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THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

OUR FIRST NEWSLETTER!

I should dedicate this to our first president, Cecil Hodges, for he used to talk about publishing a Newsletter, and I wondered who would have time to write it.

I am scrounging the time because SO MUCH IS GOING on that you need to know. I hope you will read this carefully. Especially take notice of the announcement of the next membership meeting.

I can hardly believe one year has almost past since Charles Jordan "handed the gavel" to me. We have had three membership meetings with great programs, thanks to Clifford Bell and Cecil Hodges: Dr. Fred Crawford of Emory University on The Holocaust; Hamilton Jordan from Emory University on our government; Dr. William Warnock on the War Between the States. We had the largest attendance at these meetings than at any meetings in the past.

I will continue to put special emphasis and importance on our quarterly membership meetings.

About the Museum. We hope it can be a place that will tell the history of our county from its beginning up to World War II. But this cannot be done without people sharing this history from attics, trunks, barns, homes or businesses. The Museum needs you.

Our thanks to all who have contributed objects, money, and time so far to our Museum.

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MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY NIGHT OCTOBER 26, 1981

Our regular quarterly membership meeting will be held on Monday night Oct. 26 at 7:30, at the E.M.C. building.

Guest speaker will be Mr. Gregory Paxton, new Executive Director of Ga. Trust for Historic Preservation, with offices in Atlanta. He is former preservation administrator for the Historic Charleston Foundation, serving as instructor and consultant on Preservation at the College of Charleston.

His background gives him a broad knowledge of many areas of interest to our Society. Plan to hear this excellent speaker.

Refreshments will be served, as is the custom for our October meeting.

Visitors are welcome

TIME CAPSULE TO BE BURIED NOVEMBER 8 - TO BE REOPENED IN THE FALL OF 2006.

On Sunday afternoon, November 8, the Time Capsule will be buried.

Chairman Randy and Joe Thomas say that, if you have not purchased your envelope yet, it is not too late. For \$3.00 or \$5.00, depending on the size, you may buy an envelope from:

West Drug Company
Buddy Jordan, Florist
Tennille Library

Joe Thomas at City Hall
Museum or Individuals selling them

Fill the envelope not more than 1 inch thick with personal history, pictures, letters, diaries, newspaper or magazine articles, etc. etc., etc.

Address them to family members, friends, the Museum your church or club, co-workers and put your name and address in the upper left hand corner. Return them to the seller.

The purpose of this project is to preserve part of our history in a unique way, to make people more conscious of recording history, and to make money for the Museum.

We need you to be a part of the Time Capsule! And to be present when it is buried.

MUSEUM TO BE OPEN ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY AFTERNOONS, 2 to 5 o'clock

Chairman, Anita West and Frances Bateman have arranged for the Museum to be open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 2 to 5, and other times by appointment. They have prepared a system of volunteer hostesses, with two hostesses for each afternoon.

Anita and Frances arranged a lovely hostess tea on Sunday afternoon September 13, which was well attended.

Anita says, "If anyone wishes to be a hostess who has not been contacted please call 552-2312. You will be most welcome."

Our thanks to everyone who was so willing and responsive.

HISTORIC PRINTS BY STERLING EVERETT

Jewell Turner, Jr., Chairman of this project, reports that there are a few sets of prints left to be sold in this limited edition. Also, the Society can now offer framed sets, done very professionally by Oliver Wilson, with the matting and suggested framing chosen by the artist.

The prices are:

Set of two prints:	\$25.00
Set of 4 prints:	\$40.00
Set 2 prints with framing	\$80.00
Set 4 prints with framing	\$160.00
Set 6 prints with framing	\$225.00

These would make excellent Christmas presents. They may be purchased from the Museum on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, or at Buddy Jordan, Florist anytime, or by calling Jewell Turner, Jr.

MUSEUM REOPENED:

On Sunday afternoon, October 11, our Museum of Washington County (the old jail) was reopened with an interesting and valuable exhibit from the Coca Cola Company Archives in Atlanta, plus our Museum displays. The Sandersville Coca Cola Company served cokes, and many people enjoyed an interesting and pleasant afternoon seeing the displays, the renovation and the old jail cells.

Of special interest was a room done with late 1800 and early 1900 clothes and furnishings, arranged by the display committee: Patsy Lord, Chairman, Martha Armstrong, Mary Jean Moore, and Ann Bateman.

Our sincere thanks go to this committee for a job well done and to Ella Marie Garrett for her work on the Coca Cola display; to the hostesses, and many others who helped.

A special thanks to Ellen West for her faithfulness in keeping the Museum open last winter.

BOOK BEING PUBLISHED:

Mrs. Elizabeth Newsom has compiled her latest book entitled WASHINGTON COUNTY ESTATE PAPERS, 1829 to 1903. She has graciously offered it for the benefit of the of the Society. It is now in the process of being published

If you think you will be interested in purchasing a copy please send your name and address to:

Henriett J. Wiles
P.O. Box 953
Sandersville, Ga. 31082
or call 912-552-2331

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ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Lewis West term of office on the Board of Directors expires at the end of 1981. The nominating committee, David Holmes, chairman, will nominate someone for a four year term at the membership meeting on October 26. We'll miss you on the Board, Lewis.

The Genealogy Committee, Elizabeth Newsom, chairman, remains very active with meetings almost every week. Several members are working on special projects:

Mrs. Newsom along with Jean Sheppard will take anyone. on the 4th Thursday of the month, to the libraries in Macon to do research.

Thanks to Miss Annie Laurie Johnson of the Genealogy Committee for her interesting and informative column DIDJUNO? in the Sandersville Progress.

How many men and boys would be interested in forming a a drill team called THE WASHINGTON RIFLES? This suggestion came from Dr. William Warnock.

WHO WANTS TO ANSWER THIS LETTER?

The following letter was received from Mr. D.B. Hinds, 262 Pine Hill Drive, Mobile, Alabama, 36616.

Dear Sir:

I have a copy of Georgia Historical Markers Located in Washington County published by the Washington County Historical Society July 1978.

On page 4 under heading "Jefferson Davis", there is a statement: "Judge John H. Reagan, acting Sec. of Treas., and Capt. M.H. Clark, Acting Treasurer transacted the last official business of the Confederate States Treasury".

Can you or anyone advise me just what was the last official business? Is it a matter of record? Was there still money in the Confederate Treasury?

Please let me hear from you.

Thanks D.B. Hines

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