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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY, MONDAY, JANUARY 22, 1990, AT 7:30 P.M.  
CIVIC ROOM OF WASHINGTON EMC

PROGRAM

The program, January 22, will be Bill Moffat who is a Preservation Planner with the Northeast Georgia Regional Development Center, Athens.

Bill received his M.A. in History from Georgia College. He was a Research Assistant for Architecture of Georgia (Beehive Press, 1976). He is currently writing a book about the history of our neighbor community to the North - Jewell and will share his findings with us. BRING A FRIEND!!

HISTORY BOOK:

A little over 1300 copies of the newly published county history book have been sold. We have had fine comments about the book: "It is so interesting and well-written". "It is the best county history I have seen." "When I saw a copy I had to have one." We had a good review of the book by Kenneth Thomas in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution Sunday edition in December.

We have mailed 370 books to 27 different states. Anyone may purchase a book at the museum on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons, or at Karol's or Rawlings' Antiques, or call 552-2963 or 552-3292.

A special thanks goes to Martha Riner for her continued work as treasurer, keeping records and helping with the mailing and selling of the books.

MUSEUM:

The Washington County Museum has had a very successful year, thanks to the faithfulness of the volunteer hostesses. Several items have been given to the museum. These will be listed in the Progress soon.

The museum will be host to a committee of the Georgia Trusts for Historic Preservation for a meeting in February.

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: - Nancy Tarbutton, Chairperson

Because of the rain, this year's ramble through the Old Cemetery was held on Sunday, November 5 instead of October 1, during the Kaolin Festival. A good group came to hear interesting talks given by Virginia Smith on Ben and Rosa Tarbutton, Welborn Dukes on the Bangs Family and Harold Sheppard on the C. A. Adams, Sr. Family.

By popular request, next year's ramble will include profiles of Jennie and C.A. Adams; two colorful offsprings of C. A. Adams, Sr. Please contact the committee if you have a request as to whom other talks should cover.

BROWN HOUSE COMMITTEE: Cecil M. Hodges, Jr., Chairperson

The committee met with Historic Preservation expert, Henry Green in November and he has recommended a young restoration architect, Norman Askins who we will be meeting with within the next few weeks.

We arranged a photo of the Brown House parlor for the Macon Telegraph series on Sherman's March.

GENEALOGICAL COMMITTEE: Henrietta J. Wiles, Chairperson

It is good that we are having to consider more shelving space in the Genealogy Room. We are pushing the sides off the ones we are using, and are adding books and other materials all the time.

People are showing interest in writing their own family histories. We want every one that we can get. If enough are turned in, we will see what can be done about publishing them. Any way the Genealogy Committee wants everyone you will let us have. The Genealogy Room is the place to start with your research, and the Genealogy Committee are the people to help you.

We are open at the Museum every Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 2 to 5 P.M., or by appointment if you contact the following members:  
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TOUR OF HOMES: COMMITTEE MEMBERS: Chairperson, Nann Horadan, Co-Chairperson, Anita West, Advisor, Mary Alice Jordan, Ticket Sales, Ann Smith and Pat Mathis, Publicity, Brenda Hollingsworth, Brochure, Jo Cummings.

Saturday, April 28, 1990, 10 A.M. - 6 P.M.

All proceeds to be donated toward the renovation of the Brown House on Silk Stocking Street, where "Some guy named Sherman" slept!

Final plans are being made for the last Saturday in April for the 1990 Sandersville/Tennille Homes Tour.

During the months of March and April there will be weekly newspaper articles and photos featuring the approximately one dozen homes being shown in the tour. Tickets to go on sale in February.

Advanced Sales	- \$10.00
Day of Tour	- 12.00
Students	- 5.00

Watch the local newspaper for further information.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE: Patricia Mathis, Chairperson

The books are now open to receive Membership Dues for 1990, \$5.00 per member. Please mail to Mrs. Horace Mathis, 608 Linton Road, Sandersville, GA 31082, or pay at the January meeting.

Ray Avirett, President

Report to Washington Co. Historical Society

January 4, 1990

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Queries from people doing family research ~~are~~ coming ~~in~~ in increasing numbers. Many of these are in response to sales of the History Book.

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Henrietta J. Wiles

Chairman- Geneal. Comm.

The Genealogy Room at the museum has taken on a new look. New bookcases, made to order have been installed. This is giving us much needed shelf space. The books that we had are easier to find and new books are being added.

Some of  
The newest books acquired are : Some Southern Colonial Families, Vol III, by David Avant- Tallihassi Fla. It covers Avant and related families until about 1900. (2) a compilation of Post Offices of Washington Co, by H.I. Bridges. (3) Marriages and Obituaries from Early Ga. Newspapers. (4) General material- Legal Notices in Early Ga Newspapers. (5) Robinson/Robison/ etc., an indepth study, by Ruby Penton & Wm Paul Burrier. Anyone with these variations of the spelling of this name should see this

Several dozen bound family histories are on the shelves and many more folders are in the vertical files. If your family was not included in the recent Washington Co History, you are encouraged to submit your families history, with the possibility of our doing a special publication on just family histories.

The heat wave does not seem to effect the number of people coming to Washington Co. to do research. Many of them are spending their vacations in Sandersville, with that purpose in mind, and they stay over until they find the answers they seep, or they return at another time.

If you would consider helping with the Genealogy segment of our Society, you would be most welcome. There are so many things that go undone, that are urgently needed. There is a job that you could. Please HELP US.

Henrietta Wiles & the Genealogy  
Committee.