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**COFFEE COUNTY
HISTORICAL SOCIETY
NEWSLETTER
AUGUST 2016**

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President's Message



I am so proud of the ladies that I work with at the Historical Society!!

Our recent selection by the Historical Commission of Tennessee just added another reason for that pride. I wish more of our members could come in and be a part of our Office staff, so that they could feel the importance of our achievements.

We recently opened a room at the Courthouse to become a Museum. Please stop by and give us your opinions and ideas of how to use this room. Also, if you have items you would lend us for display in the museum, please come by and show us what you have. We also need cases and cabinets, so if you know

of some that are for sale, please contact us at the Office.

The Historical Society truly needs the help of its members, so please get in touch. The Coffee County Courthouse should be a center of interest in our downtown area and **we can't do it without your help.**

- Joanna Lewis

**Coffee County Historical Society
Office in the historic Courthouse
Open Wednesday, Friday, Saturday
9:00 to 1:00.**

Current Membership

Current Members	101
Life Members	43
Exchange (other historical societies with whom we exchange publications)	6
Complimentary	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	154

+ 125 people receive Newsletter Only

Annual CCHS Picnic - July 9, 2016
Fred Deadman Park

**Those attending enjoyed a cool breeze and a delicious picnic meal.
Jess Lewis and Stephanie Hayes won the History Trivia Contest.**

L: Joanna Lewis, Mike Tyree,
R: Beverly Vetter, Finn Hayes,
Stephanie Hayes, Norm Vetter



Frances Simmons
and Larry McIntosh

L: Beverly Vetter, Finn Hayes,
Stephanie Hayes, Norm Vetter,
R: Joanna Lewis (standing), Mike
Tyree



Frances Simmons, Pat Bryan,
Wayne Bryan



**Welcome
New Members!**



Michael I. Adams
3569 Cresswind Pkwy. S. W.
Gainesville, GA 30504

Jerry Duncan (LIFE member)
1699 E. Waterford
Fresno, CA 93720



Next Meeting of Coffee Co. Historical Society

Saturday, September 10, 1:00 P.M.

Special Field Trip

TOUR OF REYNOLDS HOUSE

(Historic home at 220 E. Main Street, Manchester)

SEATING AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE FURNISHED.

George Bernard Shaw

*A life spent making mistakes is not only more
honorable, but more useful than a life spent doing
nothing.*

TULLAHOMA PRESERVATION SOCIETY

The June meeting of the Historic Preservation Society of Tullahoma will feature a tour of Miss Cynthia's home in 1855. This translates to a tour of the Society's log cabin on the grounds of the 500 block of S. Jackson St. in Tullahoma conducted by docent Cindy Roe Young. Members and guests are invited to a covered dish supper there on Tuesday, June 28, 2016 at 5:30 pm. The Society will furnish drinks. We will eat on the grounds at the log cabin or inside the former Red Cross Building nearby in case of rain. Please come to this fun meeting and hear how life might have been like in the early days of the city.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY RECEIVES STATE AWARD



Congratulations to Coffee County Historical Society, which has been chosen to receive a state Certificate of Merit by the Tennessee Historical Commission “for having made significant contributions to the preservation of the historical and architectural heritage of Tennessee.” The certificate was awarded for their series of publications entitled ***Civil War Soldiers of Coffee County, Tennessee***. The project was a long-planned and thoroughly researched collection of reports honoring the brave and resilient men from Coffee County who served on either side of the country’s worst conflict, the Civil War from 1861-1865, considered by

the North “the War of the Rebellion,” but referred to in the South as “The War of Northern Aggression” or, by Southern ladies, “The Late Unpleasantness” or just “The Wawah.” Coffee County, as small as the population was at the time, had nearly 1,500 men who served in the terrible conflict. Since most of the war was fought in the South, Coffee County families also suffered severely from hunger, deprivation, and the actual battles and skirmishes which took place throughout the county, as well as the devastation caused by looting, pillaging and burning by both armies and the numerous private guerilla bands known as bushwhackers. Since most of the younger men were serving in the military, small groups of Home Guards, mostly gentlemen too old for active duty, were raised in an attempt to protect the home front.

It took almost five years for the Historical Society’s Publications Committee, comprised of Lori Amos, Pat Berges, Joanna Lewis and Beverly Vetter, to research and document these soldiers’ military records as well as their family genealogy so that each man would receive at least two pages in the books and sometimes more if obituaries, newspaper articles, diary notations, letters home and other information could be located. Photos of the men were added when they were available. Also included were articles of general interest about the war so that readers could gain a better understanding of what the soldiers experienced. The series was completed in 2015.

The project required six volumes, averaging 400-500 pages each, to complete the work. The books were created in alphabetic order by soldiers’ surnames, with Volume 1 including surnames that began with A and B, Volume 2 – C, D, E, F, Volume 3 – G, H, I, J, Volume 4 – K, L, M, Mc, Volume 5 – N thru S, and Volume 6 – T thru Z. The books can be viewed at the Historical Society office located in the historic courthouse on the square in Manchester, open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They are for sale at \$25 each or \$120 for the entire set.



Lori Amos, Beverly Vetter, Joanna Lewis, Pat Berges, Publications Editor

Coffee County Historical Society, Inc.

Treasurer's Report as of July 31, 2016

Report ending June 30, 2016	Reg. Savings Account	\$	2,140.60
	Checking Account	\$	1,549.99
	Fundraising for Courthouse	\$	<u>5,538.20</u>
	Total	\$	9,228.79

Transactions for July 2016

Regular Checking Account Income	Book Sales	\$	257.00
	Membership Dues Rec'd	\$	245.00
	Office Copies	\$	10.00
	Postage reimb.	\$	<u>3.50</u>
	Total	\$	515.50

Expenses	Postage	\$	2.83
	Picnic Supplies	\$	68.94
	Picnic Trivia	\$	40.00
	Telephone & Internet	\$	<u>108.61</u>
	Total	\$	220.38

Fundraising for Court House Regular Savings Account

Interest earned	\$	<u>1.34</u>
Total	\$	1.34

New Balances as of July 31, 2016	Regular Savings Acct.	\$	2,141.94
	Checking Account	\$	1,845.11
	Fundraising account	\$	<u>5,538.20</u>
	TOTAL	\$	9,525.25

Frances F. Simmons, Treasurer

Don't
you
wish
you'd
been
there!

GRAND XMAS BALL.
AT
MANCHESTER HOTEL,
WEDNESDAY NIGHT, DEC., 25, 1889.
YOUR PRESENCE IS MOST RESPECTFULLY SOLICITED.
W. H. WOOTON, W. A. MOORE.
Floor Managers.
—Supper at 12 o'clock M.—

SEQUOYAH

Sequoyah was a member of the Cherokee tribe, although his mother was Native American and his father was white. As a young man, he was injured in a hunting accident and became partially lame. And although he was never taught how to read or write, Sequoyah was convinced that a form of written language would help his people, and he began trying to create a language of his own.



An early copy of the Cherokee Phoenix

Years of work eventually paid off, and in 1821 Sequoyah demonstrated his new alphabet to tribal leaders. It quickly became the official written language of the Cherokees. Within a couple of years there was even a newspaper being produced in Cherokee.

(from Tennessee History for Kids)

“Save the Courthouse” Keepsake



Don't forget our Courthouse Keepsakes, made of wood, 6 x 9 inches in size, with history of our 1871 courthouse on the reverse side. **\$20 each.**

(Please add \$3.50 shipping if keepsake is to be mailed.) Proceeds go toward courthouse repairs.

The keepsakes can be obtained from the Coffee County Historical Society office in the courthouse on the square any Wednesday, Friday or Saturday from 9:00 to 1:00. Also available at Baker's Drug Store.

These make wonderful gifts!