachia. Two that stand out for me are Wildflowers of Tennessee, the Ohio Valley, and the Southern Appalachians from Lone Pine Publishing and Great Smoky Mountains Wildflowers from Windy Pines Publishing.

As a boy, and up into my late teens, I spent much of my free time in the woods, often searching for particular plants that I could sell. More often than I care to remember, I would be embarrassed to discover that plants I had spent hours digging were not what I had thought them to be. Access to these two beautifully illustrated volumes would have saved me much time and effort. Wildflowers of Tennessee... is nearly five hundred pages, with eight hundred full-color photographs. Along with each photo is an excellent description of the plant, where -19- it's found, and any other interesting notes such as

history, folklore, or medicinal use associated with the plant. The area covered in this volume comprises sixteen states, and for that reason may be more than the local plant enthusiast may need. It is however a very beautiful reference book, and at \$24.56 (which includes tax), affordable.

Great Smoky Mountains Wildflowers is a much smaller volume, covering far fewer plants, and specific to the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Over 225 wildflowers are pictured and described, and their most likely habitats given. The pictures in this volume are as beautiful as those in Wildflowers of Tennessee..., but the information is no where near as detailed. For those who almost exclusively hike the trails of the Great Smoky Mountains, this short book (144 pages) is plenty, and is hard to argue with the very affordable price of \$12.79 (including tax).

Calendar of Upcoming Events



**December 2 & 9, 2005
5th Annual Window Wonderland
Friday Evening 5 PM to 8 PM
Downtown Franklin**



See page 12 for details

Happy Holidays!!



**February 10, 2006
Closing Ceremony
Franklin's Sesquicentennial Celebration
Memory Garden
Macon County Historical Society
Main Street, Franklin
Ceremony will include time capsule burial
more details next issue**



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