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THIRD QUARTERLY MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MONDAY, JULY 31, 1989 AT 7:30 P.M.
CIVIC ROOM OF WASHINGTON EMC

PROGRAM: Ramus Freeman will speak to us of his early experiences in Washington County. Rev. Freeman is a native of Harrison, GA. He is a retired Methodist minister; living presently in Tennille. Bring someone to hear "The Make Do Years".

GENEALOGY COMMITTEE: Henrietta Wiles says -. "It seems that people have started coming coming out of the woodwork, all anxious to trace their own families. We are making new friends every day.

A Miss Giles (not ours) has just made a trip from Missouri, because she had always heard, that there was a bridge in Washington Co., GA. that was named for her family. Elizabeth had the pleasure of showing her Fenn's Bridge, and helping her with Fenn history. We got to meet her and had a wonderful time. The same day a man came to research the Bailey family. He left a pedigree chart. We found that he had five (5) familiar lines rather than one, all early members of Sisters Church. They were planning a family reunion. Can't you just imagine the excitement they will have at that reunion with all the things he was able to find.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: CHAIRPERSON, NANCY TARBUTTON: Since June of 1982, the Cemetery Committee has worked in conjunction with the city to maintain the Old City Cemetery. Many generous individuals and companies have made it possible to restore the iron fences and other deteriorating monuments as well as beautify the grounds.

Currently we are working on the northeast quadrant of the cemetery that is bounded by Virginia Avenue and the Deepstep Road. Jimmy Lord has donated the materials and labor to glue broken monuments in this area.

Prisoners from Baldwin County are now mowing the cemetery. We want to encourage owners to perform other maintenance work on their lots. The Annual Ramble will be during Kaolin Festival Week on Sunday, October 1, at 3:00 P.M.

THE BOOK: "Cotton To Kaolin- History of Washington County, 1784-1989" continues to be "in process". Mary Alice Jordan has worked "like a Trojan" enlisting people in various phases, toward the publication of this book. Many thanks to her and the host of workers who are working and giving their time so freely.

Newsletter (continued)

HISTORICAL SITES COMMITTEE: Jo Cummings and her committee are in full swing with the Charles Edward Choate District nomination under review at State Historic Preservation office. This is a step toward the National Register of Historical Places Status.

A series of newspaper stories is planned soon to publicize the proposed district. This is unusual, for the properties included do not always adjoin.

The committee appreciates the enthusiastic participation in marking old homes in May for Historic Participation Month. Please remove the pink ribbons that were used this year. We will give you new ribbons next year.

THE BROWN HOUSE: Paul Thiele is chairperson of the "Brown House Fund Drive". He is already receiving donations and pledges. The Washington EMC has secured a deed to the property from the Brown Estate and is anxious to make the building and surrounding grounds available to us. All hands pitch in and make your donations. Much work is needed on the Brown House.

MUSEUM: The museum is a very busy place these days. Normal visitor activity is going on as usual and in the workroom, Henrietta and her crew are snowed under with index cards. You wouldn't believe the index cards it takes to index a book.

1990 TOUR OF HOMES: Nan Horadam, Chairperson and her committee have arrived at a tentative date of April, 1990 for this event. You will hear more about it in months to come.

** NEXT REGULAR MEETING - October 30, 1989 at Civic Room of Washington EMC.

Ray Avirett, President

