

50 Years - 50 Features

A Celebration: 1967 - 2017

Lowndes County Historical Society, Inc.

50 Years—50 Features serves as an encompassing name for the Lowndes County Historical Society's 50th Year Celebration. Our open definition to the theme is that every varying year has been a Feature. A feature of events, acquisitions, exhibits, Museum relocation, researchers, Library expansion, archive advancement including textile identification, publications, building and grounds development, tours, programs, and meeting the electronic future.

One of the earliest and enduring features was that the Society chose to begin and then to open and operate a museum. The Society welcomes each person to find their favorite feature.

Those involved as applicants for the charter in 1967 were listed as follows in the incorporation document:

William C. Bassford
Clyde B. Carter
Mrs. Marie Crockett
Dr. William Gabard
J. G. Hagen
Mrs. J. G. Hagen
Mrs. F. S. Harrell
W. P. Langdale
Mrs. J. D. McKey
Mrs. John Williams
Mrs. Abial Winn
Mrs. Wayne Yeager

H. Arthur McLane, Attorney for
Petitioners



Above: Natalie S. Williams, Vera D. Hagan and Dr. William Gabard. They are recorded as the three whose efforts initiated the founding of the Lowndes County Historical Society.



1967-2017

JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION
Lowndes County Historical Society, Inc.,



50 YEARS 50 FEATURES

Saturday, December 2, 2017

at the museum

Open House 10:30 am-2:00 pm

Program at 11:00 am

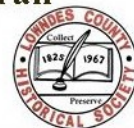
Feature: Museum Video by VSU Communication Seniors

Feature: Publication for sale, The Coca Cola Trail

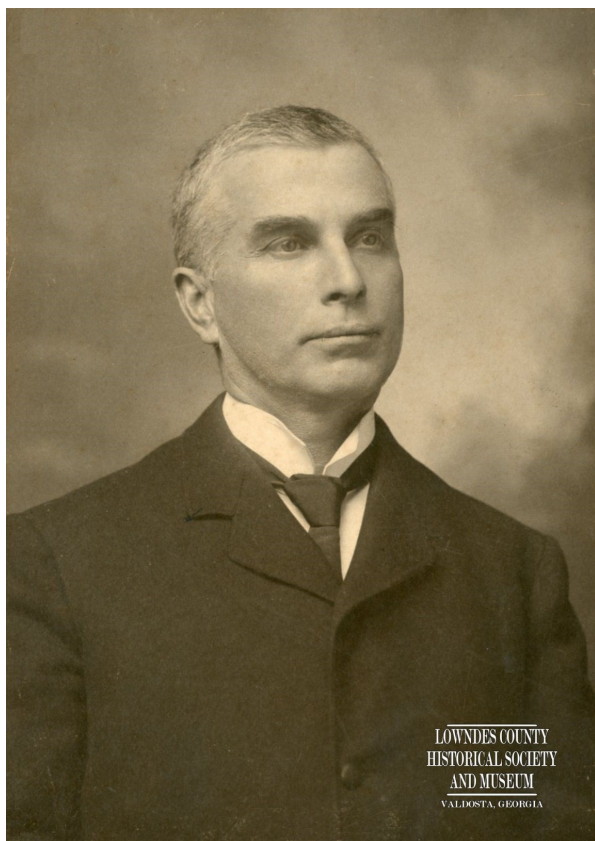
Refreshments and a

Special Toast with "Georgia Champagne" (Coca-Cola)

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Ashley Hall at VSU, Named for Cornelius Raines Ashley



C. R. Ashley, Sr., *above*, was mayor, state legislator and an effective leader in establishing a college here. The museum has searched diligently for a quality portrait of him. A long-ago water disaster caused a loss of memorabilia to local family. When we got a call from Ashley Beavers, *below*, of Mt. Pleasant, SC, telling of an upcoming visit, we immediately quizzed concerning his Ashley connections. He is an example of long generations and a grandson to C.R. Ashley. His mother Charlotte Ashley was born in 1920 when C.R. Ashley was age 62. After C.R. Ashley died in 1926 Charlotte and her mother removed to her family home in Barnesville. The museum greatly appreciates the portrait. Beavers also donated professional photographs of the C.R. Ashley home and business construction.



Tribute & Obituary to C.R. Ashley

"At the age of sixty-eight years and following a long period of ill health, Mr. C.R. Ashley, one of the pioneers of Valdosta, passed away yesterday afternoon at this home on Patterson Street, ending a career of business activity which commenced co-incidentally with Valdosta and in which he continued to show interest even during the many months of ill-health in the past two years.

Mr. Ashley's successful life-history was in many respects the history of Valdosta, having been identified with business and property interests since this city was a mere village. When a very young man, and as Valdosta was beginning to become a village after removal from the former site at Old Troupville, Mr. Ashley began his very successful business career as a fruit merchant on the site of one of his large buildings at the corner of Patterson Street and Hill Avenue. By close attention to his business his interests grew until he became one of the foremost of the business men of this city during the days of his activity.

While always busy with his own affairs, Mr. Ashley was always in the front ranks of public service, serving as mayor and at different times representing Lowndes County in the [Georgia] legislature both as a representative and state senator.

It was while he was a member of the legislature that most his most outstanding service for Valdosta, Lowndes County and South Georgia was performed. He was a leader in the activity which resulted in the establishment of the South Georgia State Normal College, which later developed into the Georgia State Womans College. For many years after the establishment of this institution, Mr. Ashley served as a member of its Board of Trustees, and as its treasurer, only relinquishing this work when his health failed him to the extent that he could not give the close attention he felt was demanded. In connection with the college development Mr. Ashley not only performed great service in the legislature, but as a private citizen and for this outstanding work in this connection, Ashley Hall, one of the splendid buildings on the campus now bears his name and stands as a monument to him.

Mr. Ashley throughout his long career was always held in the highest esteem by his host of friends, who appreciated his foresight, and his ability as a business man and builder. While conducting many lines of business, Mr. Ashley who always had unbounded faith in Valdosta, made it a rule to steadily acquire property, both city and county, and at the time of his death was among the largest property owners in the city. He was also connected with many leading financial institutions during his career.

Surviving him besides his widow are several children, including Messrs. J.D. Ashley, William Ashley, J. Gordon Ashley, Tom C. Ashley, Wallace Ashley, and little Miss Charlotte Ashley, all of Valdosta, and Mr. Eugene Ashley of Schenectady, N.Y.

Because of the many strong friendships he made during his career, his passing is the cause of deep and sincere sorrow among those who knew, loved and appreciated him for his great worth.

Recently Mr. Ashley went to Barnesville and while there began to fail rapidly and while quite ill his son Mr. Lee Ashley died suddenly in Athens, and it is now within only a few weeks' time that he follows his son to the Great Beyond.

The funeral services for Mr. Ashley will be held Tuesday afternoon at 5 o'clock from the family residence, the hour being set for the arrival of Mr. Eugene Ashley, the only son absent at the time of his father's death."

(Valdosta Daily Times, February 24, 1926)



Above: A drawing of the facade of Ashley Hall by Altman & Barrett Architects, P.C., in preparation for the renovation of the building in 2012. It was the third major structure on campus, built 1921-22, and was early referred to as Dormitory No. 2.

When the portrait of Cornelius R. Ashley came to the museum we wanted to understand the family connections. In writings at the museum one sees Cornelius Raines Ashley, Sr. [C.R.] born January 1858 and Daniel Cornelius Ashley, Sr. [D.C.] born June 1859, both listed with their father being named William Ashley. Were two sons named Cornelius?

We were most perplexed until we found that the father of C.R. and the father of D.C. were two different William Ashleys. But what might be was the connection between the two different William Ashleys?

Ashley Street

The father of D. C. was Dr. William Ashley, Troupville and then very early Valdosta physician. He went as a doctor to the Civil War but was sent home being very ill. He died in 1863 as did his wife, Georgia Smith, leaving D.C. Ashley at age four with both parents deceased. We find that Ashley Street was named in honor of this Dr. William Ashley.

William Ashley, father of C. R., not in the Lowndes 1860 Census, died here in 1867. His widow, Juliet Maxey Ashley, lived and became a well know Valdosta music teacher.

Early Cousin Connections

After chasing and connecting several generations of this family the answer emerged. Judge Folks Huxford's *Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia* had just enough information to connect the generations. C. R. and D. C. Ashley were second cousins. The two Williams of Valdosta were first cousins.

The fathers to the Williams, thus grandfathers to C. R. and D. C. Ashley, were named Cornelius Ashley and Nathaniel Ashley respectively. The common ancestor to C. R. and D. C. was their great-grandfather, another William Ashley, who lived 1763-1839. He was married to Nancy Raines. There is a sketch on this William Ashley in *Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Vol.3*.

The Daniel Ashley Hotel

The Daniel Ashley Hotel was built in 1925 by Daniel Cornelius Ashley, Sr. and named to honor the memory of his son Daniel Cornelius Ashley, Jr. who had died in an automobile accident. There is more information at the museum

Ashley Descendants

It is interesting to note that no one in Valdosta from these two families carries the surname Ashley. The same is true for some other early surnames like Briggs and Converse, and there are others. Many people that grew up in Valdosta in the 1960s and '70s will know these descendants. In the line of C.R. Ashley, Sr., through their mother science teacher Martha Freeman Ashley, and then her father Valdosta Mayor J. D. Ashley, are Clay Freeman, Anne F. Dunnan and Emily F. Reilley, she of Hahira.

Descendants in the D. C. Ashley, Sr. line, via their father Frank Bird, Jr., and his mother Laura Ashley Bird, are Rozzie Bird, Tutta B. Glass, Frankie Bird and Frank (Brother) Bird III. The two groups of siblings above are 5th cousins to each other.

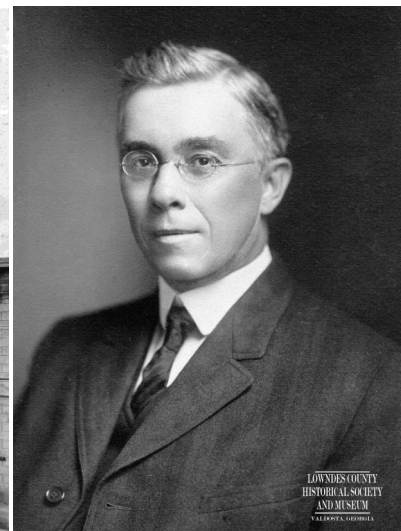
A nearby C.R. Ashley descendant that carries the Ashley surname is Don Ashley of Madison, Florida.



Daniel Cornelius Ashley, Jr.



Ashley Street at left and the Daniel Ashley Hotel



Daniel Cornelius Ashley, Sr.

Publications through the Years

The Lowndes County Historical Society has produced several publications through the years, and been given permission to reprint others. Albert Pendleton began the newsletter in November 1971.

The first 'book' publication with considerable input from the LCHS was *A Pictorial History of Lowndes County, Georgia 1825-1975*. This book was completed in May 1976 as an official commemoration of the sesquicentennial of the establishment of Lowndes County. It was a result of the formation of the Heritage 100 Committee that met in November 1975 in celebration of this sesquicentennial. The specific committee for this book was comprised of Tom Shelton, Susan McKey Thomas, Natalie S. Williams, Fredeva Ogletree, Duane Pitts, Davy Shelton and Jan Shelton Danis. The LCHS was granted the right to sell the copies that remained after the celebration. Currently about twenty copies remain available for purchase.

The society published *The Piney Woods Journal of History, Vol. I* in 1989-1990 and *Vol. II* in 1990-1991, this second volume not released until 1993 because of financial constraints. Dr. Joseph Tomberlin was editor of these academic journals. A grant from First Union Bank covered printing costs for Volume II. The journals were distributed to Society members without charge, with the remainder available for sale to the public. Volume I is sold out, and only two or three copies of Volume II remain available for purchase.

Volume II has a very good article by Edward T. Hart about the Society titled *The Lowndes County Historical Society, 1967-1992*. Edward Hart closes his article with a quotation from a November 1991 interview with Dr. Bill Gabard, "History has to include everyone."

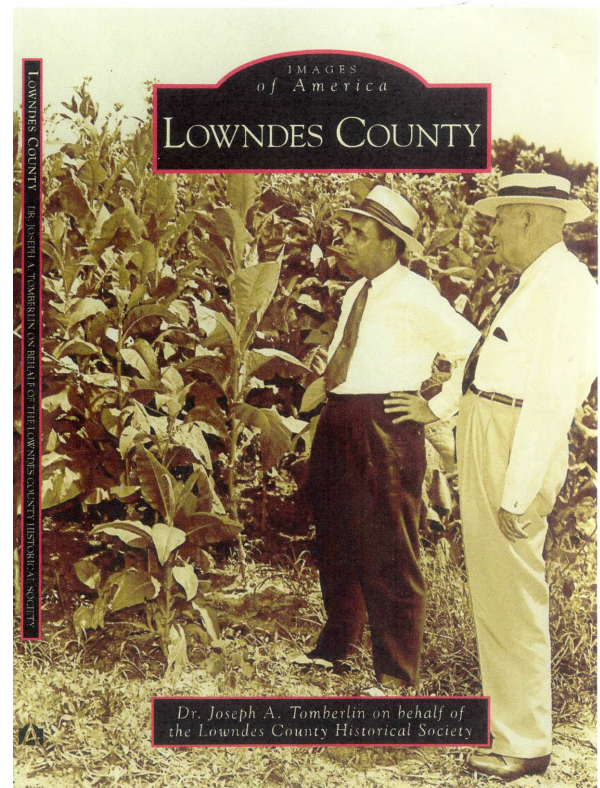
Publications chairman J. Edward Willis edited the popular *Valdosta Visions, Yesteryears* pictorial calendars in 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995 and 1996. The last two calendars issues became significant tributes to our World War II soldiers. These publications were underwritten through the financial support of the Independent Insurance Agents of Lowndes County. We continue to have these historic calendars available, however 1995 is in short supply. The WWII calendars are on the museum web-site.

The society continued to publish with the release of *Way Back When, Volume I*, by Albert S. Pendleton, Jr. in August 1998. Volume II followed and Volume III was published in 2004. These books contain the articles that Albert submitted to the *Valdosta Times*. The books are usually available at the museum.

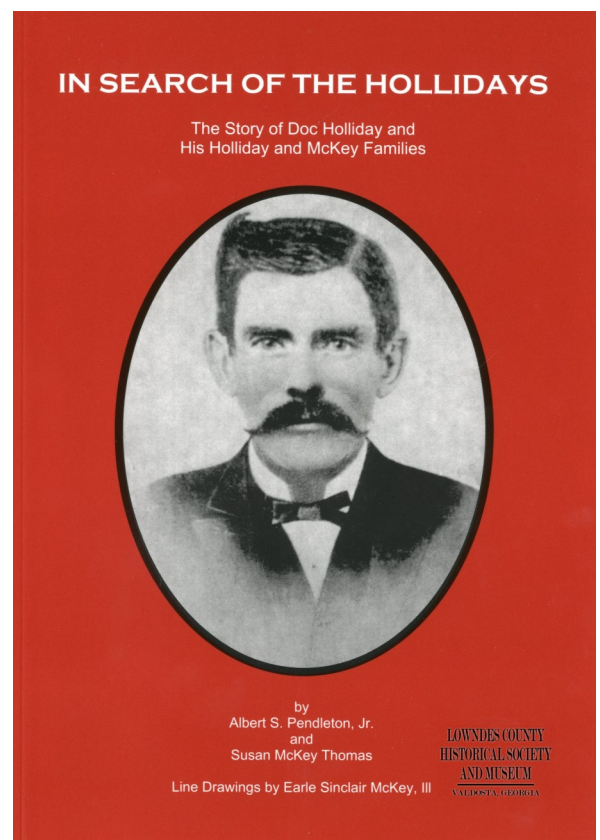
The LCHS was pleased about a new publication that became available in February 2007 in conjunction with our 40th year. The book was *Images of America Lowndes County* by Dr. Joseph A. Tomberlin. Arcadia Publishing states that "The Images of America" series celebrates the history of neighborhoods, towns and cities across the country. Using archival photographs, each title presents the distinctive stories from the past that shape the character of the community today."

Because of the kindness and generosity of individuals the LCHS has been granted reprint rights to three publications. Author Jane Twitty Shelton gave reprint rights on her 300 page book *Pines and Pioneers, A History of Lowndes County, Georgia, 1825-1900*. This book was originally published in 1976. The museum was also given reprint permission for *In Search of the Hollidays, The Story of Doc Holliday and His Holiday and McKey Families* by Albert S. Pendleton, Jr. and Susan McKey Tillman. Our most recent permission to reprint came from Botie Chitty who is author/compiler of *The Valdostans, 99 Little Stories of the Way They Were*. Botie Chitty began collecting stories in 1982 and the first printing of his book was in July 1995.

Museum staff have assisted many others with their publications.



Two book covers, above, *Images of America, Lowndes County* by Joseph Tomberlin and below, *In Search of the Hollidays, The Story of Doc Holliday and His Holiday and McKey Families*, by Albert Pendleton and Susie McKey Thomas.





Dr. Joseph A. Tomberlin, LCHS Charter Member.

Above is Dr. Joe Tomberlin signing copies of his book *Images of America, Lowndes County* at the 2007 History 100 Dinner. A former History Department Chairman at VSU, he is also a Past President of the Historical Society, the editor/contributor of the *Piney Woods Journal of History Vols. I and II*, and an exemplary Recording Secretary for decades. He tells of Dr. Bill Gabard encouraging him to the first LCHS meeting soon after he joined the VSC faculty.

Since 1993, The Jingle Bell Christmas Tree

When Valdosta began the Jingle Bell Festival in 2005, we wanted to check back to see when the museum first prepared a Jingle Bells Christmas Tree. Louie White remembered Patsy Giles coming up with the idea when she served on Louie's LCHS Trustee Executive Committee, but neither could pinpoint the initial year. Patsy remembered Louie purchasing window display Christmas bells from C. C. Varnedoe for their historic effect on the tree. In searching through Albert's newsletters we find this notation he wrote in the December 1993 issue.

"The reason we are writing about Pierpont again (briefly) is because this year at the museum we will have a 'Jingle Bells' tree in honor of the author. The Christmas tree is donated by Hambrick Tree farm and decorated with bells brought in by you and with some bells we already have, all thanks to Patsy Giles."



James Lord Pierpont, *left*, the author of Jingle Bells, lived in Valdosta around 1870, the census showing he had a son born here. He also lived in Quitman and Savannah, his burial site. His living in Valdosta is the source for the museum's Jingle Bell Christmas Tree.

A Christmas GIFT OF Coca-Cola Memories

Over 200 pages and 30 chapters featuring

People and Places in the History of Coca-Cola

Historic photographs and memories recall how pioneering bottlers created what would become the world's most famous product.



DID YOU KNOW?

- Coca-Cola once sold the rights to bottle Coca-Cola throughout the United States for \$1.00.
- Coca-Cola was first bottled in Vicksburg, Mississippi, not Atlanta.

There are just two of the interesting stories revealed in a newly published book, *The Coca-Cola Trail: People and Places in the History of Coca-Cola*.

\$25.00 (free shipping)

Timely Information on the book:

The Coca-Cola Trail, People and Places in the History of Coca-Cola
in special Christmas Gift packaging

This book will be available at our Dec. 2 Open House in limited supply.

The author told that "It is clear shrink wrapped. Coca-Cola Santa and decorations on the wrap along with a ribbon tie. Theme: Christmas and Coca-Cola memories."

Cost and Shipping (if needed)

The book in Christmas theme wrap is \$25. We do have a few books available that are not in special packaging for \$22.

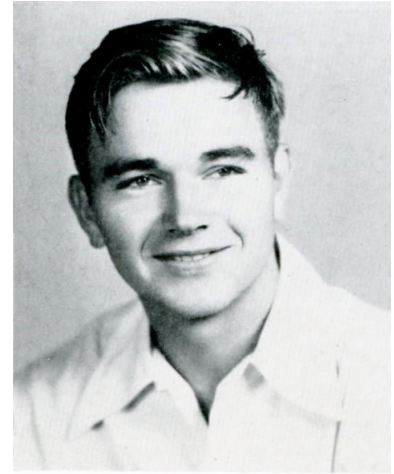
Because the museum had to pay shipping to Valdosta on case goods we must charge you shipping on orders the museum processes. The U.S. Postal Express mail envelope that holds the book is \$6.65. Thus \$31.65 to ship a Christmas wrapped book.

Call or email the museum to reserve a copy. 229-247-4780 or email research.lchs@gmail.com

Valdosta is Chapter No. 4 in ***The Coca-Cola Trail***



The Lowndes County Historical Society and Museum moved into the old Carnegie Library, *above*, at 305 West Central Avenue in 1977. In 1997 the renovated “rough basement” of the Carnegie opened as new exhibit and meeting space. Before 1977 the Dr. A. Griffin Estate provided the house at 1110 North Patterson Street for the museum. It recently became corporate offices for Manwell DeCoudres.



Above: Youthful Botie Chitty from the 1948 *Prologue*, the Emory at Valdosta yearbook. He and the other Lowndes County Commissioners in 1976 saved the Carnegie from possible demolition. See his story below.

1997: Grand Re-opening Began 30th Year

In January of 1997 the Lowndes County Historical Society began celebrating its 30th year with a grand reopening of its museum. The reopening referred to the building exterior and downstairs being restored and after the restoration, the completion of the downstairs exhibit. After four years of hard work and the reopening, the downstairs exhibit was recognized as the top “Permanent Exhibition of the Year” for 1997 by the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries (GAMG).

The *Valdosta Times* reported that the success of the project was due to the efforts of President Louie White, First Vice President and architect, Glenn Gregory; that the brainchild of the renovation was Historical Society Trustee Harold Bennett, and the exhibit was designed by Museum Curator, Julie B. Smith. Through much research and planning, Susie McKey Thomas and the late Edith Roberts helped block out the first planning stages. Fred Sanchez, facilitator, Allen Morgan, administrator, Albert Pendleton, architect and historian, and Society members Leona Pendleton, Morris Smith, Catherine Redles, Anita Shelton, Patsy Giles and Donald Davis assisted in research and development.

The new downstairs exhibit was titled “Lowndes County Past, Present and Future.” The exhibit comprised 47 panels, eight free standing display cases and more than 300 photographs. Besides the top award from GAMG the society also received in 1997 a Certificate of Merit from The Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation for accomplishments at the museum.

1976: Saving the Carnegie

Editor's note: We appreciated very much Botie Chitty writing this story about the activity that saved the Carnegie Library building. Botie Chitty was a life member of the Lowndes County Historical Society. Several years ago he donated items from his choral group the *Singing Americans* to the museum. He also compiled the book, *The Valdostans: 99 Little Stories of the Way They Were*. He gave reprint rights of the book to the historical society. When at the museum in 2007 he told us the story below. We asked him to please write it down and send to us and he did. He died in 2009 and his wife Joyce in 2015. They had resided in Cumming, Georgia.

The Below Written by Botie Chitty July 22, 2007

In 1976, Fred DeLoach, Norman Bennett, and I (Botie Chitty) were elected county commissioners of Lowndes County. About that time the city building inspector appeared before us and informed us that the old Carnegie, unoccupied, was ‘falling down,’ and he wanted to tear it down. Lloyd Greer, a master architect designed and supervised the building, and I could not believe that it would be ‘falling down.’ I made the motion that we three inspect the site before making a decision. Fred and Norman seconded the motion.

I called Felton Davis and asked him to meet us for the inspection. Someone called Veran ‘Bubba’ Blackburn and another called Bill Amos, a local builder. When we all arrived at the library, I saw Bill and a fireman climbing up the ladder truck, getting on the roof which had an access door leading to the attic.

Felton Davis inspected the west wall that the inspector said was ‘falling down,’ and said the wall was sound. Bill Amos got inside the attic and discovered that someone, years earlier, had neglected to fully close the access door. Rain had dripped on a ceiling beam and rotted it.

At a subsequent commission meeting, we voted 3-0 to make repairs and later voted to let the historical society have full use of it.

Year One 1967:

The First Local Acquisition of Artifacts Almost Didn't Happen

Reports indicate that the first **local** acquisitions for the LCHS came from Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shaw in November 1967. The former Shaw home still stands at 501 East Hill Avenue. The photograph of this home on exhibit at the museum indicates that it was built in 1887. The first Valdosta City Directory in 1904 lists the Shaw family at this address as does the 1990 city directory. It could be that this family was in the house over 100 years. The first local acquisition of artifacts for the museum almost didn't happen. Mrs. Roy Shaw of Valdosta was on the verge of giving several heirlooms to a museum in another Georgia city when she read that a historical society was being organized here and that a museum planned by the group could house her treasures.

The Shaw's gift included old-fashioned fluting irons, an old lard crock, an antique hand woven coverlet, venerable kitchen scales and an old butter mold. Mrs. Shaw said, "This old fluting iron was used by Mama (I mean Mr. Shaw's mama) to iron his sister's dresses at the turn of the century." Mrs. Shaw said that the lard crock tells a tale of days before frozen meats. "They used to fill big old crocks like this with layers of fresh ham and sausage. Then they'd pour hot grease over all the meat in the crock and you'd have fresh ham and sausage the year around. The boiling grease preserved it." Mrs. Shaw said that earlier in her life she had used the very old butter mold and scales "for years when I lived on the farm."

Mrs. Shaw also told that Mrs. Jane Brooks wove the coverlet in 1861. The coverlet is black and white because Mrs. Brooks sheared her black and white sheep and spun their wool to weave it. (Coverlet on museum website)



Shaw Butter Churn. Acquisition No. 1967- 02- 07. The museum is very pleased to have pieces of South Georgia pottery.



1977: Moving Day

Moving Day was April 1, 1977. The move was from the eight year temporary address at 1110 North Patterson Street to 305 West Central Avenue. The Dr. A. Griffin estate had allowed use of the Patterson Street home as a museum.

Natalie Williams wrote that one person remarked about the move, "It was just fabulous." Plans had been made, and everything went accordingly. Frank Rose sent his truck and three men; Dick Davis brought two huge trucks and men; the County sent a flatbed truck and 12 men. She credits Mike Paine, Tom Shelton, Pete Livingston, John G. Hagan and Dr. Durrenberger as being fine overseers, so good that they made Susie Thomas, Lonie Pendleton, Corrine Knight, Caroline Thomas, Margaret Baker, Nan Allen, Hazel Durrenberger, and Natalie Williams busy at the museum, working like mad. Natalie then wrote, "After all it was fun."

After the orderly move of the museum and its displays, the push was on to be ready for the 10th anniversary in September. When preparations were ready, Natalie Williams wrote of the new museum home:

"Fellow members, the time has finally arrived for the formal opening of the museum Sunday, September 25th [1977] ...This is the 10th anniversary of the Lowndes County Historical Society. COME - bring your family and all your friends. You will be agreeably surprised, I am sure, at what has been accomplished."

Reaching our 50th anniversary, in the spirit of Miss Natalie, may we all continue the work of museum advancement.



Year One 1967:

Left: Judge H. Arthur McLane

When still in private law practice, Arthur "Mac" McLane provided pro bono legal services for the establishment of the Lowndes County Historical Society, Inc. He became a Judge of the Superior Court, then Chief Judge.

Christmas Ornament Decorated Our 30th Anniversary

At the urging of LCHS president Louie White, the Historical Museum was featured on the fifth ornament produced by Valdosta Mainstreet for Christmas in 1997. The ornament honoring the Lowndes County Historical Society was announced in September 1997 at the 30th anniversary celebration of the society.

The ornament is gold colored featuring a burgundy etching of the museum, with the words, "Preserving the Past" inscribed on the front. The museum was built in 1913 and originally housed the Carnegie Library. It is thought that none of these ornaments remain available for purchase.

It can be said that the Carnegie Library was a present for Valdosta. In 1911 and 1912 the City of Valdosta had pledged fifty thousand dollars and the donation of the land to get the college in operation. With so much local money allocated to the college, the grant from the Andrew Carnegie Foundation made the library possible. So in this holiday season please note that the City of Valdosta gave, and then it received, and the ornament of the LCHS Museum/Carnegie Library contains this story of giving and then receiving.

Honorariums in Recognition of Geraldine McLeod Clifton

Early in this year Geraldine Clifton retired after 60 years employment with Langdale Industries. She is on record as their longest serving employee.

At her well attended retirement luncheon it was announced that The Harley Langdale, Jr. Foundation would be making donations to entities of particular concern to Geraldine. These were the Lowndes County Historical Society, Lake Park Historical Society, Dasher Historical Society and Echols County Historical Society. Geraldine has served as president of the Lake Park and Echols County societies.

Geraldine has also been author/compiler/editor, with others, of four books important to Lowndes County history:

Lowndes County, Georgia, Marriages 1870-1920

Church and Family Cemeteries in Lowndes County, Georgia, 1825-2005

The Heritage of Lowndes County, Georgia—2000

Sunset Hill and Riverview Cemeteries, 1860-1988

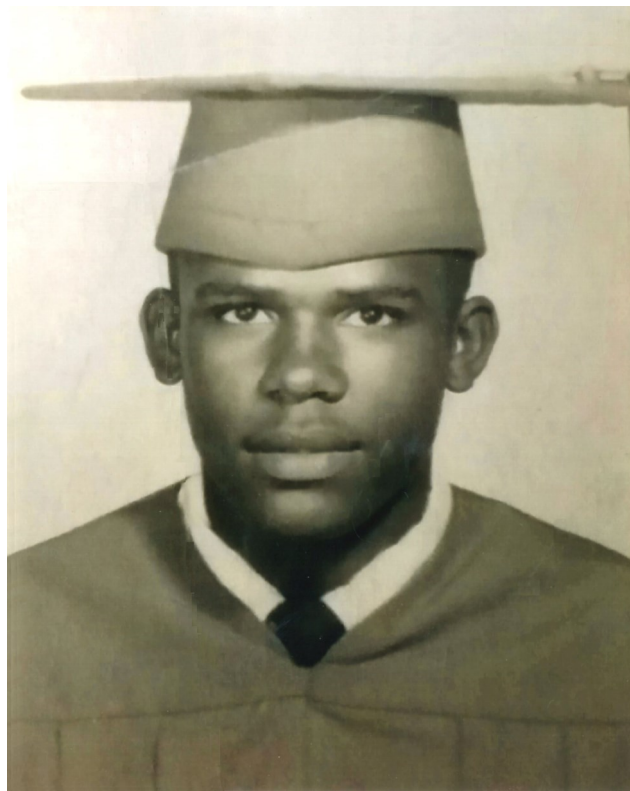
Photo at right: Geraldine Clifton presenting the check at the museum. Our gratitude to Geraldine and The Harley Langdale, Jr. Foundation.



Pinevale Class of 1967 Locates & Provides Photograph

Below: Joan Washington and Naomi W. Forde presenting a photograph of Rufus Sirmans, a Vietnam War casualty, for exhibit in the museum. Joan Washington began visiting the museum and researching several months before her 50th Year Pinevale High School reunion. In 1967 Valdosta City Schools had no buses as the state did not provide bus funding for independent school systems like Valdosta. She gathered photographs and information that covered their daily familiar walks to school.

She and Naomi Forde studied many of the exhibits at the museum and in doing so found that no photograph had yet been supplied of their classmate Rufus Sirmans. After searching they had a photograph of him processed from their senior year class composite. Then on behalf of their class they respectfully remembered Sirmans in donating his photograph to the museum.



Rufus Sirmans

Vietnam War Casualty April 28, 1969

Tour began December 7, 1968

SPE4-4 Army Regular, 196th Light Infantry Brigade

MEMORIALS

Tomie Jean Roberts Blanton

by
Lamb P. Lastinger

Alexander M. 'Buddy' Culbreth

by
Lamb P. Lastinger

Sammy Webb Dees

by
Georgetown Park
Property Owner's Association.

Lilla Kate Hart
J. Edward Willis

William D. Edwards

by
M. Keith and Becky C. Hitchcock
J. Edward Willis

**William Jennings 'Bill' Holland
& Mary Jean Whaley Holland**

by
Beulah Exum Hennly

Katherine Scott Landrum

Cumming, GA
by
Mary D. Gray



**Searcy D. McClure &
Helen B. 'Fainsy' McClure**

by
Donald O. Davis
Beulah Exum Hennly
Alex B. McFadden

**Mary Hemmingway
Stevens Miller**

by
J. Edward Willis

Lane Winston Smith

by
Mary D. Gray
Lilla Kate Hart
Jenny and Glenn Hough
Mt. Pleasant, SC

2017 New & Renewal Memberships

(continued from previous newsletters)
Place of residence listed for those
Outside of Lowndes County

**The Historical Society Trustees
and Museum Staff greatly appreciate
your memberships**

**as they affirm our place as an
important cultural entity
in Lowndes County and help us to
fulfill our mission—**

**To collect, preserve and present
the history of Lowndes County**

Arrow Engineering
& Construction Services

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Board of Trustees Lowndes County Historical Society, Inc.

At the September 28, 2017, LCHS
Annual Membership Meeting four
Trustees were elected to continue
their positions on the board through
2020 with Ed Hightower elected as a
new Trustee. The current Board is
thus constituted:

Term through 2018

Jennifer Schroer Altman
Joyce Evans
Martha Norwood Gibson
Patsy T. Giles
Dr. Joseph A. Tomberlin

Term though 2019

John R. Bennett
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T. Davy Shelton
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Term through 2020

Dr. John G. Crowley
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C. Ed Hightower
Ron Irwin
Catherine L. Redles

525 Members

Thank You for your Support.
It is Vital

The Lowndes County Historical
Society has recorded 356 member-
ships this year with 169 registered
as Family (dual) Memberships. That
totals to 525 members!

The 2018 membership letter will
be mailed in a few weeks. Current
non-members may use the form
below to become a society member.

2018 Membership Application, Lowndes County Historical Society, P.O. Box 56, Valdosta, GA 31603

Name _____	Membership Category
Address _____	Individual \$25. ____
Phone _____	Family 30. ____
Email _____	Business 25/50. ____
	Contributing 100. ____
	Patron 250. ____

MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 23-26.....Closed for Thanksgiving
 December 2 Holiday Open House 10:30 a.m.—2 p.m.
 December 2..... 50th Year Celebration Program 11 a.m.
 December 22 thru January 2.....Annual Closing of Museum
 January thru March 2018.....Annual Membership Drive
 January 2018.....Bird Hospital Museum Renovation Begins

Officers and Executive Committee

President, Patsy Giles; 1st Vice President, T. Davy Shelton; 2nd Vice President,
 Martha N. Gibson; Secretary, Joseph Tomberlin; Treasurer, John Bennett;
 Past President, Ex Officio Julie Smith; Anita Shelton

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