

Washington County Historical Society

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PROGRAM FOR JULY 26TH MEETING:

"Coleman Robert Pringle"

At the July 26th meeting of the membership of the Washington County Historical Society, Lewis West will present a program on the life and achievements of *Coleman Robert Pringle*, one of the county's leading citizens in the Reconstruction years and beyond. The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the EMC Civic Room.

In 1866, when C. R. Pringle was one of five "Commissioners" for the City of Sandersville, it was illegal: "to discharge firearms in the public square and streets; to fasten a horse, mule, or oxen to shade trees or fences in the public square; to obstruct public sidewalks; to allow filth or water to accumulate or stand on premises or lots; to engage in boisterous and disorderly conduct; to fire firecrackers, rockets, or balls of any kind (except on December 25 and 26); and to allow a privy to be exposed to public gaze." [*Cotton to Kaolin*, p 35]

Mr. Pringle was a member of the first Board of Directors of the Sandersville and Tennille Railroad Company (1876), and one of the prominent merchants in the county. He built a new house at 115 West Church in 1895, in which Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lent now have their home and antique shop.

THE ELIZABETH NEWSOM COLLECTION OF WASHINGTON COUNTY HISTORICAL DATA

Valued at over \$10,000, Elizabeth Newsom's collection of a multitude of facts about Washington County and its people has been given to the Washington County Historical Society. It will be of great benefit to all those of this and future generations as a reliable source of information for general research as well as genealogical research.

Anthony R. Dees, appraiser, reports that the Elizabeth Newsom Collection compares favorably with other collections, such as the Margaret Davis Cates Collection (Coastal Georgia History), the Bessie Lewis Collection (McIntosh County History), and the Walter C. Hartridge College (Savannah and Chatham County History).

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HAVE YOU
PAID YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
DUES FOR
THIS YEAR?

If not, send a check to:
Mrs. Gwen Hall

RT. #2, Box 87
Sandersville, GA 31082

OR
bring your checkbook
to the
July 26th meeting.

Individual = \$ 10.00
Family = \$ 12.00
Life (Each) = \$100.00

THE BROWN HOUSE COMMITTEE reports that "Phase One" of the Brown House project has been completed--except for a few minor details. The building is now considered to be safely protected from further deterioration. "Phase Two" will include further restoration of the interior.

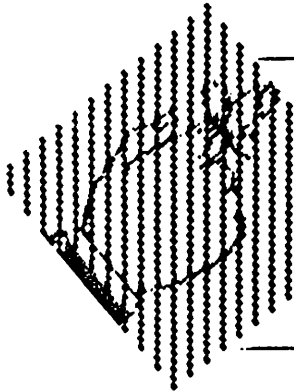
The Board of Directors, at its July 12th meeting, authorized the treasurer to write a check for \$5000 to help pay unpaid bills related to Phase One. A few more thousand dollars are needed to complete paying for Phase One.

THE OLD CITY CEMETERY COMMITTEE of the Historical Society reports a very good response to the MARY LOUISE JACKSON COOKBOOK. Thanks to all who helped!

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