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It really was a Blast in the Past

Everyone who attended our Second Annual Blast in the Past History Festival had a wonderful time. We had many who returned for a second year and we saw many new faces. We also had several new activities and cards were this year. Jeremy Petrella represented a Civil War group from Brooks County. Dr. Laurie Sommers loaned us the *Folklife of Wiregrass Georgia* exhibit. We had a football toss and information about football in Valdosta. Plan to attend next year to check our progress in the backyard and see what's new in Lowndes County history.



Katie Courson, with Aunt Mary McRee and Grandmother Kate Swiderski, returned to string more beads and check out the new activities.



Jeremy Petrella shared information about his Civil War unit from Brooks County with Dr. Laurie Sommers.



Bobby and Wanda Brantley returned this year to check our progress with the caboose. Bobby is helping with our caboose restoration by reupholstering our caboose seats and tables at his business – Moss Trim Shop.



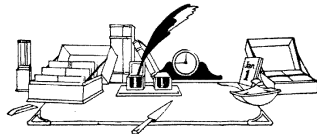
Andrew Smith helped with our new football activity and distributed cards about the history of football in Valdosta.



Savannah Claypool and Helen Pendleton returned this year to help in our education area.

VHS War Years Reunion

Albert's Desk



by Albert S. Pendleton, Jr.

The War Years Reunion of the Valdosta High School classes of 1942, 1943, 1944 and 1945 involved many activities, one of which was an open house at the Lowndes County Historical Museum on Saturday afternoon October 8. Albert is a member of the Class of 1942 and Lonie the Class of 1943. The power point presentation of local citizens participation in World War II ran during their visit to the museum. Also out for viewing were issues of *The Dosta Outlook* school newspaper and editions of the *Sandspur* yearbook. Various requests brought out old telephone books, city directories and photographs and postcards from the archives.

Martha Norwood Gibson, Class of 1942 and LCHS Board of Trustees member, arranged the museum special hours visit. We appreciate Trustees Anita Hatcher Shelton and Gloria Dalton Sorenson for serving as museum greeters during the function.



Ret. Capt. USN Warren C. Graham, Jr., '42, of Burke, VA, and Edwin Avera, '43, of Petersburg, VA, look over *Dosta Outlook* issues from the 1940s. Warren Graham was editor of the first *Sandspur* issue in 1942.



Wayne Stephens and Mildred Tullis Stephens, Class of '42, from Atlanta enjoyed seeing the Tullis brothers on the WWII PowerPoint.



Helen Joiner Grant, '42, of Dublin, GA, her brother Harry Joiner, '46, of Valdosta and her husband Arthur Grant, also of Dublin.



Mr. Jan Boal and Bobbie Snow Boal, '44, of Atlanta, hostess Anita Shelton in background, Mable Norman Meeks, '44, Macclenny, FL, and Esther Landey Margol, '44, of Atlanta, pose after viewing the main floor exhibits.



Henrietta Smith Heyerdahl, '45, of Tifton, hostess Anita Hatcher Shelton, and Martha Hatcher Grudzein, '45, of Valdosta, look at a photograph of the old opera house that became Lee Street Baptist Church.



Frances Means Hjort, '45, of Thomasville visits with Alice McGeachy Osborne, '45, of Valdosta. Frances was editor of the 1945 *Sandspur*.



Hostess Gloria Dalton Sorenson watches the WWII PowerPoint with Aline Parrish Rodefer, '42, of Fernandina Beach, FL, and Mildred Griner Sage, '43, of Bossier City, Louisiana.



Robby Schomberg of Charlotte, NC, brought his mother Faynell Barrett Schomberg, '44, to the museum.

Sandspur Portraits of Some that Visited the Museum



Albert S. Pendleton



Alice McGeachy



Aline Parrish



Bobby Snow



Esther Landy



Frances Means



Harry Joiner



Helen Joiner



Henrietta Smith



Leona Redles



Mable Norman



Martha Hatcher



Mildred Griner



Pendleton Little



Warren Graham

Membership Renewals and New Members

The following people renewed their membership or joined the historical society as of October 15, 2005. To each—thank you for your support. If your name is not on the list, please consider renewing. If you have renewed and do not see your name, please let us know. We will continue to list those who renew or join. For our November/December issue we will update the mailing list and those who did not rejoin will receive their last newsletter. Please don't let Lowndes County history pass you by—renew today!

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

Dorothy Peterson Neisen and Geraldine McLeod Clifton have compiled yet another book on Lowndes County history. The book is an update and complement to the *Survey of Lowndes County, Georgia Cemeteries 1825-1987* published in 1988. The new book covers over one hundred church and family cemeteries. It has a complete name index. The earlier book was not indexed. With the input of others Dorothy and Geraldine have located twelve additional Lowndes County burial areas beyond those listed in the first survey.

The new publication is 565 pages, hard cover, brown with gold lettering, and has photos. The price is \$55.00, plus \$5.00 shipping. Pre-paid, pre-publication orders will not be charged shipping. Checks should be made to Genealogy Unlimited, Inc. Contact Dorothy at 229-559-8807 or email geedot@bellsouth.net, or Geraldine at 229-333-2527(work), 229-559-4278(home) or email tgclif@bellsouth.net. Dorothy and/or Geraldine were also in part or whole responsible for the publication of *The Heritage of Lowndes County, Georgia – 2000* and *Lowndes County, Georgia, Marriages 1870-1920*.

The new publication does not include Sunset Hill Cemetery or Riverview Memorial Gardens. They are producing a separate volume for these two cemeteries that will have a full name index. The Sunset/Riverview will include corrections but no updates since the 1988 volume. The burials at these two cemeteries are on computer and the records are accessible. If you know of any corrections that need to be made to the 1988 book for Sunset or Riverview contact Dorothy or Geraldine.



Lee Smith brought his son Chris to the museum to gather information on Old Lake Park Cemetery for his Eagle Scout project. We referred Chris to Geraldine and Dorothy as they are aware of cemeteries that need cleaning and/or restoration. Old Lake Park Cemetery is also known as Old Civil War Cemetery. Burials in it date from the 1880s to the 1920s. There are 40 to 50 graves therein, with most markers having the surnames of Zeigler and Wisenbaker, and others being Clayton, Cox, Hackle, Hiers, Lofton, Manning and Stripling.

Want to See Troupville Cemetery?

Troupville Cemetery is on private land, but will be accessible on Saturday morning, November 5. The Brushy Creek Chapter, Daughters of Indian Wars and Dixie Chapter, United Daughters of the Confederacy, both of Adel, are holding marker dedications for Abraham H. Conger, Indian War veteran, and William B. Conger, Confederate veteran. The event will take place at 10:30 a.m. at Troupville Cemetery. Interested parties may attend. The Conger descendants have



Landey's Grocery Store

Esther Landey Margol, of Atlanta, responded to her VHS War Years Reunion museum visit by donating a copy of an early photograph of Landey's Grocery Store. She wrote that the photo was taken between 1920 and 1927. She was born in 1927. City Directories from that period show this address as 520/522 S. Patterson Street. Left to right in the photo are unknown clerk, Helen Landey, Ben Landey, father and owner, Irving Landey, Rose Landey, mother, and William Landey in the car.

Keep the museum in mind if you run across photos in your collection of South Patterson Street.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

Thank you to those who renewed their membership! We decided to include a list of those who joined or renewed this year.

Check the list. If your name is not one it, please consider renewing or joining the historical society. We need your support to help us preserve our local history.

Special thanks to the volunteers who helped out at our 2nd Blast in the Past History Festival. We had a smaller crowd this year, but everyone had a great time. We added new cards and activities and plan to add more next year.

Thank you Bobby Brantley, owner of Moss Trim Shop, for reupholstering our caboose seats and table edges. Bobby is a train enthusiast who is also interested in history. He volunteered the labor and materials to help us with the caboose interior. The seats and tables look great, I can't wait to get them back into the caboose!

We recently applied for a Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grant through the Georgia Department of Transportation. The Lowndes County Board of Commissioners sponsored us on this grant application and I had the pleasure of working with Jessica Matthews on the project. If we receive the grant, it will enable us to complete the portion of our outdoor exhibit project located on County land adjacent to the main museum building. We should hear about this next spring. In the meantime we will continue work on the other parts of the outdoor project like the caboose interior, a mural on the concrete block building, the Native American area and garden, and the farm and cane mill area. If any of our members is familiar with cane grinding equipment and would like to help get the cane press back on its feet, I would appreciate your assistance.

Our next event is the Holiday Open House on December 3. Our open house is the same day and time as Winterfest downtown. It is always a pleasure to be part of the Winterfest activities. We will have our tent exhibits on the courthouse square and the museum will hopefully be on the trolley stop again this year. Plan to join us.



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MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 28	Sons of Confederate Veterans	7:00 p.m.
December 3	Museum Open House	10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
	Winterfest	2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
	Christmas Parade downtown	5:00 p.m.
January 22	Trustees Meeting	2:00 p.m.

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