

# Washington County Historical Society

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *Museum open during Olympics*

In cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce and the Olympic Welcome Center at the gazebo downtown, the museum will be open Monday through Friday, July 22-August 2 for visitors. Hours are 2-5 p.m.

Volunteers are needed to help staff the Museum during these hours. If you can help, contact Mary Alice Jordan at 552-2963.

In June Mary Alice attended a seminar on museums sponsored by the Georgia Historical Society at Augusta College. At the Society board of directors meeting, she proposed that the society become a member of the state organization. The board approved the \$40 annual cost.

### "Louisville - the Capital" is topic of July 22 meeting

Have you ever wondered why Louisville was chosen to be the first capital of the newly formed state of Georgia?

Phillippa Denny, a native of Louisville, will answer that question and many others when she presents the program at the July 22 meeting of the Washington County Historical Society. Her presentation is titled "Georgia's First Designated Permanent Capital - Louisville."

The meeting will be Monday at 7:30 in the Washington EMC civic room.

Phillippa graduated from Louisville Academy and attended Georgia Teachers College (now Georgia Southern University) in Statesboro. She is a charter member and on the board of directors of the Jefferson County Historical Society, and is a member of the Georgia Historical Society and the Augusta Genealogical Society. She has been a volunteer with the American Cancer Society for many years and is an active member of the Louisville Central Methodist Church where she has held many positions of leadership.

She retired from the Jefferson County EMC after working there 38 years.

At the business meeting, hear the exciting news about the new committee the board of directors plans to organize - an oral history committee.

Other topics include the Ramble Around the Downtown Square planned as part of the Kaolin Festival.

You do not have to be a member of the society to come and hear this wonderful program. Come and bring a friend or two. This should be a good one!

### The Brown House

There will be a meeting of the Brown House Committee on Tuesday, July 23 at 5 p.m. at the Museum.

The following gifts have been received for the Brown House and are in storage:

A pedestal fire screen given by Mrs. Harriet Dana of Tennille. The screen was purchased from Miss Louise Irwin's estate and supposedly was designed by her.

Given by Dr. Charles V. Ouzts of Atlanta:

A Victorian arm chair and marble top side table.

An electrified copper and brass kerosene lamp.

A lamp with Venetian glass center.

A large bevelled mirror.

These items and others in storage are just waiting for us to complete the restoration of this important historic structure.

Mary Alice Jordan, Brown House chair, reports the Society has applied for a grant from the Grassmann Trust and from Georgia Heritage 2000.

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### Tributes to Louise....

Special tribute to Mrs. Louise McDaniel for her many years of volunteering to the Genealogy Committee. At 89 years young, she continues to update the obituary files. Thank You, Louise!

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# Directors accept resignation, approve committee

President Glynn Robinson submitted his resignation to vice president Gwen Hall citing pressing problems. Gwen agreed to complete this term of office as president and appointed a new nominating committee to select a new slate of officers for the next term which begins January 1997.

Ramus Freeman will chair the committee whose members are Cecil Hodges, Lucy Nell Smith and Gladys Spight.

Mary Alice Jordan and Brenda Hollingsworth will work on updating the mailing list. If your address is incorrect please let them know.

Jo Cummings, as chairman of the Chamber of Commerce's Memorial Room dedicated to Charles E. Choate recognizing his architectural skills in the area, asked the Society to donate \$1,000 to help fund the project. This and other board actions will need to be approved at the July 22 membership meeting.

Mrs. Cummings also presented a proposal that the Society establish a new committee which would use a video camera to collect local oral histories. These records would be cataloged and kept for research at the

## **Brown House, continued**

The Society has applied for \$9,500 for the electrical wiring and \$18,000 to repair the plaster walls and to paint. The grant would be for 60 percent and our match would be 40 percent.

All donations, large or small, would be most welcome. Send them to the Brown House, P.O. Box, 6088, Sandersville, GA 31082.

museum.

Using a borrowed cam corder, cost would be limited to the cost of tapes (available wholesale through WalMart) and still film. Neale Traugh, a new resident, has video experience and has agreed to chair this committee. The board approved the establishment of an Oral History Committee and began assembling a list of interviewees.

Two new brochures have been commissioned by the Chamber and are available. The first is a photo essay on the Old City Cemetery - words and pictures by Mr. Traugh. The second is a rack card on the Elder Community Center. Copies are available at the museum and the Chamber office.

The Board agreed to meet September 9 at 6 p.m. at the museum.

## **Mark your calendar:**

The October 28 program will feature information on the Morman Computer Hookup to their Genealogical Library. The business portion will include annual reports, and there will be refreshments.

## **Calendar**

July 23, 5 p.m., Brown House Committee, meet at the Museum.

Sept. 9, 6 p.m. Special Board of Directors meeting at Museum.

Oct. 6, Kaolin Festival Downtown Stroll.

Oct. 14, 6 p.m. Board of Directors, Museum.

Oct. 28, 7:30 p.m. Membership meeting, EMC.