

Honor Flight Flag Donated to the Museum



Bert Powell and Alton 'Buddy' Johnson at the museum

Honor Flights carry WWII veterans to see the World War II Monument in Washington, D. C. Honor Flights are conceived in a community because of the desire of individuals and accomplished by the will of a community in support of them. Three Honor Flights out of Valdosta, two in 2007 and one in 2008, carried over 300 WWII veterans to Washington. The South Georgia Honor Flight was the first in the state or Georgia.

Bert Powell initiated Honor Flight for this area but was unable to make either of the 2007 trips. During the second South Georgia Honor Flight trip on August 11, 2007, U.S. Senator Saxby Chambliss presented the flag to the group. It had been flown over the Capital building in honor of the veterans. Upon return, Honor Flight presented the flag to Bert Powell for his leadership role in the project. The encased flag was on display in Bert's home for two years and then presented to the Lowndes County Historical Society on the second flight anniversary August 11, 2009.

Alton 'Buddy' Johnson coordinated the presentation at the museum. In 2007 Johnson was the first person to join Powell in the project and led all three Valdosta flights. Johnson is a former president of the local chapter of the Military Officers of America and is now Southeast director for Honor Flight overseeing programs in 12 states. The historical society greatly appreciates the donation of this most symbolic flag.

Right center: Bert Powell signs the museum acquisition sheet for the flag donation.

Lower right: Dr. Lloyd H. Burns, Valdosta native, now of Peachtree City, has visited the museum since the flag donation. He said that he was on the Honor Flight when the flag was donated and complemented Mr. Powell for his gracious act.

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Lowndes County Historical Society

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Dinner 7 P.M.

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Louie Peeples White

1920 - 2009

Valdosta's Cheerleader, Louie Peeples White passed away on August 12, 2009. Among her many life achievements she served four terms as president of the Lowndes County Historical Society, this perhaps culminated by the Grand Re-opening of the Museum in 1997. This event celebrated a comprehensive renovation of the building and the transformation of the stale basement into an award winning permanent exhibit. The photographs on these two pages represent 'Louie Living' as her twin sister Liza said she would want. **Below:** Louie did get to visit her twin sister Liza McLemore of Griffin, Georgia, in April 2009. Two friends, James Horton and Tammy White, made this visit possible. **Below: Panel Left;** Louie welcomes Doc Holliday, aka, Glenn Gregory to the museum. **Panel center;** Louie dances with Mayor Jimmy Rainwater at a Valdosta Heritage Foundation function. **Panel right;** When living in London, Louie was founder of a Welcome to London International Club. Louie is pictured in the hat as the ladies chat with Princess Margaret.

In November 2000, as a tribute to her dedicated promotion of Valdosta, "Lake Louie" at the Rainwater Conference Center was named for her.



Above: Spring 1978, Tyson McLane, Chamber of Commerce president, and Louie at the annual Valdosta party she sponsored when living in Washington, D. C. Louie is modeling a *There are no strangers in Valdosta* T-shirt. **Below:** Johnny B. Lastinger, Louie, Mayor Jimmy Rainwater, and Dorothy Pearlman celebrate a resolution in recognition of October as Arts month.





Above: In 1996, Louie, Susie McKey Thomas and Albert Pendleton, Jr. are seated in front of the museum anticipating the arrival of the Olympic Torch Run cortege. Susie said that Kent Buescher ran the leg in front of the museum and they cheered him on. **Above right:** In 1987, Leona Strickland Hudson, Dr. Noah Langdale and Louie, poolside at the 50th year reunion of the VHS Class of 1937. Dr. Noah and Leona, both longtime historical society members, passed away respectively in February and March of 2008. The estate of Leona and Dugald Hudson has greatly benefited the arts in Valdosta. Dr. Noah was of splendid intellect and past president of Georgia State University. **Right:** VHS had no yearbooks during the Depression years. The *Dosta Outlook* newspaper was begun in 1935. During the 1936-37 senior year Louie was the Assistant Editor with Noah Langdale being Editor-in-Chief. Some long time society members listed here include Susie McKey (Thomas), Mamie Johnson (Woodward), Gwendolyn Winter (Goodloe), Billy Peeples and Billy Langdale. **Below Right:** In 2005, Billy Langdale dropped by the Bistro Restaurant for Louie's 85th birthday and to share a humorous event concerning him and the twins, Louie and Liza. Be sure to note which editor Billy Langdale was on the *Outlook* staff, with assistance from Foozie Mullis. **Below:** In 2006, Nancy Zaccari, wife of then VSU president Dr. Ronald Zaccari, welcomed Louie to the opening reception for VSU's Centennial Years Celebrations, 2006-2013. The school chartered in 1906, opening to students in 1913. Louie was a 1941 graduate of Georgia State Womans College, now Valdosta State.

Louie's obituary is available for reading on the *Valdosta Times* website or at mclanefuneralservices.com

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Jenny Beck Howard, *above*, presented the historical society a copy of the book *Autobiography* by James M. Beck. The book is a limited production album covering his political, civic and business careers with many family pictures also.



Elouise Moulton, *above center*, came to the museum with a Red Hat group that were mainly members of New Harvest United Methodist Church. At that time the museum was preparing the WWII Exhibit and many related items were out and at hand. She enjoyed showing the ladies the photograph of her late husband George in uniform in the society's WWII Album calendars.



Above: Open Bible School second graders pose on the caboose steps after completing the historic scavenger list inside the museum and ringing the Valdosta Institute school bell. *Below:* Dr Joseph A. Tomberlin and Dr. Carl Cates, past Valdosta Rotary Club president. Dr. Tomberlin spoke on the book *Images of America, Lowndes County*, which he compiled for the benefit of the Lowndes County Historical Society. He also spoke to Valdosta Kiwanis Club. Dr. Tomberlin is former head of the VSU history department, past LCHS president and current recording secretary.



Above: Southland Christian eight grade students pose on the landing of our "depot" before entering the caboose. They had viewed the historic PowerPoint and completed the scavenger hunt inside the museum. *Below:* A portion of Jeremy Petrella's class on the museum steps. Jeremy teaches history for South Georgia College out of Douglas, but on the VSU campus. He formerly worked at the LCHS museum and prepares his own teaching plan for the students when he brings a group.





Above: The Lowndes Sherriff and Valdosta Police Departments' DARE groups visited the museum this summer. Steve Findlay with Valdosta DARE has been to the museum many times. He always finds items in the museum and takes time to tell the students about it. With this particular group he explained the workings of a dial



Above: Tom and Dixie Haller purchased the Monroe-Sutton home at 303 N. Wells Street a few months ago. They moved here from Florida where they had previously restored an historic home. They came by the museum to confirm some of the history of the house. They have completed extensive work including replacing the missing "gingerbread" pieces to the front porch.

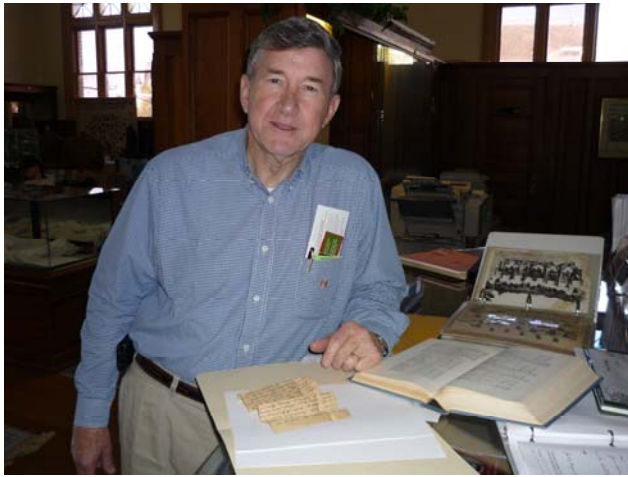


Above: Robert C. 'Bob' Eager and daughter Julia. Bob Eager, wife Mary and daughters Claire and Julia visited the museum earlier this year. They reside in Potomac, Maryland. Bob's parents are Dorothy H. and the late W.G. Eager, Sr. Bob and Julia are shown with the WWI trench shot gun, an adaptation designed by Bob's grandfather, W. G. Eager, Sr. that is credited with saving Paris from the onslaught of the German Army. **Below:** Sandra and John Glover of Kent, Washington. John was born in Valdosta in the 1950s when his father was at Moody AFB. He had never seen his place of birth and made a special effort to get by Valdosta. They located the home address in telephone and city directories, 704 Azalea Circle, current residence of Johnny Pilgrim.



Above: Danny Hart recently donated this water color of the Old Force home which was located in area across from the present Crescent house. It is taken from a preserved 1863 pencil drawing of the home that he allowed us to scan. Danny also supplied us copies of early 1900s Georgia Southern & Florida Railroad photos where his grandfather was employed. **Below:** Ronnie Roe rig of University Park, Maryland, formerly of Valdosta, recently donated the museum a wooden wheelbarrow. On the back is stenciled "Strickland Hardware Co., Valdosta, Ga., No. 5 Wizard." He had purchased it in Bremerton about 1995 at an antique store auction and closing





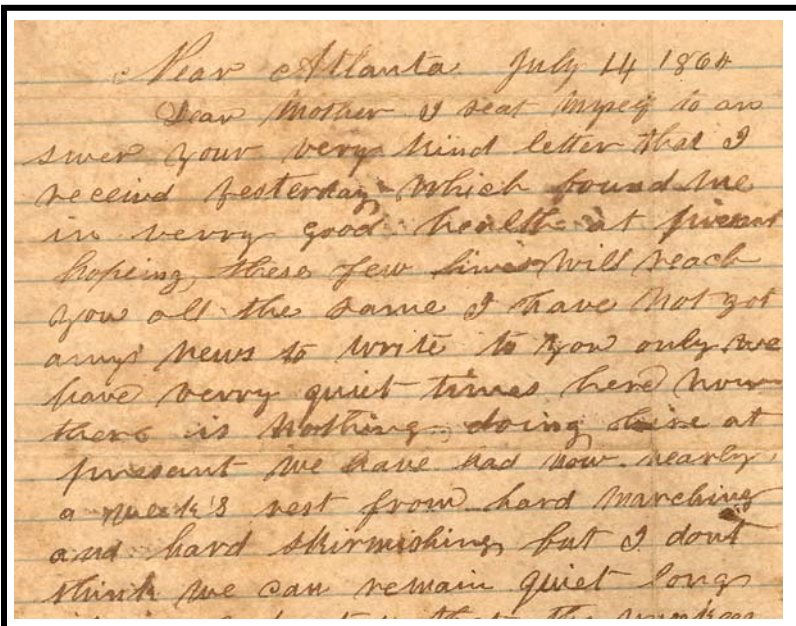
Confederate Letter

Rusty Griffin, *above*, recently donated a Confederate soldier's letter to the museum. When Rusty was in the process of compiling his grandmother's poems for publication this letter was among the items she had preserved. The book is completed and is titled *The Poems & Life of Allie DeLoach Griffin*.

When Rusty brought the letter in we knew nothing of Calvin DeLoach. To expedite the matter the museum contacted Cathy Wells, an LCHS member and a Board member and officer of the Huxford Genealogical Society and Library. Cathy is most adept in military records and in days reported that the 1850 census of Lowndes County shows Calvin DeLoach eight years old and son of Ebenezer DeLoach, the latter having a sketch in *Pioneers of Wiregrass Georgia, Volume IV*. Cathy also reported that Calvin DeLoach's life ended in battle in Franklin, Tennessee, on November 30, 1864. Approximately 6,000 men died in this battle.

As the information unfolded it became evident that his letter was treasured and passed to his niece, Allie DeLoach Griffin, born 1879, daughter of Calvin's brother John, who in turn passed it to her son, Rutledge Avalon Griffin, who passed it to his son, Rutledge Avalon 'Rusty' Griffin.

The two page letter, written on front and back, begins "Near Atlanta July 14, 1864," and continues "Dear Mother, I seat myself to answer your very kind letter that I received yesterday..."



Dylan Tullos, *above*, spent many days of his summer as a super volunteer at the museum. He worked specifically organizing sections the Chamber of Commerce photo collection. Dylan attends Berry College in Rome, has a twin brother at the University of Georgia, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stan Tullos



Above: When Dr. Edward Fricker, *left*, came to the museum to see the WWII exhibit we found that his body of knowledge is expansive. He began identifying obsolete medical tools. At that time Drew Johnson, *right*, was organizing transportation slides and Dr. Fricker began identifying classic automobiles with a promise of



Above: Carlos Vianna, Jr., team leader, Allan Jones, Paollo Brunoro, Adriana Cunha and Ricardo Esteves. They are young professionals from Rio Branco, a state capital in northwestern Brazil. They visited Georgia and our museum via the Group Study Exchange Program of Rotary International. To tie into their Portuguese heritage, we told them the interesting story of Dr. Samuel Nunez, a Portuguese Jew who, as a 1733 immigrant, saved the Colony of Georgia from an epidemic and has many descendants across south Georgia.

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Above: Chris Johnson, John Johnson, Roger Johnson and Todd Earp

Museum Renovations

The Roger Johnson Painting and Repair Company worked diligently during hot summer hours painting and repairing the window frames on the building. Thirty-six of the 3 feet by 2 feet window panes had to be replaced and thirty window frames had to be rebuilt. They made the frames from cypress and said that hopefully they will last another ninety plus years. They also replaced 5 of the small upper level triangle windows and made roof repairs. The Society carefully planned and budgeted for these necessary repairs.

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September 5-7 Closed in observance of Labor Day

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