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PROGRAM

"The First Mail Route In Washington County"

by H I (Spud) Bridges.

Mr Bridges is a long time resident of Washington County and a former Postal employee. who after retirement has taken an enthusiastic interest in the history of the mail service. Come to the meeting and learn of William Wadley, an early railroadman in Washington County.

MUSEUM:

The MUSEUM has an exhibit, just put in place, on KAOLIN, on loan from the Macon Museum of Arts and Sciences. The Macon Museum was given a grant to create an exhibit on Georgia Clay, and this is part of that exhibit.

Added to the exhibit are pictures of early clay plants in Washington County given to the Museum by Hugh Tarbutton; and products made of kaolin, some of them local products. Come, see the exhibit!

The Museum has been given some issues of the 1928 newspaper, Tennille Times, by Terry Bertoch; some wonderful pictures of Ferncrest, some early deeds and other pictures by Tommy Gilmore; a homemade wooden ironing board and kitchen utensils by Bartow Jackson. The Lions Club, thru Fred Todd, contributed 2 much-needed brooms and 2 mops. We are very grateful for all gifts to the Museum. Caroline Helton is our newest volunteer hostess.

Cotton to Kaolin-A History of Washington County, 1784-1989 is still selling quite well. Recent orders have been from Harvard Library, Cambridge, Mass., a Washington, D.C. library, libraries in Kansas City and Baton Rouge, La.; and Univ. of Ga. ordered 2 copies. Almost 1500 copies have been sold. The history book would make a fine Christmas gift.

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Museum Director: Mary Alice Jordan

Displays: Ann Smith and M.A.J.

Grounds: Lewis West

Building: David Ginn

Volunteer Hostesses: Chairmen for each day opened per month:  
Martha Tanner, Lillian Brown, Peggy Strange, Thelma Avant,  
Gladys Spight, Valeria Pate, Bett Bender, Ida Frances Garbutt,  
Gladys Everett. A number of other hostesses work as  
substitutes. The Genealogy Room is kept open by members of  
the Genealogy Committee, Henrietta Wiles, Chr.

#### CEMETERY COMMITTEE;

The eighth annual Ramble through the Old City Cemetery was held Sunday October 7. Eutha Rhoades "got the show on the road", introducing Col James B Gardner and the Washington County High School Airforce ROTC Color Guard who raised raised the United States flag and the Georgia flag. Bill Wolf played the national anthem on the trumpet, Rev John Irwin, pastor of the Tennille United Methodist Church, gave the invocation. Nancy Tarbutton, mistress of ceremonies, gave a brief report on the years activities and led the Ramble. A good crowd delighted at the entertaining talks made by Louise Sheftall on Jennie Adams; Rey Roughton on C A Adams; Lewis West on Maitland and A A Rawlings; and Mary Alice Jordan on Mattiemae Turner. Dusty Rhoades served refreshments at the close of the Ramble.

(These short personality sketches or talks as well as those given in the past are being collected for future use.)

Nancy Tarbutton, chairperson, Rey Roughton, Virginia Smith, Charles Jordan, Eutha and Dusty Rhoades.

#### BROWN HOUSE COMMITTEE;

The committee met recently and began making plans for the restoration of the exterior of the Brown House. The details of the plans will be announced in the near future.

Cecil Hodges, chairman, Lewis West, Francis Bateman, George Lyons, Mary Alice Jordan, Billy Veal, Nancy Tarbutton.

Sub committee: Grounds; Anita West, Charles Sheppard, Bob West.

#### GENEALOGY COMMITTEE;

There are still copies of the Tombstone Book and the Estate Papers by Elizabeth Newsome, that can be purchased in the Genealogy Room at the Museum. We are happy to have added Nonie Veal to the Genealogy Committee. Thank you Nonie.

Henrietta Wiles, chairperson, Elizabeth Newsome, Louise McDaniel, Helen Frapp, Ruth Avirett, Jean Sheppard, Gene Brantley, Don Carter, Carol Ramsey, Grace Womble and Nonie Veal.

#### HISTORICAL SITES COMMITTEE;

Jo Cummings reports that Dale Jaeger is putting the final touches on the application for the buildings by Charles Edward Choate, constructed in Washington County, to be placed on the National Register of Historic Places. It has required a lot of hard work, research and patience on the part of this committee to bring this project thus far. Jo Cummings, chairperson, Elizabeth Newsome, Billy Veal, Helen Frapp, Sara Lansdale, and Brenda Hollingsworth