

## GWINNETT HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWSLETTER

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### SKILLET LICKERS LEADER RETURNS

Gordon Tanner of Dacula, leader of the Junior Skillet Lickers country music band, is returning to repeat his popular program on old-time music that entertained thousands in Gwinnett County in years past.

Program Chairman Charlie Pentecost announces that Mr. Tanner will be the featured speaker and entertainer at the February 16, 7:30 P. M. meeting of the Gwinnett Historical Society, in the restored Female Seminary, Lawrenceville. Mr. Tanner's repeat program is by request and for the benefit of our many new members. The public is invited.

He will tell about his famous father, Gid Tanner, whose fiddling record "Down Yonder" sold more than a million copies, and placed Gid Tanner in country music's Hall of Fame in Nashville, Tennessee. His record will be played at the Society's February meeting.

Gordon Tanner will demonstrate the difference between violin and fiddler music, and display some of his valuable hand-made violins.

Nearly 100 persons were enthralled by Gordon Tanner's performance and lecture at the Society's February meeting a year ago.

### QUILT TO GO IN BANKS AND BOOKS

The 25-block handmade historical Gwinnett County quilt, made by Mrs. Mercer E. (Lucile) Baldwin and quilted by eleven women from Sweetwater Chapel Quilters, will be displayed at various banks this year, accompanied by a written description of each historic site depicted on the quilt. Mrs. Baldwin has already told the story of the quilt to several PTA, Scout and church groups.

The quilt was exhibited at the Norcross branch of Tucker Federal Savings and Loan Association the last of January.

It was scheduled for showing at the Highway 20 branch of Buford's Commercial Bank, February 1 to February 16; and at the Bank of Duluth, Duluth, GA. February 16 to March first.

From there it goes to banks in Lawrenceville, Lilburn, and Snellville.

The quilt will be included in a book about pictorial quilts by Nina Holland to be published this year by A. S. Barnes & Co., Plattsburg, N. Y. For this purpose, it had to be given a name. The Executive Council of the Gwinnett Historical Society decided on GWINNETT COUNTY, GEORGIA, HISTORY QUILT.

### ESSAY CONTEST

The Gwinnett Historical Society is sponsoring an essay contest in senior high schools on 200 years of Gwinnett County History. Entries should be submitted by April 1. The Committee is headed by Mrs. Lucile Baldwin, assisted by Mrs. John Ray Buice and Miss Mary Alice Juhan. First prize is \$75. second \$50, and third \$25.

#### MORE GWINNETT MARRIAGES

Floreda Varick, 116 Glenhaven Ter., Tallahassee, FL. 32303, who had earlier sent our Society a list of 2,185 Gwinnett County marriages covering the period 1840-1875, has come up with 97 more marriages, most of whom are dated 1837 and 1838. The earliest two we now have are:

CROW, Norman M. and HANSFORD, Polly 8 January 1835

KEMP, Burrell and HENSON, Permelia 15 July 1835

Our copy of 2,282 Gwinnett marriages is at the home of Mrs. John McCabe, 2045 Northland Dr., Lawrenceville, GA. 30245, who will look up any groom's name for members. (Send SASE)

For \$3.00 and SASE, Floreda will research all Georgia counties for one groom's surname.

#### REVOLUTIONARY WAR VETS BURIED IN GWINNETT

As part of our Bicentennial celebration, Gwinnett Historical Society is attempting to compile a list of Revolutionary War veterans who are buried in Gwinnett County. So far, we know of six. If anyone has information about these soldiers, please write to Gwinnett Historical Society at P. O. Box 261, Lawrenceville, or call John Hood at 963-6462.

Alice McCabe is also listing all other Gwinnett-related Revolutionary vets who settled or lived awhile in Gwinnett County. Information on this subject can be relayed to Mrs. McCabe, 2045 Northland Dr., Lawrenceville, or phone 963-9584. To date, we are aware of 165 veterans of the War for Independence who had a connection with Gwinnett County.

#### POWER OF THE PRESS AND TRACY

When Ginger Kaderabek of the Atlanta Journal ran a story and picture of our member-author J. Tracy Power in the January 2 edition, the response was amazing. Although the story gave no home address for him, Tracy so far has received ten orders for his book, "An Index to Confederate Soldiers in Gwinnett County, Georgia, During the War Between the States." One man telephoned him from Jonesboro. One sent a check via Berkmar High School, where Tracy is a senior. Tracy expects to sell more books when he addresses the Atlanta Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy. Although the supply is dwindling, the books are still available for \$2.00 at our Gwinnett Historical Society meetings and for \$2.50 by mail. Address - P. O. Box 261, Lawrenceville, GA. 30245. About 300 books have been sold to residents in eleven states.

#### REVOLUTIONARY RESEARCH

The National Institute on Genealogical Research is holding a special one-week genealogical research session July 19-23 at the National Archives in Washington, D. C. Concentration will be on the Revolutionary period. Cost is \$75. Send applications and check to Bicentennial Session, Central Reference Division (NNC) National Archives (GSA), Washington, D.C. 20408.

### INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

MRS. JEANCLAIRE MORRIS, newly installed Recording Secretary, is a native of Sandersville, in Washington County, Georgia. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Perrian Padgett of Cricket Hill off Five Forks Road, Lawrenceville, where Jeanclaire and her husband, Jimmy, also reside. Jimmy (from Johnson County) and Jeanclaire were married in June, 1974.

Jeanclaire teaches art in Loganville Elementary School. She contributed to the Christmas program of the Gwinnett Historical Society by reading "The Night Before Christmas."

TRACY POWER, 17, Society Historian, is well known to readers of "Gwinnett Life," the Sunday magazine of the Gwinnett Daily News, in which his column "Historically Speaking" appears. Last summer, our Society published Tracy's 1,948 names "Index to Confederate Soldiers in Gwinnett County Units During the War Between the States." Both the author and the Society reaped much publicity as a result. At birth, Tracy weighed less than two pounds, but has grown into a real "heavy" when it comes to history, which is what he plans to major in next year. His aim is to attend Emory University.

MRS. JOYCE ROVETTA, Gwinnett Historical Society Publicity Chairman, has a flair for history as evidenced in her many fine historically-oriented stories in the Gwinnett Daily News, for whom she has been a "stringer" almost two years. A social studies teacher in Tallahassee, FL. before she and her husband, Charles A. Rovetta, Jr., moved to Lilburn three years ago. Joyce had never written for a newspaper. But she loves it and plans to stick with journalism. Joyce and Charles have a daughter, Angela, 10, and a son, Brian, 6.

### SACRED HARP SINGERS AND QUILT AT NOVEMBER MEETING

Haynes Creek Primitive Baptist Church "Fa Sol La" singers, led by various members, sang several Sacred Harp hymns at our November meeting. Mrs. J. C. Wade told of the Sacred Harp arrangements dating back to 1500, through the songs of B. F. White and E. J. Kean on to the Dennison's hymnal being taught in colleges today. Several Gwinnett Historical Society members, notably Mrs. Clara Nash Worthy, the lively mother of County Historian Marvin Worthy, joined in the rousing old-time hymns.

Also at the meeting, Mrs. Lucile McDaniel Baldwin unfurled the completed Bicentennial Quilt, designed and stitched by herself and quilted by the Sweetwater Chapel Quilters. Mrs. Baldwin told how and why she selected each of the 25 historical Gwinnett County scenes depicted on the red-white-and-blue quilt.

### DUES TIME

Still the best bargain of the year, our \$5.00 annual dues are now payable. Please mail \$5.00 payable to the Gwinnett Historical Society, to Treasurer Mrs. John Martin, 341 Rockbridge Road, Lilburn, GA. 30247.

New members who joined in the past two months need not pay again in 1976. Anyone delinquent for an entire year will be dropped from the Newsletter mailing lists.

GENEALOGICAL QUERIES

Mrs. Helen Widener, 1700 Oak Meadow, Irving, TX. 75061 sent her pedigree chart, showing her OGDEN, HUTCHINS, WARD AND LOYD connections, as far as she knows. She writes: "Still looking for marriage record of Wm. P. HUTCHINS to Sallie Ann DILLARD, both from Georgia. I believe John P. HUTCHINS is the father of Wm. P. In the 1880 Arkansas Census, Wm. stated his father was born in S. C."

Answer: Sent list of all ten HUTCHINS burials in the old Lawrenceville Cemetery--none for John P.

Mrs. Widener offers to check for Arkansas ancestors for GHS members. She has access to 1840 census, soldiers by rank and county who fought in Texas Revolution 1846 and Biographical Index of Arkansas.

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Virginia P. Keinz, 32676 Utica Rd., Fraser, MI. 48026 is looking for ancestors who were in various wars who "fought in your County or State." Among the names she lists are James WEST, Thomas, William Henry, and Edward TENCH; Thomas, John, Elijah, Peter KINSEY; Marshall, Jesse and John LOVELADY and Christopher SMITH.

Answer: Not in Vol. 1, History of Gwinnett County or in list of Gwinnett marriages or Revolutionary men/women in land lotteries. One brief entry, p. 295, in "Gone to Georgia"; David Kinsey (also Kinzie) was in 1805 Jackson County, GA. lottery. In 1820 Peter was in Habersham County. In Warren County, were Edward, John and Martin Kinsey. Two Peters were in Pendleton District, S. C., in 1790, and in 1800 Peter and William were enumerated there. Thanks to the Lanier Lake Regional Library--Lawrenceville, for the above research.

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Mrs. Mamie Gettys Atkinson, 14 Westchester Sq., 250-15th St., N.E. Atlanta, GA. 30309, is looking for the descendants of Gillom LONG and wife Elizabeth GETTYS who left Waxhaws in Lancaster County, S. C., in the late 1840's and "went west." ("West" could mean anything from Georgia to Texas to California, as Mrs. Atkinson knows.) She is also interested in Gwinnett County families of THOMPSON, CASKAY, and HOOD.

Answer: LONG marriages in Gwinnett are as follows: H. LONG-WELLS, Rebecca 1855; J. LONG-KEMP, M. E. 1865; J. L. LONG-DONALDSON, Mary 1858; L. LONG & BROOKS, Julia 1857. (Mrs. Atkinson has Tracy Power's book of Gwinnett Confederate soldiers).

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Mrs. Gwen Knight, 22786 Malaga Way, El Toro, CA. 92630, received a lot of mail from members after her query in the last Newsletter regarding GARNER, HARMON, WALLIS, STEELE, VEAL AND LANIER. She writes enthusiastic thanks and says, "Your newsletter is priceless to those of us who do not live in Gwinnett County."

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Mrs. Henry M. Cox, 1145 N. 44 St., Lincoln, NE. 68503 writes: Thank you for sending a copy of Haynes Creek Church cemetery inscriptions. When my mother sees this (Mrs. Mamie Langley Oliver, age 88 in December) she will know many of them... Marvin Worthy and I have a common ancestor --John H. BENNETT, buried at Haynes Creek..

My mother remembers reading the Atlanta Constitution to her great grandparents, John G. and Sarah A. BENNETT, when she was a little girl...John G.'s father John was one of the founders of Haynes Creek in 1826. My husband is related to the CRAIGS of Gwinnett. His native county is Stephens (Toccoa). We enjoy your Newsletter and anticipate the future ones.

Mrs. Ilah W. Fleming, 111 S. Lakemount Ave. #240, Winter Park, FL. 32789 writes: Can anyone give the parents' names of William S. HARRIS and Cinthia ADAMS who were married in Walton County 12 August 1825? They lived their entire married lives in Gwinnett and are buried in New Hope Methodist Church cemetery.<sup>1</sup> The 1864 Manpower Census for the Civil War gave birthpl of William S. HARRIS as Anderson, S. C. There was a Jerusha HARRIS married 1808 in S. C. to William KING<sup>2</sup> by Presbyterian minister. The KINGS lived in Gwinnett near Old Center Church<sup>2</sup> and had sons William S. and Stephen.<sup>5</sup> William KING gave affidavit on pension app. of Polly HARRIS as having known her in South Carolina.

Answer: 1 -According to records of Franklin Garrett, who listed tombstones at New Hope M. E. Church, there are only two graves marked there: David and Elizabeth PREUTT. If Mrs. Fleming knows for sure they are buried in old New Hope Methodist in Harbins District, they must be among the unmarked stones there.

Answer: 2 -We are not aware of any church in Gwinnett named "Old Center." Could it be Old Field or Old Salem?

Answer: 3 -These names are not listed in Gwinnett marriages 1835-75. But there are two whose names might have been misinterpreted: V. S. KING (middle name could be Stephen) married M.E.C. KENNERLY 1873. H. M. KING (W could be mistaken for H) married M. E. HAMILTON 1872.GHS sent Harris and Adams in 1830 Walton Co. census.

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Mrs. Jos. M. Quinn, 212 Craig St., Sulphur Springs, TX. 75482, writes: Thanks for checking the records in Gwinnett (WARDLOW, QUINN). Many of the QUINN family came from DeKalb Co. --Do you know anyone who could check the records there? I'll be so glad to check HOPKINS & CAMP counties, TX. for any Georgians whose ancestors moved here.

Answer: DeKalb was formed in 1822 from Gwinnett, Fayette, Newton and Henry. Their courthouse burned in 1842. Superior Court Clerk has land records from 1842. Does anyone want to go to Decatur and look up Eber and Charlie Edward QUINN, b. about 1850-60-Gwinnett-DeKalb?

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John Moore, 470 Valley Rd. 7-A, Upper Montclair, N. J. 07043, is seeking information on a wooden enclosure or fence that surrounded MATTHEWS graves in the old Liberty Baptist Church cemetery, Lilburn. Names and dates were carved or painted on the fence in lieu of stone markers. It was last known to have been in place in the 1920's, but was subsequently torn up and thrown into the woods where it probably rotted away. Does anyone have a record of what was written on the fence?

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Ralph F. Harvey, 2426 Tolusa Dr., Dallas, TX. 75228; I would like to find out more about my ancestor HEFLIN SMITH RHODES who was a Baptist Preacher in Gwinnett. He was in the 1830 census in Gwinnett but not in 1840. Georgia Baptist Historical Foundation at Mercer University tells me that he was a delegate to the Yellow River Baptist Association meeting in 1844 from Gwinnett. By 1850, his widow was in

Warren County.

Answer: Can anyone help Mr. Harvey?

#### 50 JOIN SOCIETY IN 1975

1975 was a record-breaking year for the Gwinnett Historical Society with 50 new members accepted--exactly the goal set by Gwinnett Historical Society President Roy E. Hutchens.

The 50th member is Mrs. Mamie Gettys Atkinson, 14 Westchester Square, 250-15th St. N. E. Atlanta, GA. 30309, who joined on December 30. Mrs. Atkinson hopes some of her lost Gettys family might appear via her new GHS contacts. She and Miss Nancy Crockett have compiled tombstone inscriptions from the old Waxhaw Presbyterian Cemetery, Lancaster, S. C., where President Andrew Jackson's father is buried.

Other recent members are:

Mrs. Marian Pihera  
Box 507, Lilburn, GA. 30247

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Burrell  
654 Wildcat Drive,  
Lawrenceville, GA. 30245

Mr. John Corliss  
64 Simmons Cr.  
Lawrenceville, GA. 30245

Mrs. Joyce Rovetta  
4445 Hale Cr.  
Lilburn, GA. 30247

Mr. Mitchell Clower  
4446 Fontaine Dr.  
Roanoke, VA. 24018

Mrs. Thad Morrison (nee Charlotte  
Matthews)  
4101 Dunwoody Club Dr.  
Dunwoody, GA. 30338

Mr. Ralph Harvey  
2426 Tolusa Dr.  
Dallas, TX. 75228

Mrs. Geraldine Arnold  
1241 McLendon Dr.  
Decatur, GA. 30033

Mrs. David Clarke  
P. O. Box 1081  
Fort Stockton, TX. 79735

Mrs. John (Edith Huff) Green  
388 Scenic Hwy  
Lawrenceville, GA. 30245

Mr. and Mrs. Paul R. Moore  
904 US 29  
Lawrenceville, GA. 30245

Mrs. W. D. (Ruby) Acker  
3317 York Dr.  
Decatur, GA. 30030

Mr. O. H. Brooks  
1689 Venetian Dr. SW  
Atlanta, GA. 30311

Mr. John Moore  
470 Valley Rd. 7-A  
Upper Montclair, N. J. 07043

#### VOLUME 1 GWINNETT COUNTY HISTORY REPRINTED

A member of the Gwinnett Historical Society, Miss Annie Frances Flanigan, is filling orders for reprints of Volume 1 of her late father's HISTORY OF GWINNETT COUNTY. The 446 page volume now has a ten-page index. Send \$15.75 to Miss Flanigan. 255 Pike Street NW, Lawrenceville, GA. 30245.

## GWINNETT COUNTY RECORDS ON MICROFILM AT GEORGIA ARCHIVES

County created Dec. 15, 1818- Cherokee cession of Jul 8, 1817;  
 from Creek cession of Jan. 22, 1818.  
 Courthouse in Lawrenceville burned 1871--most records lost.

## COURT OF ORDINARY

Drawer #	Box #	Dates	Item
163	14	1823, 1883-1953	Books A-Z Index to Delayed Birth Certif.
199	5	1928-1967	Book 1, indexed County officers; Ordinary bonds
167	38	1890-1915	Widows & Soldiers -Confederate Pension Rolls
		1914-1928	" " " "
		1931-1935	" " " "
		1861-1865	Roster of Gwinnett County men who fought in Civil War, probably compiled by County Roster Commission, about 1898 (Source RHS 3304 SLC)
223	12	1869-1887	Ordinary- Constables' oaths & bonds
159	53	1869-1874	Estate Records (Recording fees on Estates)
		1874-1878	" " "
167	30	1871-1910	Book E Estate Records-Administrators Bonds
		1897-1930	Book 4 " " " "
164	12	1856-1859	Estate Records- Annual Returns & Vouchers
		1859-63	Book 7 " " " "
	13	1872- 1878	Books 10-11 " " " "
	14	1878-1880	Book 12 " " " "
	15	1880-1885	Book 13 " " " "
	16	1885-1893	Books 14-15 " " " "
	17	1893-1896	Book 16 " " " "
	18	1897-1902	Book 17 " " " "
167	31	1871-1901	Book 3 Estate Records- Guardians' Bonds
159	38	1856-1878	Book A Estate Records (Index) "Bench Dockets"
		1874-1885	Book B " " "
		1885-1920	Books C-D " " "
167	32	1856-1866	Book 3 Estate Records-Inventories & Appraisements
		1886-1897	Book 5 " " "
	33	1898-1912	Book B " " "
	29	1871-1912	Vols. 3-4 " & Sales Bills
	34	1867-1883	Book 4 " " "
	35	1884-1923	Books A-B " " "
159	43	1847-1886	Book D Estate Records- Wills (Indexed)
		1888-1917	Book E " " "
167	36	1858-1890	Homestead Records
		1871-1895	
	37	1889-1908	Book C Homestead Records
	44	1874-1881	Vol.C (Among Superior Court Records) Homestead Recs. (Pages 1-80 missing)
		1881-1914	Among Superior Court Records--Homestead Records

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Drawer	Box	Dates	Item
223	12	1844-1865	Inferior Court Docket
		1869-1887	Constables' Oaths & Bonds
(Originals of above two at Brand Bank, Lawrenceville.)			
165	50	1819-1851	Inferior Court Minutes (Ord. purposes) No index
		1820-1832	" " (Court purposes) Indexed
157	4	1820-1832	" " " "
165	50	1851-1867	" " " Not indexed
167	36	1858-1880	" (Ordinary purposes) No index
165	51	1862-1869	" " "
		1869-1874	" " Indexed
159	41	1835-1838	Marriages (Loose papers)
	39	1843-1864	Book 4 Marriages Indexed
		1871-1882	Book 4 " "
	40	1878-1885	Book 5 " "
		1887-1892	Book 6 " "
	41	1892-1910	Book 7 " "
		1895-1908	Book 8 " "
<u>Ordinary Court Minutes</u>			
167	36	1858-1880	Inferior Court Minutes also
165	52	1874-1878	Vol. B Indexed
		1878-1880	Vol. C "
	53	1880-1888	Vol. D "
	54	1888-1895	Vol. E "
160	25	1896-1900	Vol. F "
		1900-1906	Vol. G "
<u>School Register</u>			
159	53	1884	(Source 1996 AH)
<u>Ordinary Court's Voters Books</u>			
159	51	1898	(Source 1994 AH)

Tax Digests  
in Tax Digest Drawer

These microfilmed records can be viewed at Georgia Archives,  
330 Capitol Ave. S.E., Atlanta, GA 30334.  
We appreciate the cooperation of Miss Elizabeth Fitzpatrick of the  
microfilm department for this information. (Superior Court information  
was published in our Fall 1975 newsletter.)

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COMMATALIST IN OUR MIDST

Before throwing out old letters, Gwinnett Historical Society members might keep in mind a new member, Mrs. Paul R. Moore, 904 Hwy 29, Lawrenceville, GA. 30245. Mrs. Moore is a commatalist who has thousands of post marked envelopes from the whole USA but lacks many from Georgia. Through post marks, ranging from standard collectible 2 x 4 sizes to hand-cancels, and machine cancels, Mrs. Moore traces the origin of towns. The small towns, she says, are especially interesting. Mrs. Moore will be pleased to pay a small fee for any envelopes (called "entries") that our members can send to her-especially from old towns in Georgia. Here's a way to help a new member whose arthritis may keep her from attending meetings, but doesn't stop her from pursuing a fascinating hobby.

#### SOCIETY HAS OWN CHAPLAIN

For the first time the Gwinnett Historical Society now has a Chaplain, the Rev. Kirk Nesbit, the great, great grandson of William Nesbit, the second sheriff of Gwinnett County.

William Nesbit was born in 1789 and died in 1863. He is buried in a small cemetery off the Lawrenceville Highway (US 29), near the Gwinnett-DeKalb County line.

He was one of three men commissioned in 1812 to cut historic Peachtree Road from Fort Daniel near Hog Mountain to Fort Gilmer at Standing Peachtree. The men were paid \$150 for cutting the road.

Our Chaplain's great grandfather was Sylvester Nesbit, a Confederate Veteran who lived in old Milton County. His grandfather was Frank Nesbit who lived in Norcross and had eight sons, four of them still living in and around Norcross.

Kirk's father is Noye Nesbit of Norcross, who observed his 81st birthday last December 7. He was with Standard Oil Company for years, and operated Gwinnett County's pumping station at Duluth about 15 years.

Kirk Nesbit is a mechanical engineering graduate of Georgia Tech, a graduate of Columbia Seminary at Decatur, and presently is pastor of the Hemphill Memorial Presbyterian Church near Stockbridge, GA.

#### PLEDGE TO FLAG -EUGENE CHATHAM

The Historical Society is honored to have Eugene Chatham, a 15-year-old, 10th grader at Norcross High School, lead the pledge to our flag at meetings this Bicentennial year.

At flag pledge ceremonies Eugene wears a Confederate Cavalry shell jacket which his mother, Mrs. Roe Chatnam (the former Annette Warbington) made for him. She copied it from a book on Confederate uniforms, laying it out by patterns, and putting it together on a sewing machine.

Eugene wore a replica of General Robert E. Lee's coat at flag pledging ceremonies a few years ago. It also was made by his mother. With his new uniform, Eugene carries an 1860 Confederate Cavalry sabre.

#### CHAIRMAN TODD

Congratulations to Mrs. T. E. (Helen) Todd on her appointment as Chairman of the Gwinnett Historical Restoration and Preservation Board, which restored the 140-year-old Lawrenceville Female Seminary.

Mrs. Todd is an active member of the Gwinnett Historical Society.

Members of the Society, on their historical tour last October, visited Mr. and Mrs. Todd's beautiful and historic home in Snellville.

#### PRESERVE VALUABLE PAPERS

Document Conservation Center has opened at the Atlanta Historical Society building, 3099 Andrews Drive, N.W., Atlanta. The Conservator, Harold H. Moore, can be reached by phoning 261-1837. He has done archival conservation work for eleven years and was a commercial bookbinder for four years. His assistant is Midge Brannon, with four years part-time archival conservation experience.

DCC is set up to restore and preserve documents, letters, blueprints, drawings, clippings, etc. They use either cellulose acetate lamination or mylar encapsulation processes. Prices range upwards from \$20 a sheet.

MATTHEWS CEMETERY

On old US 29, Land Lot 149, Lilburn, west of Lawrenceville, behind old Matthews house (now called the Young house). Besides the following seven markers, there are a few graves with plain stone markers: (Information supplied by John Moore of Upper Montclair, N. J., whose third great grandfather is the first tombstone listed:

Rev. Thomas Matthews  
April 30, 1803 May 9, 1878

Elizabeth R. Matthews (2nd wife of above. His first wife was Rebecca Jones)

Children of the above two:

Demarius Young (daughter) (Her husband remarried after she died)  
Dec. 8, 1854 May 7, 1880

Daniel N. Matthews  
Nov. 27, 1858 May 9, 1881

Belinda Mercy Matthews  
Jan. 16, 1862 Feb. 17, 1884

Amanda E. Matthews  
Dec. 23, 1864 May 28, 1866

Grandson of Demarius: Roy Young  
Feb. 15, 1904 March 2, 1904

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The Rev. Thomas Matthews' parents are buried off Killian Hill Rd. Land Lot 133. The original graves were marked by field stones only. Later, they were covered with cement and the names and dates written in the cement with a finger:

Thomas Matthews  
1773-1836

Nancy Matthews (nee Terry)  
1776-1836

NEWSLETTERS TO BE INDEXED

Beginning with this Newsletter, we will number each quarterly. Although we have published Newsletters for the past three years, they had not been enumerated until now. An index of surname and event is being set up by Alice McCabe, present editor. We hope this will be particularly helpful in answering genealogical queries.

IDEAS FROM OTHER SOCIETIES

We welcome copies of newsletters from other Historical Societies. One excellent one, Cherokee Countryman, from Forsyth County, Box 726, Cumming, GA. asks members for family histories to be written and donated to their society. A good idea. Their newsletter is packed with such information as the history of New Hope Methodist Church, established in 1839 in Forsyth, near Hall County, listing pastors and members over the years.

White County Historical Society's monthly newsletter is usually edited by Edgar Everhart, Jr., who has had several bouts in the hospital following an auto accident. White County Historical Society is headquartered in the old county courthouse on the square in Cleveland, GA.

PRESIDENT APPOINTS COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

President Roy E. Hutchens has appointed the following committee heads for 1976

PROGRAM.....Charlie Pentecost, 963-8425  
PUBLICATIONS AND PUBLICITY.....Alice McCabe, 963-9584  
MEMBERSHIP.....John Hood, 963-6462  
LIBRARY.....Gertrude Buice, 945-9528  
HISTORIC SITES.....Lucile Baldwin, 923-1024  
BIBLES.....Margrie Smith, 921-5599  
CEMETERIES.....Jeanclaire Morris, 972-6839  
BY-LAWS.....J. Heard Summerour, 476-3600  
STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE.....Tracy Power, 476-2441  
BICENTENNIAL REPRESENTATIVE.....Alice McCabe, 963-9584  
GREETING.....John Hood, 963-6462  
PLEDGE TO FLAG.....Eugene Chatham, 448-1780  
CHAPLAIN.....The Rev. Kirk Nesbit, 373-9644

1976 COMMITTEES

Program

Charles L. Pentecost, Chairman  
Miss Mary Alice Juhan  
Miss Annie Frances Flanigan  
George Jacobs

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Mrs. Alice McCabe, Chairman -Newsletter  
Mrs. Joyce Rovetta -Publicity  
Roy E. Hutchens -Brochures

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Mrs. Helen Todd  
Mrs. Janis Sawyer

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Mrs. John Ray Buice, Chairman

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Mrs. Lucile Baldwin, Chairman  
J. Heard Summerour  
Glenn and Nancy Bottoms  
Mrs. John Ray Buice

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Cemeteries

Mrs. Jeanclaire Morris, Chairman  
Mrs. Ann Lynn Link  
Tracy Power  
Consultants: Mrs. Evelyn Mays  
Mrs. Alice McCabe

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By-Laws

J. Heard Summerour, Chairman  
Charles L. Pentecost  
Winston E. Parker  
John J. Hood

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Greeting

John J. Hood, Chairman  
Mrs. Yulee Pharr  
Mrs. John Green

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Essay Contest

Mrs. Lucile Baldwin, Chairman  
Mrs. John Ray Buice  
Miss Mary Alice Juhan

Ex-Officio members- Mrs. Joyce Rovetta  
Roy E. Hutchens

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Nominating

To be named later

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Historic Tours

To be named later

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Refreshments

Mrs. Jeanolaire Morris and Mrs. Gertrude Buice served refreshments at the regular meeting in January.  
Mrs. Morris and Mrs. Marian Pihera will be refreshment hostesses at the February meeting. Subsequent meetings (March, April, May, September, November, and December.

The following have volunteered to date:  
March -Mrs. L. E. (Kathryn) Bird  
April -Mrs. Yulee Pharr, Mrs. John Green and Mrs. Mary G. Robinson  
May--- Mrs. Helen Todd and Mrs. Jacquelyn Cannon

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VANN TAVERN MODEL ON DISPLAY

Cherokee Chief James Vann built a log tavern in 1804 on the Chattahoochee River just over the Gwinnett line in what is now Forsyth County. Bill Forsyth of Atlanta, historian of the Forsyth Families of America, has completed a scale model of the Vann Tavern which is now on display in Cumming.

"CHRISTMAS BACK WHEN" IS NOSTALGIC

Four Gwinnett Historical Society members, including our oldest, Mrs. J. H. McGee, 90, Mercer Baldwin, Miss Mary Alice Juhan, and Mrs. Mildred Martin, stirred up happy memories of childhood Christmases at the December meeting. All recalled the wonderful aroma of oranges and the tasty nuts. ("They don't taste like that any more," remarked Mrs. McGee); the excitement of new dolls for the girls, new pen knives for the boys, the "Fantastics" costumes and family visits. Miss Juhan's entire essay was reprinted in the Gwinnett Daily News. Special decorations and refreshments were planned by Mrs. Julia Bagwell and Christmas music wafted over the social hour.

### SCHOOLS GLAD TO HAVE CONFEDERATE BOOK

School librarians have responded enthusiastically to the donation by the Gwinnett Historical Society of the GHS-published book by member J. Tracy Power, "An Index to Confederate Soldiers from Gwinnett County, Georgia. During the War Between the States."

GHS president Roy E. Hutchens, accompanied by 17-year-old Tracy, Mrs. Lauren V. Foreman of Buford and John Hood, called on several area schools to personally present the 55-page bound volumes.

The following librarians sent the Society letters of appreciation, saying the books would stimulate the interest of students in Gwinnett County history: Anne Burney, Duluth Middle School; Aaron Looper, Supt. Buford Schools; Merrill Coker, Mountain Park Elementary; Jan Owens, Trickum Middle School; Sue Dunbar, Harmony Elementary, Buford; Joyce Torcivia, Norcross High School; Barbara Lisenby, Lawrenceville Middle School; Gertrude Buice, Buford High School; Mrs. Terry Pelick, Snellville Middle School; Nora Sackett and Laura Lewis, South Gwinnett High School.

Note: To order the book, which lists 1,948 men, their ranks and units, plus a history of each Gwinnett County unit, send \$2.50 to Gwinnett Historical Society, Box 261, Lawrenceville, GA. 30245

### WRIGHT, LEWIS, MOORE FAMILY BOOK DONATED

John W. Boyd, P. O. Box 298, Tignell, GA. 30668, completed 25 years of genealogical research to produce "A Family History-Wright-Lewis-Moore & connected Families, Early Settlers of Greene County, Georgia." The book includes such names as ARNOLD, AVERY, BROWN, COOK, GRAHAM, HALL, JONES, KING, LANIER, MATTHEWS, REYNOLDS, ROBINSON, SHIPP, TAYLOR, WOODS AND WYATT. The book, well documented with 758 pages, maps and illustrations and indexed, deals with the Wright, Lewis, and Moore families from Colonial days down to the present generation. It can be ordered from the author for \$20.60. A complimentary copy was presented to the Gwinnett Historical Society.

### 1830 US CENSUS OF GEORGIA PURCHASED

The Society has purchased a bound volume of the U.S. 1830 Census of Georgia, a valuable research tool for genealogists and historians.

Acquisition of this book again points up to the need for a permanent, safe, accessible archives for valuable Gwinnett County records, historical books, etc. Such a building, which could also serve as a home for the Gwinnett Historical Society, is high on the list of goals for 1976, according to President Roy E. Hutchens.

UNTIL STORAGE SPACE IS FOUND-WHICH MAY BE SOON - the Society's President has placed custody of these two valuable books in the hands of Mrs. John Ray Buice, 204 School Drive, Buford, GA. 30518 (tele. 945-9528). She is head of the Society's Library Committee. Mrs. Buice will set up a card file and will check these books in and out to any SOCIETY MEMBER who desires to use them in researching families. Either write or telephone Mrs. Buice, or contact her at a regular meeting of the Society.

CENTERVILLE HISTORY AT JANUARY MEETING

Harold Campbell is a Gwinnett County Old-Timer. Having grown up in Centerville, he heard every day reference to such places as "No Business Creek," and "Do Little Creek." His research on the Centerville area was presented at the January meeting by County Historian Marvin Worthy.

A delayed installation of officers by Mrs. Carolyn Foreman, of Buford, was also conducted at the January meeting. President Roy E. Hutchens, Vice President Charlie Pentecost, and Treasurer Mildred Martin all return for another term. Others installed were: Alice McCabe, who moves from Recording to Corresponding Secretary; Jeanclaire Morris as Recording Secretary, and J. Tracy Power as Historian.

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