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COFFEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2016

Board of Directors

Vice President.....Evans Baird	Recording Secretary.....Pat Berges	President.....Joanna Lewis	Corresp.Secretary.....Patty Roberts
Treasurer.....Frances F. Simmons	Publications Editor.....Pat Berges	Immed. Past President.....Evans Baird	
Director.....Beverly Vetter	Director.....Max Northcutt	Director.....Wayne Bryan	



President's Message

Turkey day has come and gone and we're looking forward to Christmas, and, as usual, the Historical Society has placed the candles in the windows of the 1871 Courthouse on the square of Manchester. We love this grand old building and hope that we can spend many more years trying our best to improve it.

We have applied for grants and funding from many groups to make this successful, but so far we've not found those funds. You, as a member or friend of the Society could help with this by donating your time or money.

There are many jobs at the Courthouse that you could help with. The preservation of History is our main concern for you and Coffee County.

A New Year is close at hand, so if there is any way that you can help, step

forward now!! There is no salary, but you can have self- satisfaction that you have done a good thing.

- Joanna Lewis

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

Current Membership

Electronic Members	16
Regular Members	88
Life Members	43
Exchange (other historical societies with whom we exchange publications)	6
Complimentary	<u>4</u>
TOTAL	154

+ 127 people receive Newsletter Only



COFFEE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Treasurer's Report as of November 30, 2016

Report ending October 31, 2016	Reg. Savings Account	\$ 2,143.29
	Checking Account	\$ 997.32
	Fundraising for Courthouse	<u>\$ 5,561.70</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 8,702.31

Transactions for November 2016

Regular Checking Account		
Income	Membership dues received	\$ 95.00
	Book sales	<u>\$ 51.60</u>
		\$ 146.60
Expenses	Postage	
	Office Supplies	\$ 26.72
	Telephone & Internet	<u>\$ 101.00</u>
		\$ 127.72

Fundraising for Court House	Tee shirt sold	\$ 10.00
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Regular Savings Account	Interest Income	\$
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New Balances as of November 30, 2016	Regular Savings Acct.	\$ 2,143.29
	Checking Account	\$ 1,016.20
	Fundraising account	<u>\$ 5,571.70</u>
	TOTAL	\$ 8,731.19

Frances F. Simmons, Treasurer



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PUBLICATIONS EDITOR

MEMBERS, BY NOW, YOU HAVE NOTICED THAT YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THIS YEAR'S SECOND **COFFEE CHRONICLE** WHICH IS USUALLY PUBLISHED IN NOVEMBER. THIS HASN'T BEEN MY VERY BEST YEAR. I STARTED KIDNEY DIALYSIS THREE TIMES WEEKLY IN APRIL, THEN FELL AND SUFFERED A BROKEN NOSE IN AUGUST, AND HAVE ALSO BEEN DEALING WITH CHRONIC BACK PAIN FROM A SPINAL COMPRESSION FRACTURE. I'VE ONLY RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM A WHEELCHAIR TO A WALKER TO A CANE, AND HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO SIT AT THE COMPUTER LONG ENOUGH TO DO THE RESEARCH, CREATION AND EDITING FOR A **COFFEE CHRONICLE**. MY SINCEREST APOLOGIES TO ALL OF YOU WITH THE HOPE FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING.

GOOD NEWS – IN JANUARY, WE WELCOME NEW PUBLICATIONS EDITOR LINDA WINTERS, A RECENTLY RETIRED LIBRARIAN WHO WILL LEND HER CREATIVE ENERGIES TO THIS RESPONSIBILITY AND DO A WONDERFUL JOB WITH FUTURE ISSUES.

IT HAS BEEN MY PLEASURE TO SERVE CCHS IN THIS CAPACITY FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. MANY THANKS TO THE PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE AND THE MANY CONTRIBUTORS WHO MAKE OUR PUBLICATIONS SPECIAL.

-PAT BERGES

Slate of Officers and Directors for 2017-2018 to be voted on at January meeting

President	Evans Baird
Vice President	Joanna Lewis
Treasurer	Frances F. Simmons
Recording Secretary	Linda Roper
Corresponding Secretary	Patty Roberts
Immediate Past Pres.	Evans Baird
Publications Editor	Linda Winters
Director	Wayne Bryan
Director	Max Northcutt
Director	Beverly Vetter
Office Manager	Joanna Lewis
Librarian	Beverly Vetter
Query Editor	Lori Amos
Webpage Manager	Cliff Baker
Facebook Administrator	Kathryn Hopkins

A Note from our Librarian ...

We received a copy of Elizabeth Taylor's book, *Images of America: Camp Forrest* this week. This book was donated in exchange for a copy of Basil McMahan's book, *Coffee County, Then and Now*.

-Beverly Vetter

FESTIVE HOLIDAY DISPLAY NOW AT MORRISON PUBLIC LIBRARY **OPEN 1:00 P.M. TO 5:00 P.M. MONDAY THRU FRIDAY**

Exhibit features a baker's dozen of trees including the return of new Many Mini Minnie Quilts and Quilted Christmas ornaments by Minnie Lee Deakins!

BONUS: Miss Minnie Lee Deakins plans to visit the Library
On Monday, December 19, at 1:15 p.m. to talk about quilting!

Next meeting of Coffee County Historical Society

**January 14, 2:00 p.m., CCHS office
In the Courthouse**

Program: "*Show and Tell*"

**This is one of our most fun gatherings and your opportunity to share a historic object with the rest of the members.
Just bring an old photo, letter, book or Bible, article of clothing, farm or kitchen implement, map, military object, or anything you feel would be of interest.**

And bring a friend!

"Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment."

- Benjamin Franklin

On this day in History . . .

December

- [December 1](#) In 1959, representatives of 12 countries, including the United States, signed a treaty in Washington setting aside Antarctica as a scientific preserve, free from military activity.
- [December 2](#) In 1954, the Senate voted to condemn Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy, R Wis., for “conduct that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor and disrepute.”
- [December 3](#) In 1984, more than 4,000 people died after a cloud of gas escaped from a pesticide plant operated by a Union Carbide subsidiary in Bhopal, India.
- [December 4](#) In 1945, the Senate approved United States participation in the United Nations.
- [December 5](#) In 1933, national Prohibition came to an end as Utah became the 36th state to ratify the 21st Amendment to the Constitution, repealing the 18th Amendment.
- [December 6](#) In 1923, a presidential address was broadcast on radio for the first time as President Coolidge spoke to a joint session of Congress.
- [December 7](#) In 1941, Japanese warplanes attacked the home base of the United States Pacific fleet at Pearl Harbor, an act that led to America’s entry into World War II.
- [December 8](#) In 1941, the United States entered World War II as Congress declared war against Japan, a day after the attack on Pearl Harbor.
- [December 9](#) In 2000, the United States Supreme Court voted, 5 to 4, to stop the vote counting in Florida, ending Vice President Al Gore’s presidential hopes.
- [December 10](#) In 1948, the U.N. General Assembly adopted its Universal Declaration on Human Rights.
- [December 11](#) In 1941, Germany and Italy declared war on the United States; the U.S. responded in kind.
- [December 12](#) In 1963, Kenya gained its independence from Britain.
- [December 13](#) In 1981, authorities in Poland imposed martial law in a crackdown on the Solidarity labor movement. Martial law formally ended in 1983.
- [December 14](#) In 1981, Israel annexed the Golan Heights, seized from Syria in 1967.
- [December 15](#) In 1916, the French defeated the Germans in the World War I Battle of Verdun.
- [December 16](#) In 1950, President Truman proclaimed a national state of emergency in order to fight “Communist imperialism.”
- [December 17](#) In 1903, Orville and Wilbur Wright took the first successful man-powered airplane flights, near Kitty Hawk, North Carolina.
- [December 18](#) In 1957, the Shippingport Atomic Power Station in Pennsylvania, the first civilian nuclear facility to generate electricity in the United States, went online.
- [December 19](#) In 1998, President Bill Clinton was impeached on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice by a divided House of Representatives, which recommended virtually along party lines that the Senate remove the nation’s 42d President from office.
- [December 20](#) In 1989, the United States launched Operation Just Cause, sending troops into Panama to topple the government of General Manuel Noriega.
- [December 21](#) In 1988, a terrorist bomb exploded aboard a Pan Am Boeing 747 over Lockerbie, Scotland, killing 270 people.

[December 22](#) In 1864, during the Civil War, Union Gen. William T. Sherman sent a message to President Lincoln from Georgia, saying, "I beg to present you as a Christmas gift the city of Savannah."

[December 23](#) In 1986, the experimental airplane Voyager, piloted by Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager, completed the first non-stop, around-the-world flight without refueling as it landed safely at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

[December 24](#) In 1992, President Bush pardoned former Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger and five others in the Iran-Contra scandal.

[December 25](#) In 1991, Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev went on television to announce his resignation.

[December 26](#) In 2004, the world's most powerful earthquake in 40 years erupted underwater off the Indonesian island of Sumatra and sent walls of water barreling thousands of miles, killing more than 200,000 people in half a dozen countries across South and Southeast Asia.

[December 27](#) In 1979, Soviet forces seized control of Afghanistan. President Hafizullah Amin, who was overthrown and executed, was replaced by Babrak Karmal.

[December 28](#) In 1981, Elizabeth Jordan Carr, the first American test-tube baby, was born in Norfolk, Va.

[December 29](#) In 1940, during World War II, Germany began dropping incendiary bombs on London.

[December 30](#) In 1972, the United States halted its heavy bombing of North Vietnam.

[December 31](#) In 1946, President Truman officially proclaimed the end of hostilities in World War II.

Our very best wishes to all our members
for a very Merry Christmas
and a
happy, healthy and prosperous
New Year!

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Membership Renewal Information Update Form

Membership fees are due January 1.

Membership is on an annual basis, January 1 through December 31. Please make checks payable to Coffee County Historical Society and mail to the address above.

Print Name and Address as desired on Membership Record:

Phone:

E-Mail Address:

Please check one: Dues for which year(s)_____

___Regular Member, \$25 year ___Electronic Member, \$15 year

___Individual Life Member, \$250 ___Student Member, \$10 year

___Other Donation \$_____

Regular members - Would you like to receive our bimonthly newsletter by

___Post Office or ___E-Mail?

We need our members to be involved! Interested in volunteering?

___Work in office 4 hours one day/week ___Scan/file photo negatives

___Museum volunteer ___Special projects

Thank you for your membership!