

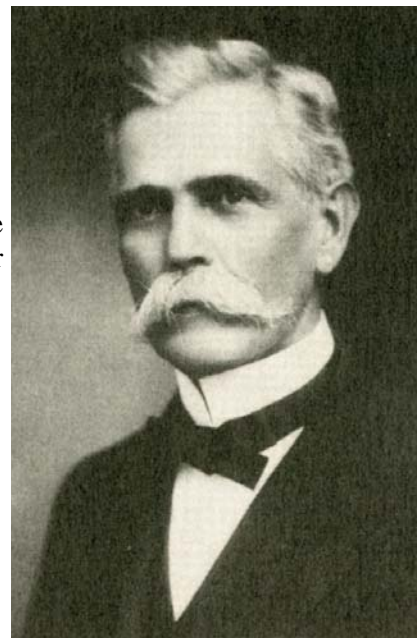
## “Valdosta has Landed Her College”

by Donald O. Davis

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During Valdosta State University’s Centennial Years, 2006 – 2013, we can again praise the leaders whose efforts brought a college to our community. Events 100 years ago this summer began putting the 1906 legislation into action. It is interesting to note the population of Valdosta during this period: 2,854 in 1890, 5,613 in 1900 and 7,656 in 1910.

- 1905 - The Georgia Senate approves a college for Valdosta, but the House rejects
- 1906 - The Georgia Senate and House approve an Agricultural, Industrial and Normal College in Valdosta, but appropriated no funding.  
Another act passed “that the Governor is hereby authorized to establish and cause to be maintained in each congressional district of the State an agricultural and industrial school.”
- 1911 - Spring - The State Association of County School Officials meets in Valdosta and passed resolutions requesting legislation to finance the Valdosta institution and urging the City of Valdosta to press the matter. Governor elect Hoke Smith attended this Valdosta meeting and promised his support.  
August 17 - Valdosta City Charter amended for establishment of a charity hospital  
August 18 - Valdosta City Charter amended as to provide \$50,000, over time, towards the college, the funding from local taxation.  
(W.L. Converse would loan the city \$15,000 so building could begin)  
August 23 - Law Number 250 appropriates \$30,000 for the Agricultural, Industrial and Normal College in Valdosta from the State of Georgia.



William Stanley West  
West Hall, 1917

### Mr. Converse Gets in Bill as to Charter

*Valdosta Daily Times* - July 11, 1911

*Object is to Raise Money for Proposed Charter*

*The first step toward the Normal College for Valdosta is made in the Legislature*

Atlanta, Ga., July 10. – Representative W.L. Converse, of Lowndes County, has introduced a bill in the house providing for an amendment to the charter of Valdosta, authorizing an increase of 1 mill on \$100 assessed valuation to raise \$50,000 as the city’s part toward establishing a state normal college at Valdosta. Representative Converse says that the proposed normal would be a branch of the State University and that the project has the endorsement of Chancellor D.B. Barrow, of the University. He points out that there is not a single branch of the university south of Milledgeville, which is in Middle Georgia, and that the public schools in the southern end of the state need a normal to prepare instructors for that section.



Cornelius R. Ashley  
Ashley Hall, 1921



William Lorraine Converse, Sr.  
Converse Hall, opened 1913

## Valdosta is Sure to get her College

Valdosta Daily Times July 26, 1911

*Representative Ashley thinks Bill will go  
The appropriation committee has agreed upon a bill  
for \$30,000 for the next year*

Hon. C.R. Ashley, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, of the House of Representatives, came home this morning to spend the week-end with his family and to look after some business matters in this city. A recess was taken yesterday until Monday, which gives the members an opportunity to go home to spend Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. Ashley stated this morning that he feels very confident that the Legislature will make an appropriation for the Valdosta college. He thinks that the appropriation will be \$30,000 for the year 1912 to be used in building and equipping the school and that a similar appropriation will be made for maintenance for the next year, this to be added to whatever amount will be required of Valdosta.

Mr. Ashley states that he and Mr. Converse are working together for the college and that he is surprised to find an almost unanimous desire among the members of the Legislature to help this South Georgia institution. The only discordant note comes from some of the representatives who want all of the appropriations for institutions in their own section. He does not think that there will be any trouble in passing the bill when it comes to a vote.

It is understood that the appropriation committee has agreed upon the amount to be given the school, but those recommendations have not been given out as yet. It will take the consent of the rules committee to push the bill before the house for passage, but Mr. Ashley does not apprehend that there will be any trouble from that source.

Mr. Ashley says that the Hon. Joe Hill Hall, who is regarded as a sort of watch dog, is out-spoken in favor of the Valdosta institution and that he expects to do all he can to push the bill through.



**Left:** Hoke Smith  
Governor of Georgia  
1907-1909 and 1911

Gov. Smith was selected a U.S. Senator to fill an unexpired term soon after becoming governor in 1911. He refused to leave the office of governor until the legislative session was over.

Under his auspices, legislation passed in 1911 to form a new State Board of Education

## \$30,000 for Valdosta School

Valdosta Daily Times August 4, 1911

*The Appropriation Committee of the Legislature Agreed  
Upon This Amount Yesterday.*

A telegram was received by *The Times* from Hon. C.R. Ashley late yesterday afternoon stating that the appropriation committee of the legislature had agreed to appropriate \$30,000 for the normal college at Valdosta, this being the amount that was asked by Messrs. Ashley and Converse.

It is the general belief that the item will go through the legislature without any trouble. All of the colleges in the northern part of the state are asking for largely increased appropriations, and it is not believed that there will be the least objection to the appropriation for the Valdosta School.

If the appropriation is made by the legislature, the next thing to be done will be the selection of a site for the college and then begin work upon it. Within the next six months *The Times* expects to see work well under way on this school, and before the legislature meets again we expect to see it completed. This school will become the nucleus of a great educational institution in South Georgia at no distant day, and it will make Valdosta the classic city of the section.

## Bills for Valdosta

Valdosta Daily Times August 8, 1911

*Measures to Amend the Charter of this City Passes Senate*

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 8. — The bills of the representatives of Lowndes County to amend the charter of the city of Valdosta passed the senate this morning.

## Big Sums are Given Colleges in Georgia

Valdosta Daily Times August 11, 1911

*The "Teck" Gets \$80,000  
and the Industrial School \$50,000 This Year.*

Atlanta, Ga., Aug. 11 — The following are the appropriations passed by the house today:

The Technological School, \$80,000  
The Georgia Normal and Industrial College at Milledgeville,  
\$50,000  
North Georgia Agricultural College, at Dahlonega, \$21,500  
State Normal College at Athens, \$42,000  
College of Agriculture, at Athens, \$110,000  
State College for Negroes, at Savannah, \$8,000  
Common [public] school fund, \$2,600,000

### Many quiz: What is a Normal College?

Currently a "Normal School" would be a teachers college or College of Education at an institution. Their purpose was to establish teaching standards or "norms," thus the name.

# Savannah editorial and Macon state rep advocated for the college at Valdosta

*The Savannah Morning News* ran an editorial supporting the establishment of a college in Valdosta. *The Valdosta Daily Times* reprinted the article that is included here below in their July 23, 1911 issue.

Joseph "Joe" Hill Hall was an "out-spoken" advocate in the state legislature for the college at Valdosta. He represented Macon– Bibb County in the Georgia House.

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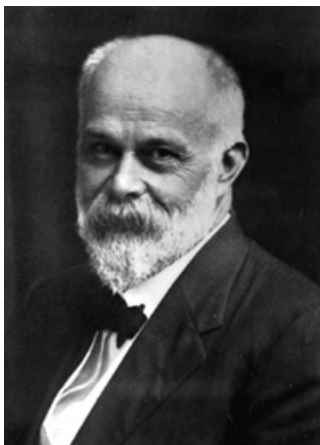
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## The College for Valdosta

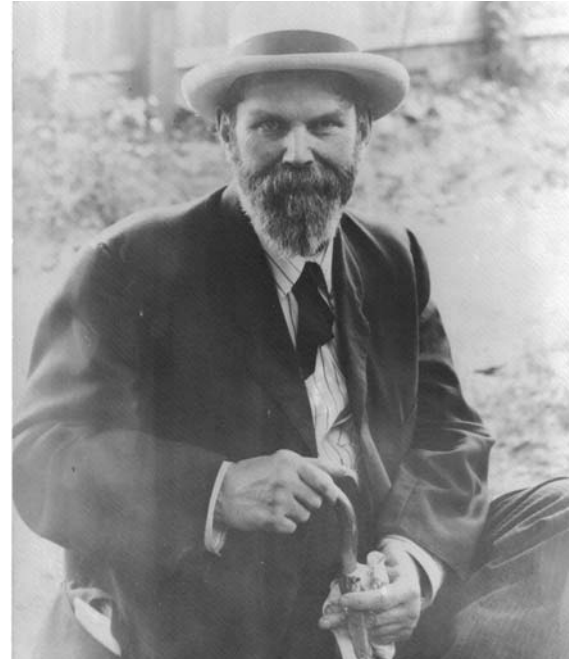
Valdosta Daily Times July 23, 1911

Reprinted from The Savannah Morning News

The proposition to establish a new state normal school at Valdosta should have the most friendly consideration of the Legislature. If that body can see its way clear to increasing the educational appropriation, then the school asked for should be provided. Valdosta has offered a considerable fund for the site and building, so that only maintenance is desired from the state. The wiregrass section is certainly entitled to a fairer share in the distribution of state funds. It is growing more rapidly than any other part of the state and its development is of that solid character which spells permanency. With rapidly growing population there should be increased educational facilities and the youth of South Georgia should be on an equal footing with the youth of other sections. Valdosta has made a good proposition and the state ought to take it up if it can spare the money. – **Savannah Morning News.**



**Left:** The State University Chancellor from 1906 to 1925, D. B. Barrow endorsed the College at Valdosta. Barrow Hall on the VSU North Campus is named for him.



Joseph Hill Hall at a 1912 political Bar-B-Que

*"For God's sake make some recognition of south Georgia,"*

Joseph Hill Hall of Macon

## For Valdosta's College

Valdosta Daily Times August 16, 1911

**The Atlanta Constitution** in its report of the legislative proceedings yesterday says:

"There was some debate over a bill by the Lowndes County delegation appropriating \$25,000 for both 1912 and 1913 to aid in establishing the South Georgia Normal Industrial and Mechanical college at Valdosta, the city to furnish an equal amount."

"For God's sake make some recognition of south Georgia," Joe Hill Hall exclaimed. "If you don't do it now the time will come when you will have to."

"Messrs. Ashley and Converse, of Lowndes, and Chairman McElreath, of the appropriations committee, spoke for the bill."

Editor's note: The 1912 photograph of Joseph (Joe) Hill Hall is courtesy of a great grandson, Billy Hall, of Macon, Georgia. The photograph was from a Macon newspaper. The family home in Macon was a 100 percent loss, including portraits and pictures, in a 1945 fire.

**“It was the introduction of the bill creating this school [1905 & 1906] which caused the state to authorize the building of the eleven district agriculture colleges.”**

## **Valdosta has Landed her College** [entire article]

Valdosta Daily Times August 17, 1911

*Bill Passes Senate Making Appropriation*

*Splendid work for the institution was done by  
Messrs. Ashley, [and] Converse...*

A telegram to *The Times* this morning from Atlanta stated that the senate has passed the bill making the appropriation for a normal college at Valdosta for the years 1912 and 1913. The bill now goes to Governor Smith for his signature and there is not the slightest doubt that he will sign the bill, as he has been pledged to it for several weeks.

It will then be up to the trustees of the college to get busy with the work. A site will have to be selected for it and the work of erecting the buildings will begin as soon as the preliminary work can be done.

The college which is to be established here is a normal college where teachers are to be trained for the work of teaching in the schools of Georgia. There is no reason why the school should not have an enormous attendance and why it should not become the nucleus of a great educational institution in South Georgia, equaling in a few years the State University at Athens.

This college being the first started in South Georgia, it ought to receive all of the support of the state and should become the pet institution of this section. *The Times* is sure that it will be worth more to Valdosta than a big factory, even as a business investment, while the good it will do in an educational way cannot be calculated.

*The Times* recalls that only a few years ago when it was urging an institution of this kind in South Georgia, it was laughed at in the upper part of the state, as well as at home. It was the introduction of the bill creating this school which caused the state to authorize the building of the eleven district agriculture colleges, out of which will yet come one of the greatest educational systems that any state has, provided the state will support these district colleges as it ought to.

The editor of *The Times* wrote the resolution which was passed by the Board of Trade several years ago asking our legislators to introduce a bill creating this school, and we are proud of the humble efforts we have made for the school.

To Col. West and Mr. C.R. Ashley, who introduced the first bill establishing the college here, and to Mr. W.L. Converse, who has given such loyal support to the movement during the present session of the legislature, all honor is due. The consummation is one which affords honor enough for all.

## **Small Beginnings**

Valdosta Daily Times  
August 19, 1911

A great many people were of the impression that the state would spend about one hundred thousand dollars on the normal college in this city and that a monster institution would be built to begin with. These people forget that everything, no matter how large it may become, usually starts with a small beginning. The money which has been put up for this school will make an excellent starter. It will not be long before other and larger appropriations will be required.

The Technological School in Atlanta, which is now drawing \$80,000 a year for maintenance, was started with an appropriation of not many thousand dollars twenty-five years ago. The Girls' Industrial College at Milledgeville, which has become a monster institution, was started with an appropriation of \$25,000. It now takes something like \$50,000 a year, besides the special appropriations which it gets, to maintain it. We dare say the State University was started on a much smaller sum.

The college at Valdosta will grow and require greater appropriations from year to year. If it supplies the "long felt want" its growth will be remarkable. If it draws the patronage from South Georgia, which we have every reason to believe it will draw, it will be only a year or two before its capacity will have to be increased to double or treble the size which it will be to start with. But the school must have the support and sympathy of the people of this city and section. It will be worthy of it and nothing less than the fullest measure of co-operation should be given it.

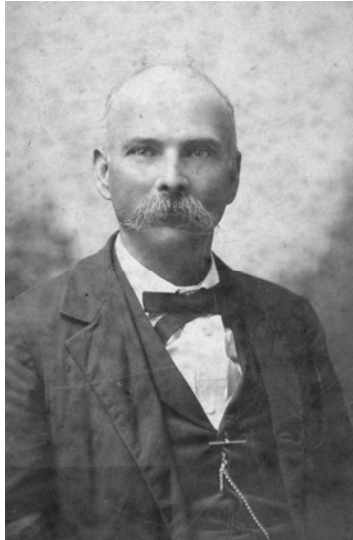
We may depend upon it that the state will put an efficient board of educators in charge of this school. They will come with enthusiasm and sectional pride to try to make it the best institution in the state in the educational line. Great things will follow if the people of Valdosta and South Georgia bud to their duty to the college.

From the small beginning a great college will spring, just as from the acorn the oaks grow. We believe that unborn generations, sharing the blessings of this great institution, will bless the impulse which projected it as the flowers bless the clouds which send the nourishing rains. The main thing now is for all of us to do our part toward the college – by words, deeds and sympathy. Let us see that it has a good location with plenty of room to expand and become the great college which it is to be.

## Citizens are asked to meet with Council

*Valdosta Daily Times*  
September 8, 1911

*Photo at right:*  
John T. Roberts  
Mayor of Valdosta  
in 1911.



*Mass Meeting to be Held Next Thursday Night*  
*Object of the Meeting is to take steps to Push forward*  
*Valdosta's Normal College*

At the meeting of the city council yesterday afternoon it was decided to call a mass meeting of citizens at the city hall next Thursday night to put the ball in motion for the establishment of the Normal College which the state has appropriated money for.

All the citizens of Valdosta are interested in this institution and the mayor and council, who are only servants of the people, are anxious for the citizens to meet and discuss the matter as to the location of the college, appoint committees to buy or secure a location and demonstrate to the state authorities and trustees of the college that Valdosta is ready to carry out her part of the contract. There is no doubt but that this institution is going to be the most popular in the southern part of the state and it will be only a few years before it will be one largest, it being the only school of the kind in South Georgia. It is going to help solve the problem of greater school facilities in this city and it will give many young men and women of Valdosta the same advantages that they now have to go off to get. Considering all these things, each citizen of Valdosta ought to turn out next Thursday night to show that he is interested in the school, if nothing else.

Another matter came up yesterday afternoon was the establishment of the Carnegie library for Valdosta. The ordinance for the same was read the first time. There was some little opposition to the movement until the councilmen know more about it. They want to know if the library is to be a "mixed" institution, and if it is to be merely a library or an auditorium attached. It is probable that the city officials will have an understanding with the promoters of the library as to just what the institution will be. Something was said at one of the meetings about having a large auditorium attached, but it was not definitely stated and it was on account of the indefinite idea which the council have in regard to the project that caused the movement to fail of passage on the first reading.

**A Side Story:** A surprise fervor to remove the state capital from Atlanta to Macon arose during the 1911 legislature. It much involved Joe Hill Hall. At the end of the session, since 110 had signed a special order petition, Atlanta's powerful had to quickly lobby that no vote be taken on the removal issue. The article below is from the *Valdosta Times*, August 22, 1911, it was reprinted from the *Macon Telegraph*.

### The Capital Called Back

*"Macon will have to be contented with being the county site of Bibb county and the home of Hon. Joe Hill Hall" – Atlanta Journal*

Macon is exceedingly well "contented" with the showing made before a legislature which was chosen by the people before the removal of the capital was started. It was not expected to ask for a vote by this body, until it was found that a majority of the house favored removal.

When it was discovered that 110 members had signed a petition to the rules committee asking for a special order the day before adjournment those in Atlanta who oppose removal got busy on the "joke." They plead "surprise," and they were surprised. The butter-milk-removal "joke" soured on their stomach. The friends of removal were surprised also, because it was more than they expected.

Let no man suppose that he has heard the last of this question. The agitation has just begun, and it began with a "surprise" that One hundred big boys will not soon forget.

Another thing: the haughty arrogance, the air of a superior natural right to the capital by certain Atlanta ones is helping the removal campaign right along.

Nothing that is Georgia's belongs exclusively to any faction, great or small.

But why should anybody in Atlanta except a politician worry about the capital coming to Macon? The loss of it will not hurt Atlanta. It will not suit the Atlanta politicians of course, to have it taken away, because they want to be next to the Georgia boys when they meet to elect senators and do other political deeds. They want to control. It was observed that the One Hundred who swooped down on the rules committee like a stampede in a Texas cattle ranch were mayors, ex-mayors, ex-officeholders, political editors, ex-candidates for state and national offices, and so fourth. A cast net thrown over these collected heads at that time would have corralled a bunch that have either been after all the big state officers or are expecting to go after them. Clever politicians, too all right enough—we are not discounting their individual abilities to hustle, or their merits as men—but we are pointing out facts which throw light on a subject of public interest. Atlanta politicians have no prior rights, although they seem to feel that the capital is a private perquisite, and a natural possession which no foreign hand or alien vote shall take away—that all others are vandals from the desert places.

But not so, Georgians, not so! It were the foreigners, the aliens, the vandals, who plucked the capital out of the heart of Georgia and moved it to Atlanta into one end of the state. *It will come back!—Macon Telegraph.*



## Memorials

### James McEntire Beck

by

Paul and Marcia Berg

Gig Harbor, Washington

Robert T. and Bette Jean Daugharty

Donald O. Davis

Charles W. and Loree Hatcher

Dr. and Mrs. Charles Hobby

Hank and Claire S. Lee

Susan McKey Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Willis

### Gloria Jean Mederer Coleman

by

Donald O Davis

Patsy T. Giles

Mr. and Mrs. John B. Lastinger

Alex B. McFadden

Rock Hill, SC

Susan McKey Thomas

William "Bud" Converse McKey

Marjorie Noell West

Washington, D.C.

### James Rome 'Jim' Hennly, Jr.

by

Donald O. Davis

Patsy T. Giles

Susan McKey Thomas

### John T. Holcombe, Jr.

by

Patsy T. Giles

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Willis

### John Thurman Larsen

by

Mr. and Mrs. J., Edward Willis

### William H. Mobley, IV

by

Alex B. McFadden

Rock Hill, SC

### Marvin B. Mullis, Sr.

by

Robert and Margie Dickerson

### Donald T. Schutt

by

Mr. and Mrs. J Edward Willis

Robert T.. and Bette Jean Daugharty

### Ellis Hulyn Smith

by

Donald O. Davis

Mr and Mrs. J. Edward Willis

### Virginia Brown Turner

by

Donald O. Davis

Mr. and Mrs. J. Edward Willis



**Electronic Acquisitions:** Robert Bohler, of Ft. Worth, Texas, recently sent the above image of The Bob Bohler Band. Robert identified his father, Bob Bohler, on the drums; Botie Chitty on piano and thinks Wallace Jernigan of Homerville is playing the saxophone. Joe Scala has been identified on guitar and the trumpet on left is probably George Morgan, Jr.(?). We would like confirmations and also identifications of the other trumpet player, the bass player and lady.



The two photos above show some of the museum visitors from Baptist Village at Lake Park. Amy Brown presented them the same Valdosta Historic Hats Power Point that she had shown to VSU Learning in Retirement participants earlier the same morning. All material in the program is from our archives and several hat stories relate to individuals and businesses. **Left:** Dorothy Beggs, Betty Miller and Edith Potter. **Right:** Elmer Robert Byrd, 100 years old, looking at historic postcards in antique frames that his son Jerry Byrd had previously donated to the museum.

## Family Memorial Gifts

### James McEntire Beck

by

Riley and Jenny Beck Howard

### F. Ralph Bridges

by

Dr. William J. and Ginny Bridges Ireland

## Gifts In Honor

### Frank S. Christian

by

Judge and Mrs. H. Arthur McLane

### Susan Converse McKey Thomas

by

James and Beulah Hennly



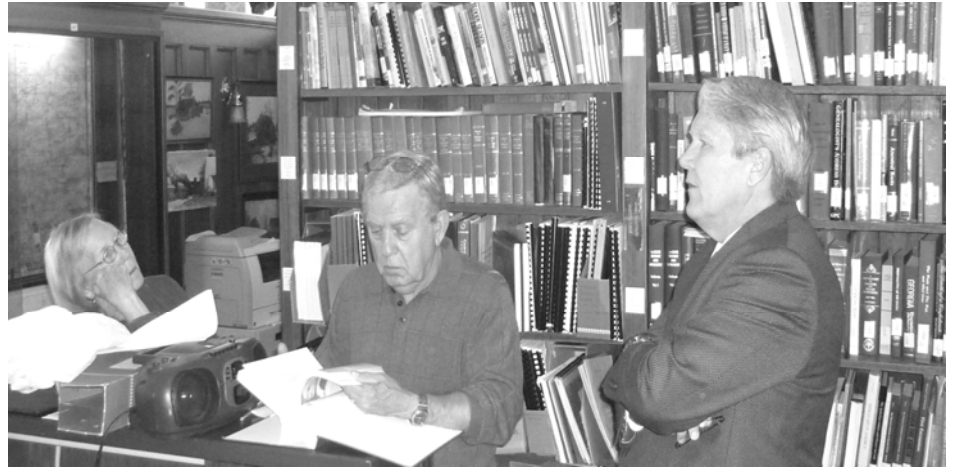


**Above:** Kent Edwards recently donated an important WWI album to the museum, *The Georgia State Memorial Book*, adopted as the Official Record by The Military Department, State of Georgia 1921. Over 150 pages, the book gives "an authentic record of those of Georgia's sons who made the supreme sacrifice in the recent World War." Kent's grandfather, Hobart Baird Edwards, Sr, survived the war. Below is the memorial from the book on John Guy Coppage.

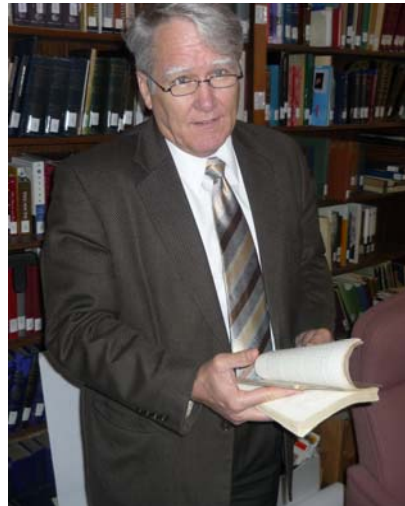


PVT. JOHN GUY COPPAGE  
Hahira, Ga.

Private Coppage entered the service July 19th, 1918. Was attached to September Automatic Replacement Draft, Coast Artillery Corps, with which unit he embarked for over-seas the latter part of September, 1918. Was drowned when the ill-fated transport "Otranto" was sunk off the Scottish Coast in a collision, October 6th, 1918.



**Left:** New Valdosta City Engineer Patrick Collins visited the museum getting information and images concerning earlier city operations, regulations and utilities.



**Above:** Dixie Haller, Tom Haller and Patrick Collins. Tom and Dixie happened by the museum when Patrick Collins was there. Tom Haller is the new president of the Valdosta Heritage Foundation and gave an update on the Roberts House. Patrick Collins told that he had come to Valdosta from Sarasota. Dixie Haller then said that she had graduated from Sarasota High School and they enjoyed discussing Sarasota and its vast changes.

## Civil War Sesquicentennial Interest Brings researchers to the museum



**Left:** Ken Legendre of Gretna, Louisiana, and Amy Brown look at Faries Collection flags. Ken Legendre is a Confederate flag and commemorative flag expert. He oversees the many flags in the New Orleans Civil War Museum founded in 1891. Amy had noticed that many flags in the collection here were hand sewn and thus commemorative, but still from the late 1800s. He is to supply the museum information on a couple of the flags. He also looked at the many original Civil War documents in the Faries collection and expressed how nice it would be for these to be on our website.



**Left:** Joyann Lindsey of the *Valdosta Daily Times* and Adam Doughty of the museum staff. *The Times* recently printed a Civil War Sesquicentennial special section. Joyann came to the museum to get copies of original Civil War letters to use in the special issue. Adam had scanned several into the computer and had them ready for her.



## Valdosta High Class of 1961 Reunion

Members of the Valdosta High School Class of 1961 came to the museum on Saturday morning April 30. They were to visit the Wildcat Museum at Cleveland Field later in the morning. . We always learn from class visits.

When class member Tommy Tart of Orlando, FL came to the museum, three others from Orlando were with him: Steve Stine, an engineer, Ron Frederick., a CPA, and Frank Greene, a 1935 Valdosta High grad and WWII vet. Tommy has done extensive study on veterans. Frank's late wife tended Steve and Ron as children so they now tend to Frank. With both museums open it was a good time for a trip. Growing up, the family above Ulmer's Funeral Home 410 W. Hill, Frank became an expert on teletype and ham radio. When he left for WWII he gave his equipment to Moody Field, as they were in need. He became a code breaker in North Africa and Rome. Frank told of his brother Porter playing 1930s VHS football.



Steve Stine, Ronald Frederick, Frank Greene , Tommy Tart.



Pat Beggs Jones of Athens, Peggy Elliott Gayle of Valdosta and Marianne Mayo Brown of Jacksonville, Florida, in the museum upper gallery.



Kay Studstill McLeod, Valdosta, and Sandra Bennett Connell, Stockton, planned the museum visit. Sandra is a museum friend, spending time researching articles for **Valdosta Magazine**. Known for her cooking, we enjoyed Sandra leaving us her deviled ham with cheese biscuits.



Sam Allen of Tallahassee and Phil Reams of Atlanta enjoy refreshments and exhibits in the lower gallery.



Billy and Ann Guess of Valdosta look through yearbooks.



## 2011 New and Renewal Memberships

*Cont'd from previous newsletter*

Place of residence listed for those outside of Lowndes County

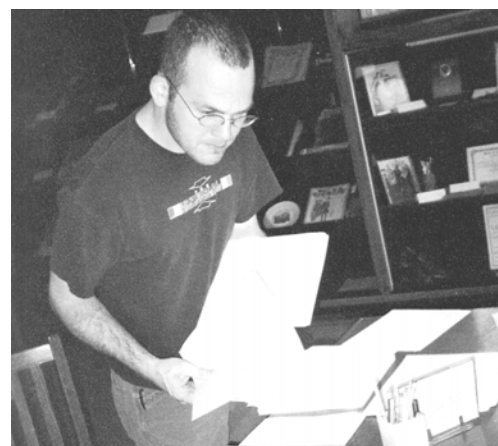
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 Susan Parramore Turner  
 Powder Springs, GA  
 William Al Turner  
 Deanna Wagoner

*We very much appreciate your memberships*

## New Book: *Images of America* Valdosta

A book from Arcadia Publishing by Michael Holt has recently become available. Mike, who interned at the museum in 2005, **photo right lower**, is currently Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor at the Odum Library at VSU. As an intern Mike organized the large Chamber of Commerce Collection at the museum, thus becoming familiar with all types of images of Valdosta.

We have his book at the museum and will host a book signing later in the year. We appreciate his kind comments about the museum in his Acknowledgments: "In its 43-year history, the Lowndes County Historical Society has created an excellent museum and research archives that display important artifacts from the county's past and make thousands of images, documents, books, and periodicals on the region available to researchers."



### Recording the story

Museum staff assisted with the program at the Valdosta Woman of the Year presentation. Dr. Lucy Greene and Dale Crane presented a lively version of their Sesquicentennial Tea program that included the historical society's PowerPoint on "Valdosta's Ladies in History." Loree R. Hatcher, **left**, 1986 Valdosta Woman of the Year, was in attendance. When she won her son George Resch of Tampa, Florida, gave the trophy in her honor and went back to 1957 having all winners names engraved. Having heard this years ago we took the opportunity to record the story.



### Membership Application Lowndes County Historical Society

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Business	50. ____
Contributing	100. ____
Patron	250. ____

## MUSEUM CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**Continuing Exhibit: Civil War Soldier & Sesquicentennial by Jeremy Petrella**

**June 27: Margaret Mitchel & Gone With the Wind in the Museum.**

Beginning an exhibit of related items in museum collections,

Recognizing Georgia Public Broadcastings

Commemoration of the 75th Anniversary of the publishing of GWTW

**Upcoming Exhibit: Local professional baseball teams, researcher Lyn Thomas**

**July 2 & 4: Closed Saturday and Monday for July 4th weekend.**

### Officers and Executive Committee

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