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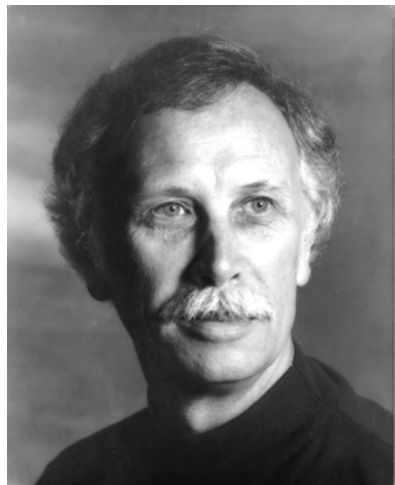
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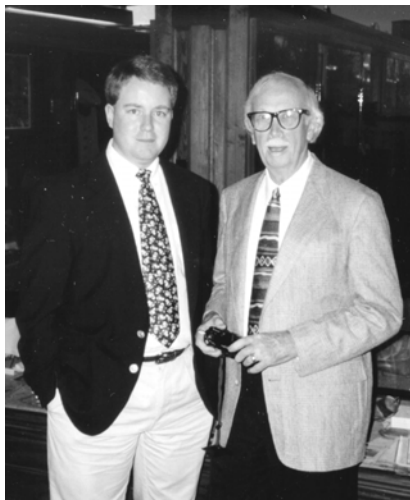
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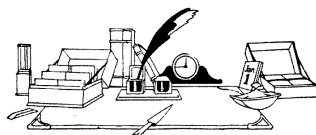


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Born
March 15, 1925

Died
February 21, 2006



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MEMORIALS



Albert S. Pendleton, Jr.

by

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 Earl and Mary Jane Wetherington
 The Minnie Williams Family
 Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Willis

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Many of the Society's out-of-town members were friends of Albert's. We realize that most of you do not take the Valdosta Daily Times, but would want to read his obituary taken from the Thursday, February 23, 2006 issue.

VALDOSTA

Albert Sidney Pendleton, Jr.

Albert Sidney Pendleton, Jr., 80 of Valdosta, passed away on February 21, 2006 at his residence after a lengthy illness. He was born March 15, 1925 in Valdosta to the late Albert Sidney Pendleton, Sr., and Henry Brown Pendleton. He was also preceded in death by his brother, William F. Pendleton.

He retired from the A. S. Pendleton Company, Southern Bell, Sunset Hill Cemetery Office and the Lowndes County Historical Society and Museum. He earned a bachelors degree at Valdosta State College in 1974. He served in World War from 1943 to 1945 and was seriously injured while fighting on a battlefield in Belgium.

He was a deacon and active at the First Baptist Church, the Little Theater, Valdosta Choral Guild, American Legion Home, Post No. 12, and was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity. He is well known for his interest in local history and in writing, producing many articles for *The Valdosta Daily Times*, *Way Back When* column. He co-authored the book, *In Search of the Hollidays* with Susie McKey Thomas and he wrote two cemetery plays, the plays, *Many Mansions* and *Cains and Abels*, and the book for the musical, *Baze*.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years Leona Redles Pendleton, his five children: Catherine Pendleton, Andy Pendleton and wife Janine, John Pendleton and wife Brenda, Melissa P. Miller, Helen Pendleton, and seven grand children, four great grandchildren and four step-great grandchildren. Two sisters, Clyde Joyner and Frances McLaughlin, nieces and nephews also survive him.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 PM this evening, Feb 23, 2006 at Carson McLane Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 24 at the First Baptist Church, Valdosta followed by burial in Sunset Hill Cemetery. Dr. Phil West and the Rev. Mac Weaver will officiate.

Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church, 200 W Central Avenue, Valdosta; the Lowndes County Historical Society, 305 W. Central Avenue, Valdosta; and the Hospice of South Georgia, 205 Woodrow Wilson, Valdosta.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

We were all saddened by the passing of Albert Pendleton. I learned so much from Albert, about local history and about life. I am thankful each day that I was given the opportunity to work on the exhibits at the historical society and to work with so many wonderful people. I was privileged to hear Albert's stories as I helped prepare newsletters and manuscripts. There was no better way to learn about Valdosta and Lowndes County. I appreciated Albert's love of history and I envied his memory. I used to marvel at his sense of community and the continuity of old friends—I didn't have that growing up in a military family. I also enjoyed hearing about my husband's family and seeing the bits about his great grandfather that Albert would find while doing research. We will miss Albert, but he thoughtfully shared his memories and research through his work and publications.

I think Albert's love of history is something we all share. Thanks to each of you who express your appreciation for our past with your membership and support. And as Albert used to always say—See you at the Museum.

Sincerely,

Julie Smith



MALE STUDENTS ATTENDED WOMAN'S COLLEGE

By Albert S. Pendleton, Jr.

Reprinted from Way Back When, Volume I. Originally printed in the March 1972 issue of the LCHS Newsletter, Volume 1 No. 5.

The college in Valdosta was known for years as Georgia State Womans College. I remember enrolling in this girl's school in 1942. G.S.W.C. (now V.S.U.) had gone coed for town boys because another local male college had closed for the duration of World War II.

Fifteen local boys enrolled. We kept being drafted that year, but at one time there were thirteen of us. We called ourselves The Measly Thirteen. I'm told that a group of girls stood up straight and said, "Well, in that case, we're The Mighty Thirteen!"

The original fifteen were: Akie Joyner, Tippie Brummitt, Albert Pendleton, Bill Briggs, Thomas Mundy, Lamar Newbern, Bertie Harper, Emory Hatcher, Lloyd Burns, Rudolph Howell, Grantland Miller, Thomas Crouch, Clarence Paine, John Gibson and Arthur Porter.

The first night at the library no one of us would go in alone. Rather, we went in twos, threes or fours. After getting acquainted with the surroundings, we eagerly went alone.

If a boy talked with a girl on campus for ten minutes, it counted as a date and only one date a week was allowed. Therefore all conversations were nine minutes or less.

We really tried to be good, and I guess there wasn't a terror among us. My claim to fame was going to be my part in the play us Measlies were going to put on. I was to play a dance hall girl and wear my sister's blue velvet evening gown. Lucky for me, I got sick and could not perform. It was a womanless play with the boys in all parts.

Before they designated a bathroom for us boys in West Hall, we used to conduct the "buddy system." We'd find one friend and he would stand at the door to ward off girls while the other went inside, or we'd go in shouting, "Get out! Get out!" That usually cleared the rest room.

Naturally, things have changed now, much larger college, many buildings, coed since 1950, but they carted away the House-in-the Woods, a quaint log cabin.

During the winter quarter 1943, Akie and I were the only boys in Dr. Nevins' Biology class. Akie jolted me one day with the news that the chapter on human reproduction was coming up in a week or two. I began to worry too, as the class was full of girls. When S-day arrived, we walked in stiff-backed and solemn. Dr. Nevins, with her usual aplomb, and skipping nothing, very matter-of-factly and honestly, told us the whole story.

We went to school in the dark. During the spring quarter, the clock was changed back, so that when I walked over from 1504 Slater Street (two blocks away) for the first class of the day, it was dark.

Our physical training was something we sort of made up



From G.S.W.C. 1943 annual, The Pine Cone: bottom row, 1. to r. Akie Joyner and Tippie Brummitt; top, Arthur Porter and Bertie Harper in a womanless play.

ourselves. First, we chased Miss Ivey, the P. E. teacher around the small golf course, then chasing each other, not playing golf but just running. Some of us devised a plan where we'd run down the banks of the Mile Branch, and we followed the banks like an obstacle course, jumping old fences and tree roots. We were happy when we learned we'd not have to take "The Dance," or perform in the May Day celebrations.

We were asked to play baseball with the girls. In the first place I wasn't good at baseball, and in the second place, there was something about playing ball with huskier girls than I was a boy. So I sat it out.

I remember Akie Joyner took "Radio." I remember that Martha Ashley used to watch us rehearse our play and crack up laughing. I remember they forgot to feed us. I remember that Tippie Brummitt was always happy and laughing, that Lamar could always beat me in Algebra and Trig, and went on to harder stuff, and that Grantland, always smiling, too, was always reading something.

It's easy to laugh about all this now. The memory really is funny. The war soon got all of us, and many's the time we wished we were right back there, dodging the girls, with nothing to eat and lined up chasing Miss Ivey, the P. E. teacher frantically across the small golf course.

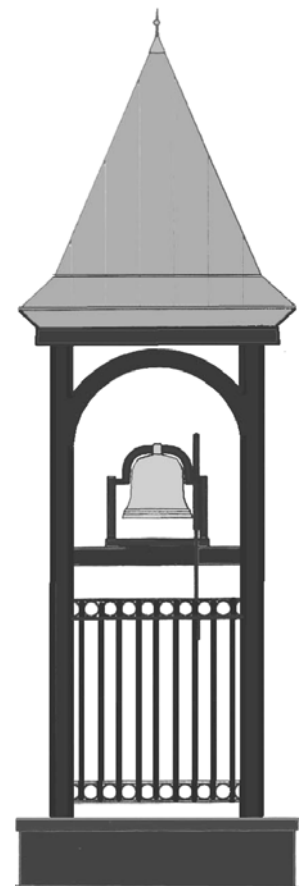
Tough times came about in the military service when a gruff sergeant had the opportunity to ask: "G.S.W.C.? What does that stand for?" I always hated to have to answer

Celebrate
Our Past in Education

at the
31st Annual History 100 Dinner
Benefiting the
Lowndes County Historical Society

Friday, March 31, 2006
Valdosta Country Club

Plan to attend our History 100 Dinner. We are celebrating education in our community and proceeds will help us build the bell tower for the Valdosta Institute bell. The cost for the dinner is \$35.00. Additional information is available at the museum. Call 247-4780 if you did not receive a mailed invitation and you would like to attend. RSVP by March 27, 2006.

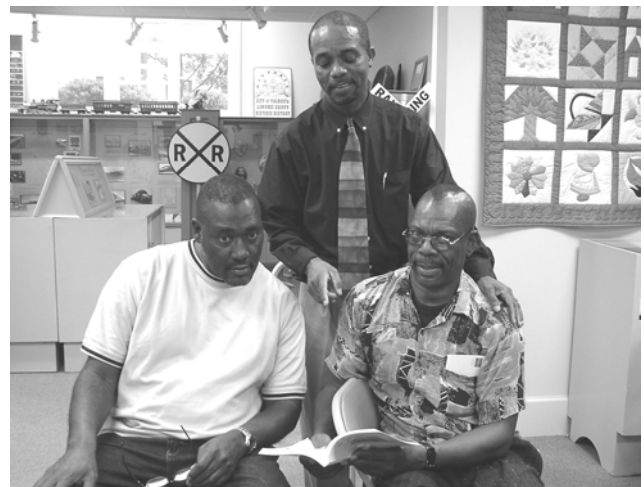


Bell tower design by J. Glenn Gregory.

Book Signing Held at Museum



Tomas Moore with Mrs. Maerantha Lane, Central Office, Valdosta City Schools; Robert Lane; and Ron Irwin, retired from Central Office Lowndes County Schools.



Tomas Moore with Chris Burgman of Valdosta and Willie Kirkland of Albany.

From Whence We Came: A Historical Overview of the Black Schools Of Lowndes County and Valdosta, Georgia From the Period of Reconstruction to the Time of School Desegregation (1867 – 1969)

On Saturday, March 11, Tomas Franklin Moore hosted a book signing at the museum. Tomas had completed his book just over a year ago and the LCHS presented him a Keeper of History Award certificate at the 2005 History 100 Dinner. However, he just recently accomplished publication. This was his third local book signing.

Tomas spent many long hours finding the information in this book. We at the museum are glad that we were able to be of some help to him. He asked many months, maybe years, ago if he could have a book signing here when the book was completed and we gladly consented. His book certainly enhances the historical record of Lowndes County.

Besides many locals, others attending the signing were from Adel, Albany, and Jacksonville, Florida. While here for the signing they were also able to enjoy the *Georgia's Historic Courthouses* exhibit.

Museum News

Georgia Day Celebration

February 12th was Georgia Day and we celebrated at the Museum. The LCHS and General James Jackson Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution sponsored the event. Our speaker was Dr. Chris Meyers an historian at Valdosta State University. Dr. Meyers spoke about Gene Talmadge, Georgia's Most Controversial Governor. Many who attended remembered Talmadge and his unique political style. We presented our speaker with his own Talmadge inspired red suspenders. The refreshments were provided by the DAR ladies and they did an outstanding job. Several people suggested the Georgia Day celebration become an annual event—plan to attend next year!



Julie Smith, Chris Meyers, and Lilla Kate Hart at our History Day celebration.



Chris Meyers talks with Jennifer Altman and Jeanne Rountree about Eugene Talmadge. Mrs. Rountree was a neighbor and knew Talmadge.

MEMORIALS



William Dean Anderson

by

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by

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Jack Rosemond

by

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lastinger

Courthouse Exhibit Closes March 28th

The Lowndes County Historical Museum was very pleased to be selected as one of four sites in the state of Georgia to show the exhibit *Georgia Historic Courthouses, Celebrating A Living Legacy*. The exhibit was prepared by the Historic Preservation Division (HPD) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. The project is supported by the Georgia Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities, and through appropriations from the Georgia General Assembly.

The exhibit opened for viewing Friday, March 3, with the kick-off reception held Tuesday afternoon, March 7, at the museum. Dr. W. Ray Luce, Division Director of HPD, introduced the exhibit with a PowerPoint presentation. Just before he spoke, Judge H. Arthur McLane told the interesting story of the restoration of the Lowndes County Courthouse in the late 1980s. Attending were Fred DeLoach, county commission chairman during renovations and the architects; for the interior, Art Smith, and for the exterior, Ken Rickett. Citizens from most adjoining counties attended as well Lowndes County and municipal officials, as well as people representing entities interested in historic preservation.

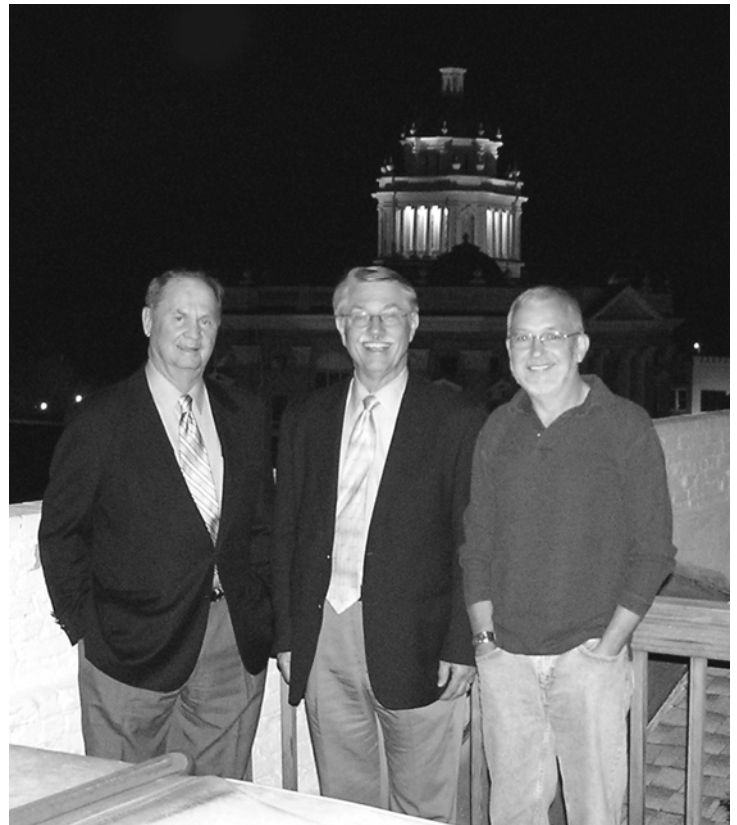
Valdosta Main Street prepared the booklet, *The Building of a Georgia Courthouse, Lowndes County, 1900 – 1905* from Susie McKey Thomas' abstracts. The caterer prepared the food for the reception to reflect items that would have been served 100 years ago.

To make the most of Dr. Luce's visit to Valdosta the museum arranged a tour of some historic preservation sites. Harry Hamm, Valdosta Heritage Foundation president and Catherine Redles showed Dr. Luce the Robert's house and gardens. Chip Gregory gave a tour of the Strickland Cotton Mill. We then took Dr. Luce to the Garden Center, Inc. for an impressive tour of the Crescent, hurrying back to the museum for the opening reception of the exhibit. After the reception, Judge McLane gave a tour of the Lowndes County Courthouse to Dr. Luce and others.

The Georgia Legislature's Joint Study Committee on Historic Preservation has directed HPD to work with the Association County Commissioners of Georgia and the Georgia Municipal Association to develop legislative and funding initiatives for the protection of Georgia's county courthouses and city halls.



Clint Slocumb, Dick Shelton and Fred DeLoach.



Dr. Loyce Turner, Dr. Ray Luce, and Albert Slone. The last stop on Dr. Luce's tour of Valdosta was for an impressive view of the lighted courthouse cupola from the rooftop deck above the Albert and Delain Slone loft home. Dr. Turner is on the board of directors of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources and was 2005 state chairman. We were most glad to have Dr. Turner accompany us during Dr. Luce's visit.



Elna Bragdon of Nashville, with the Berrien County Sesquicentennial (1856-2006) Celebration Committee chats with Dr. Ray Luce.

The exhibit will also travel to LaGrange, Troup County Courthouse; Brunswick, Old Glynn County Courthouse; and to the Dahlonega Gold Mine Museum Historic Site, a former Lumpkin County Courthouse.

Bringing Doc Home



Doc Holliday



T. S. McKey

They "Shook-Up" the Attorney General of Colorado

Susie McKey Thomas has recently been sending portions of her decades of Doc Holliday research to the museum to be archived. One very interesting item is a letter from the Attorney General of the State of Colorado refusing the exhumation of Doc Holliday's remains. Family members in Valdosta were attempting to have his remains interred beside his mother, Alice Jane McKey Holliday, in Sunset Hill Cemetery.

When I saw this letter I called Susie and she kindly wrote down the incidentals concerning the exhumation request. The relationship of each of those casting votes to Doc Holliday was first cousin once removed. It was a reasonable request for the next of kin to ask that someone's remains be buried beside the grave of their mother. Susie wrote in January 2006:

At the time the McKey-Tillman families requested the exhumation of John Henry "Doc" Holliday's remains from his Glenwood Springs, Colorado, burial site (request made in 1976) the remains to be re-interred in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Valdosta, there were 17 first cousins once removed living. They were as follows:

1. Susan Converse McKey Thomas - Valdosta
2. William Converse "Bud" McKey - Valdosta
3. Dr. Robert Wilburn "Wibby" McKey - Metairie, La.
4. Elise "Leecy" McKey (Mrs. William Whitaker) - Atlanta
5. Dr. John Daugherty McKey - Orlando, FL
6. Mary Virginia McKey (Mrs. Ray Shirley) - Macon
7. Clarence Winston McKey - address unknown
8. Thomas Howard McKey, Jr. - Atlanta
9. Isaiah Hamilton "Zeke" Tillman, Jr. - Valdosta
10. Sarah M. "Sadie" Tillman (Mrs. Henry Turner Brice) - Quitman
11. Henry Young Tillman, Jr. - Valdosta
12. Thomas McKey Tillman - Athens
13. Wallace Jerome "Joe" Tillman - Valdosta
14. Emily Marie Tillman (Mrs. Robert Whitaker) - Atlanta
15. Burton Lamar "Skeet" Tillman - Valdosta
16. James W. "Jimmy" West, Jr. - Orlando, FL

At the present time (January 19, 2006) only 4 of the family members are living - numbers 1, 2, 4, and 5. The remaining 12 are deceased.

Each family member (McKey - Tillman) was given the opportunity of voting for or against the idea of having "Doc" Holliday's remains brought to Valdosta to be placed beside his mother, Alice Jane McKey Holliday, in Sunset Hill Cemetery. Thirteen members voted in favor of the idea. The remaining three did not cast a vote.

1. Sara Mary "Sadie" Tillman - Quitman was in a nursing home suffering from final stages of Alzheimer's disease.
2. Emily Marie Tillman - Mrs. Robert Whitaker - Atlanta Chose to "abstain".
3. Clarence Winston McKey - Unable to locate at the time.

The first three names listed are grandchildren of William Harrison McKey. The remaining names are grandchildren of Thomas Silvestar McKey.

"Mrs. Catherine Holliday Neuhooff of Roanoke Virginia, was the only first cousin once removed on the Holliday side then living (in 1976). I do not know whether or not she is living now (in 2006). She cast her vote in favor of the idea.

J.D. MacFarlane
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December 29, 1978

Mrs. Susan McKey Thomas
105 East Moore Street,
Valdosta, Georgia 31601

Dear Mrs. Thomas:

Thank you for so patiently awaiting my response to your inquiry concerning removal of the remains of Dr. John Henry (Doc) Holliday from Glenwood Springs, Colorado, to Valdosta, Georgia.

I have discussed this matter at length with attorneys in my office and with officials of the Colorado Historical Society. They have reviewed readily available historical documents and legal requirements relevant to this issue. It is my conclusion that there are grave difficulties and problems associated with any attempt to disturb the purported gravesite of Dr. Holliday, casting serious doubt on whether any efforts should be made to remove his remains from the State of Colorado.

I believe there are three issues which must be addressed:

1. The interest of the State of Colorado in the remains of Dr. Holliday;
2. The potential for a lawsuit for mental anguish if the remains of someone other than Dr. Holliday were to be disturbed; and
3. Procedures which must be followed for any exhumation and reinterment of the remains.

The State of Colorado has a keen interest in the preservation and protection of all historical resources in the state, particularly regarding the removal of any historical resources to another state. The Colorado legislature has enacted several statutes to protect historical places and objects. This includes old gravesites and remains of persons with historical significance to the state. Since Dr. Holliday spent his final years in Colorado, he is directly associated with an important period in the state's history. Because the remains of Dr. Holliday are of historical significance to the State of Colorado, his gravesite has been placed on the state inventory of historical places. Thus, the State of Colorado has an interest in ensuring that the gravesite and remains of Dr. Holliday are not disturbed and that his remains not be reinterred in the State of Georgia.

One complicating factor in your efforts to exhume the remains of Dr. Holliday is the uncertainty of whether Dr. Holliday's remains are in fact under the gravestone marked by his epitaph or whether the remains are located elsewhere in Glenwood Springs. Although the interest of the State of Colorado in retaining Dr. Holliday's remains in this state is equally strong regardless of the exact location of those remains in Glenwood Springs, this uncertainty does raise the possibility that someone else's remains may be located under the gravestone. If that were true and if the gravesite were to be exhumed and the remains disturbed, it is possible that a relative of that person could file a lawsuit for damages against those participating in the exhumation and disturbance. Such lawsuits have been filed in Colorado and elsewhere in the past. While the chances of this occurring may seem remote, the potential liability does provide further support to the desirability of leaving the remains undisturbed. This is particularly so because the law, as protector of the cadaver, favors leaving undisturbed the remains of persons after burial. As one commentator wrote, "The normal treatment of a corpse, once it is decently buried, is to let it lie." Annot. 21 A.L.R. 2d 472, 476.

Only in unusual circumstances and only for compelling reasons are remains to be disinterred and reinterred in another place. As the New York Court of Appeals once observed, "The quiet of the grave, the repose of the dead, are not lightly to be disturbed. Good and substantial reasons must be shown before disinterment is to be sanctioned." I believe that this admonition should be observed, and that Dr. Holliday be left in the quiet repose of his grave in Glenwood Springs.

If you wish to continue your quest, the procedure for seeking approval to exhume, disinter, and reinter the remains of a deceased person are established by the common law. A petition must be filed with the state district court for Glenwood Springs, setting forth the reasons and justification for disturbing the remains. Only upon order of the court may the remains be exhumed and reinterred. Because of the interest which the State of Colorado has in ensuring that Dr. Holliday's remains lie undisturbed in this state, we would likely feel compelled to oppose any petition which might be filed for this purpose.

I am sure that you are not heartened by this letter, which I can fully appreciate. However, I do believe it best for all that Dr. Holliday's remains lie in peace in Glenwood Springs, Colorado, the town where he put down his roots for eternity, and that the memory of Dr. John Henry Holliday suffice for his distant birthplace of Valdosta, Georgia.

Very truly yours,

J.D. MacFarlane
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Attorney General

JDM/JLKP/em

cc: Arthur Townsend
State Historic Preservation Officer

MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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May 21	Historical Society Meeting – 2:00 PM
	Trustee Elections
May 29	Sons of Confederate Veterans

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