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## DISCOVERING FAMILY STORIES

Hollyanna Hardy White

Create your family stories by looking at the people on your family tree and check out the locations and times they lived. How did our ancestors arrive in North Georgia? What events shaped our ancestor's decisions? Family stories are discovered through historical documents by identifying activities in which ancestors participated. The various branches of families often reach out to touch recognizable events and locations in history. Family tree branches merge and flow throughout events which shaped our world. This article examines several ancestors in a tree which reaches Gilmer County.

Joseph Moyce's line descends into Gilmer County. He was a First Settler in Salisbury, MA. Born in 1590 (Dennington, Suffolk, England), he married Hannah Folcord in England in 1618. Joseph received a house lot in the first division of Salisbury (Map of the Town, 1639), and appears in a number of town documents. The town was formed in a "compact semicircle" so that residents could quickly "reach the garrison house in case of attack" by Native Americans or wolves. "The families were each given a small house lot near the center of town and a larger planting lot just outside the center for farming. . . They also owned large sections of 'sweep-age lots' near the beach, where. . . harvested the salt marsh hay. Settlers cleared virgin forest for houses and fields." <https://minerdescent.com>



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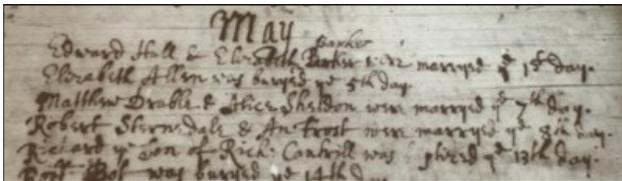
In another branch, two families (Haynes and Ingersoll) settled in Salem Village, MA. It would later be the site of the Salem Witch Trials. William Haynes immigrated from Bedfordshire, England with his brother. They sailed 1 Aug 1634 on the *Griffin* which carried about 100 passengers (including Anne Hutchinson) and cattle that were bound for plantations. Imagine traveling on a small ship with cattle! The ship arrived 18 Sep 1634 at Boston. William settled in Salem. Richard Ingersoll and his family (wife: Anne, children: George, Joanna, John, Sarah, and Alice) were Puritans. Fleeing England to escape religious persecution, they sailed from London, England on the *Mayflower* (not the Pilgrim's *Mayflower*) for the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Led by Rev. Francis Higginson, the fleet arrived in Salem 15 May 1629. William and Richard appear in several documents. Richard established a ferry over the North River in 1637. At a general town meeting on 7 Jul 1644, William was one of the men appointed to patrol the settlement each Sabbath Day. The patrols consisted of two men who walked around and took notes of Sabbath breakers to report names to authorities. "New England residents who failed to attend worship services on Sunday morning and afternoon were fined or put into stocks" (<https://christianhistoryinstitute.org>). William Haynes and Sarah Ingersoll married. Their son, Jonathan, was born in Salem Village. William and Sarah were full communicants of the First Church of Salem (one of the oldest churches in North America) by April 1648. Jonathan was baptized at the church on 11 Jun 1648. Some church members were involved in the witch trials, but the family did not take part. William had died, Sarah was not involved, and Jonathon had moved to Haverhill, MA before the trials began. The trials changed our legal system from "guilty, 'til proven innocent" to "innocent until proven guilty" and juries from "church members only" to "land owners". <https://minerdescent.com>



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The Cantrell family story documents reach back to England. Richard Cantrill was born in Derbyshire, England and baptized 13 May 1666 in Bakewell Parish. His father's name was Richard Cantrill.



https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Cantrill-21

Most likely, Richard learned the brick trade in Bakewell as the area was known for brickmaking. Richard's transport to the New World is not known, but he appears in Philadelphia. A document is on file at the Register of Wills, City Hall, Philadelphia, PA stating "that his nephew, Joseph Cantrill, had drowned in the Schuylkill River, May 10, 1689, and that Joseph had older and younger brothers in Derbyshire, England." William Cantrell, a genealogist, believed Richard posed as an indentured servant to sail with William Penn since England was blocking the passage of craftsmen. https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Cantrill-21.

The Pennsylvania Historical Magazine lists Ellis Jones among the names of Important Colonists who arrived on the ship Submission. The September 1682 ship's log lists Ellis (45), Jane (40), Barbara (13), Mary (12), Dorothy (10), and Isaac (4 months) as passengers from Wales. Ellis Jones resided in Bucks County in 1684, but did not remain there long. Ellis appears in the Welsh Tract Purchases having purchased 100 acres in Nantonell Parish, Radnor.

From Wales.	Ellis Jones	45	Jane Jones	40	1	0
	Barbary Jones	13	Dorothy Jones	10	1	0
	Mary Jones	12½	Isaac Jones	(4 months)	0	1
	Rebeckah Winn	20	Jane Mede	15	2	1
	Marjory Mede	11½				

Publications of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania. Vol. 1. No. 1. Lancaster, PA:

The Wickersham Printing Co., January 1895.

Richard was successful. The Pennsylvania Archives show Richard receiving "a warrant for a lot of 30 ft. upon Third Street, near the Burying Ground" on 6 Jul 1692. Deed Book D, shows that on 13 May 1693, he sold 30 ft. x 190 ft., Third and Market Streets to Thomas Hall.

Richard Cantrill married Dorothy Jones in Bucks County, PA on 5 Mar 1693. Richard belonged to the Church of England and Dorothy was a Quaker. They married "Out of Meeting" because Richard was not a Quaker.

Patent Book A, Vol. II, shows that Richard was a brickmason and operated a brick factory. On 5 May 1702, "Richard Cantril, Brickmaker, Said Richard Cantril shall build, erect, and set up a substantial brick house one story and a half in height an in breadth eighteen feet and in length thirty-six feet; the first story of one brick and a half and the second story of one brick, and further that said Richard Cantril shall make an orchard upon some part of the hereby granted land, with at least eighty good bearing apple trees planted thereon, and shall also well and sufficiently fence and enclose the said demised land."

Dorothy showed considerable spirit and independence for a woman living in her time. She married the man of her choice regardless of religion, enjoyed the company of others, and did not always follow societal norms. Times were quite different for women! In 1703 Court Proceedings, Wilmington, PA (now DE), Dorothy at age 30, was presented to the Grand Jury for masking in men's clothes the day after Christmas (26 Dec 1702). "Walking and dancing in the house of John Simes at 9 or 10 o'clock at night." John Simes, who gave the masquerade party, was presented for keeping a disorderly house, "a nursery of Debotch ye inhabitants and youth of this city... to ye greef of and disturbance of peaceful minds and propagating ye Throne of wickedness amongst us." Dorothy inherited her love of society from her mother. Jane Jones appears as a witness to the marriages of a large number of Quakers in her day.

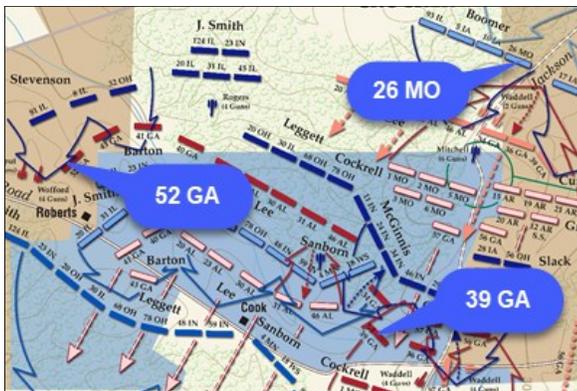
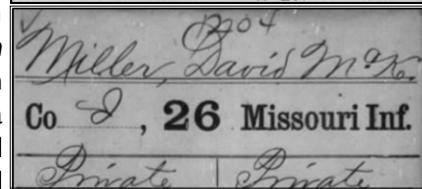
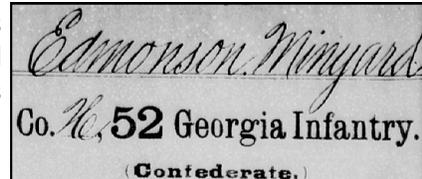


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During the Civil War, a Union soldier and two Confederate soldiers met twice on the battlefield. Civil War service records, maps, and prison (POW) rolls track the men throughout the war. Generations later, several of their common descendants reside in North Georgia.

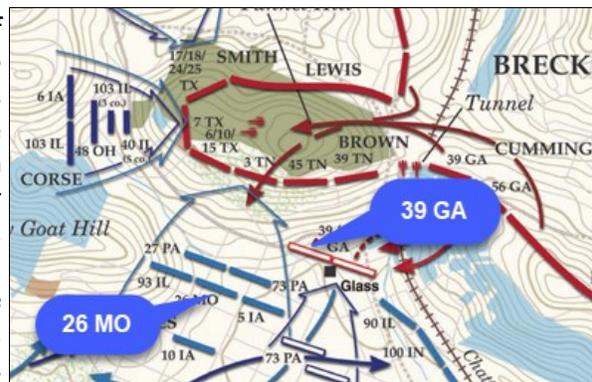
Richard Minyard Edmondson, from Fannin County, GA enlisted with his brother in Morganton in the 52nd Georgia Inf., Co. H. The *Fannin Rifles* were known as sharpshooters. Samuel W Jones, Jr. lived in Gilmer County when he enlisted in Dalton in the 39th Georgia Infantry, Co. G. The company was known as the *Gilmer Lions*. David McKendree Miller lived in Boone Township, Franklin, MO. He enlisted with his brother and brother-in-law on 26 Dec 1861 in Union Township in the 26th Missouri Inf., Co I. These companies engaged in many battles during the war with intersecting paths at the *Battle of Champion Hill (Vicksburg Campaign)* and at the *Battle of Missionary Ridge (Chattanooga Campaign)*.



Map of the Battle of Champion Hill, civilwar.org

The 52nd GA was decimated at the *Battle of Champion Hill*, 16 May 1863. Minyard and his brother, John, were captured. They were POWs at Camp Morton and then Fort Delaware. Part of the last group of prisoners exchanged in the war, they rejoined their company after time in the hospital. Samuel's company, the 39th GA, was captured when the Confederates surrendered *Vicksburg* 4 Jul 1863 and pardoned on site 8 Jul 1863. The 26th MO lost 29 men. After the battle, David was hospitalized and absent from the roster due to illness for a few months. He rejoined his company in September.

On 23 Nov 1863, Minyard and John's brigade was east of Chattanooga Creek. On the 24th, they were ordered to the south end of Missionary Ridge. Confederate soldiers spread out in a single thin line across the top of the ridge. On 25 Nov 1863, the 52nd GA was attacked from the rear, left, and front. The division tried to take their guns as they retreated toward Ringgold and then Dalton, GA. The 26th MO and 39th GA fought each other in the *Fight For Tunnel Hill* (on the northern end in the *Battle of Missionary Ridge*). Following the Union victory, the 26th MO would take part in the *Pursuit to Graysville*, the *Battle of Buzzard's Roost*, the *Atlanta Campaign*, and the *Savannah Campaign*. The men all survived, and their descendants would later meet. Descendants of the gentlemen live in Gilmer, Fannin, and Union.



Map of Fight For Tunnel Hill, civilwar.org



## The President's Corner

Sylvia Johnson

Kenneth H. Thomas, Jr., well known Georgia Genealogist and past speaker on DNA at GCGSI last September has been awarded the President's Citation by the National Genealogical Society at their annual conference held earlier this month. He was recognized for his outstanding writing of a weekly column on genealogy for forty years for the Sunday Atlanta Journal-Constitution, one of the largest daily circulated newspapers in the United States. His mother, Louise Brooks Thomas, and I are second cousin DNA matches, but even with his expertise and our combined efforts, we have still not quite determined how we are related. Congratulations to Ken!



Your executive board has a very busy summer planned. We will continue to meet monthly rather than taking the summer off as we have done in the past. We will be working together with the library staff to present programs in June and July and of course, planning our annual GCGSI picnic on August 9, at the ETC Pavilion. The schedule of the joint programs are listed on our Bulletin Board in the newsletter, and we know you will be excited about what is in store for you. Our picnic will have a lot of prizes again this year and we are currently looking for entertainment. If you have suggestions, please let us know.

We will continue to have volunteers on Friday at the Genealogy Research Center at the Gilmer County Library all summer. On the last Friday of the month, the Research Team meets from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon to handle requests that have come in the U. S. Mail, email, and on Facebook. In April several women from the same family who are writing a book came in together. Also, three family members from Texas stopped by. It was really fun to be there and talk to people and help them with their research. It only takes coming for a few hours to learn the layout, and then you will be able to help a visitor. The Research Team is made up of members who come together once per month to respond to inquiries.

Getting involved with your Genealogy Society is very important to the ongoing success of the organization. Many of you have skills that you have learned in the private sector that can also be used as a volunteer. And there may be something you might have always wanted to try and never had the opportunity. The nominating committee will be talking to folks in September about available positions. Be thinking about it. Would you like to help plan programs and find speakers? Or would you rather write articles for the newspaper? Would becoming our Historian, helping to take photos and keep a scrapbook, interest you? If you're a party person, taking on the responsibility of Event Coordinator to plan the parties and picnics might be right up your alley! Or you could choose to become our Recording Secretary and keep minutes of meetings! How about taking on the role of President? You wouldn't have anything to do; you could just delegate! And write this column four times a year!



## Second Quarter Highlights, 2018

Photos provided by  
Rebecca Burrell unless  
marked otherwise.

### MARCH MEETING

On Thursday, March 8, Carl Milam and Mike Pilvinsky of the Gilmer County Military Order of the Purple Heart spoke about the mission and activities of the local chapter.



Carl Milam, Historian and Adjutant of the Gilmer Co. Order of the Purple Heart

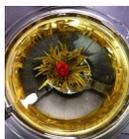


Mike Pilvinsky, Commander of Gilmer Co. Military Order of the Purple Heart

### LIBRARY STAFF APPRECIATION HIGH TEA

Photos: Barbara J. Dover & Donna Lehr

On Tuesday, March 27, GCGSI treated the Gilmer County Library Staff to High Tea in appreciation for all that they do for the community.

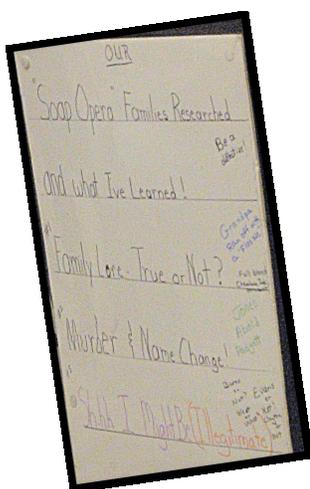




SECOND QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS, 2018  
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APRIL MEETING

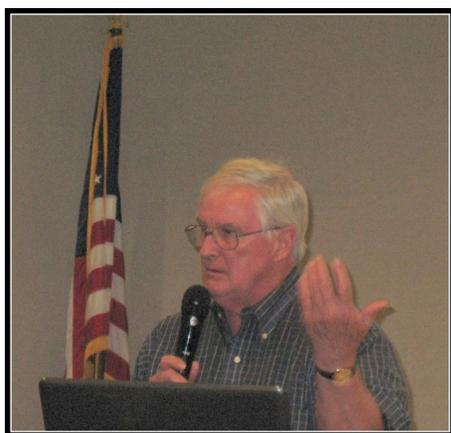
On Thursday, April 12, Ms. Marian Presswood from Polk County, Tennessee shared with us stories of her 30 years spent researching her community's "Soap Opera Families," the resources she used, and what she learned from it all.



Ms. Marian Presswood

MAY MEETING

On Thursday, May 10, Mr. Tony Lett provided the history of The Rikards, his ancestors from Germany who settled in Alabama, and whose family sons were killed in the Civil War. He shared photos of the "find" of his great-great-grandfather's uniform worn when he met his death during the Atlanta Campaign of 1864.



Mr. Tony Lett





## FIRST FAMILIES OF GILMER COUNTY

### Keely Chalk

The First Families program is designed to honor the pioneers who settled in Gilmer County in 1840 or before and to recognize the descendants who become members of this program. We encourage anyone who is directly descended from early settlers whose names appear on the 1840 or any prior Gilmer County Census to apply. Discovering your Gilmer County roots can be challenging and exciting. Your research can serve as a source of information for generations to come. An approved applicant receives a certificate and pin acknowledging this Gilmer County ancestor. Applicants are not required to currently reside in Gilmer County. For more information, please visit our website at: <http://www.gcgsi.org/firstfamilies/html>.

*First Families Committee: Keely Chalk, Gladys Spivey, Patricia Henson, John Davis, Brenda Cochran, and Sylvia Johnson.*



Logo: Leslie Barker Thomas

### FIRST FAMILY MEMBERS ADDED DURING THE SECOND QUARTER

#### NEW MEMBERS

- Floyd Clark Cantrell
- Jackie Wayne Wilhelm
- Hobart James Pankey
- James Hobart Pankey

#### ANCESTORS

- Richard Willoughby Bearden
- Harriett Sammons Grady
- Cornelius Goble, Sr.
- Cornelius Goble, Sr.

## GCGSI ANNUAL PICNIC



The annual GCGSI Picnic will be on Thursday, August 9, 2018, in the ETC Pavilion on the Coosawattee River. (The pavilion is located on Legion Road in Ellijay.) Chicken will be provided by GCGSI and members are asked to bring sides and/or desserts for everyone to enjoy. Family and friends are invited to enjoy the day. Entertainment and prizes will be provided. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. and lunch will be served at noon. Come and enjoy spending time with your friends with delicious food in this beautiful setting!



## RESEARCH CORNER

Rebecca Burrell

Friday, April 27, was an action-packed Research Friday at the Gilmer County Library! We received a book from Penn R. Watson, First Family Member and descendant of Reverend Nicholas Robert Osborn. His book, titled *Pioneering Events of Some Hill(e)s and Osborn(e)s from Kent, England to Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Georgia, Oklahoma, Texas and California, 1600 to 2000*, is a very detailed history of those families through several generations. This book will soon be available for reference in the Genealogy Research Center of the Gilmer County Library.



Jerry Royce Osborne, Mary Alice Osborne, Casey Andrew Osborne

Coincidentally, other descendants of Reverend Nicholas Robert Osborn were visiting from Texas: Jerry Royce Osborne and his wife Mary Alice ([mao.jro@gmail.com](mailto:mao.jro@gmail.com)) from Mansfield, and their son Casey Andrew Osborne from Wichita Falls. They are researching information about the Osborn, Osborne, Grady, Glaypool, and Dover families.



Seated (L to R): Pamela Padgett Rowland, Amber Oliver Hodges  
Standing (L to R): Rebecca Burrell, Beth Padgett Jones, Pat Padgett Kilgore, Kimberly Rowland, Audra Oliver Olsen, April Oliver Craig

And members of the Padgett and Reece family stopped by to research the Padgett, Pettit, Reece, and Goss families, some of whom were related to my late husband Kem Burrell's family on the Reece side. Contact [aprilcraig71@gmail.com](mailto:aprilcraig71@gmail.com) if you have any information to share.

### **In other research news:**

David Tilley ([David@tilley.world](mailto:David@tilley.world)) is researching Tilley and a Thomas Burnett b. 1825 who was in Cherokee County, Alabama by 1840.

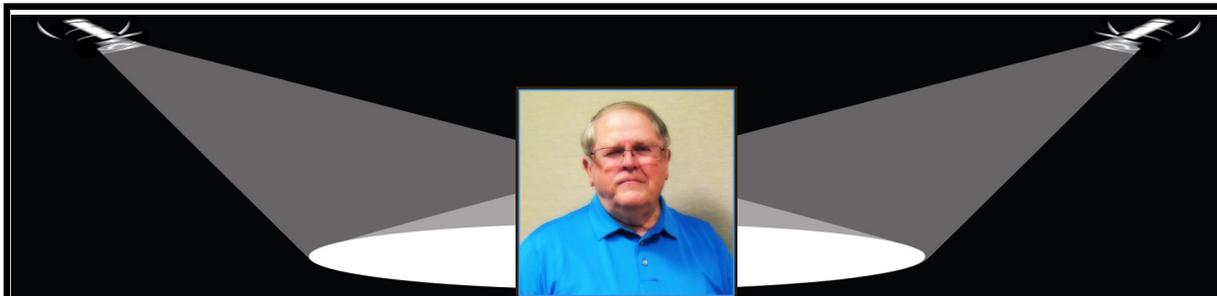
Victoria D. Hood Wells ([victoriawells72@hotmail.com](mailto:victoriawells72@hotmail.com)) of Knoxville would like information on Samuel Tate Hood (b. 30 Jan 1850,) son of Laura Patterson and Jesse Samuel Hood.

Member Gwen Skelton is looking for a book of Cherokee names and places as well as the English translation of those names. She would especially like the names with translations of the Cohutta Mountains.

Randy Charles Ensley ([horseview@yahoo.com](mailto:horseview@yahoo.com)) of Stanford, KY would like any information about his birth mother Mary Ann Elliott of Gilmer County (b. 8 Feb 1934; d. 7 Dec 1998) and information as to who his birth father might be. He was one of "Doc Hicks' babies," adopted/sold at birth in Fannin County in 1951.



## GCGSI MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: JOHN TAYLOR DAVIS, SR.



John was born in Albany, Georgia, the oldest of four children. He graduated from Albany High school in 1962, going on to graduate from Georgia Southwestern State University in Americus, Georgia with a degree in Accounting. He had begun working in the Credit Department at Sears in Albany when he was a senior in high school and continued to work at Sears while attending college.

After college graduation, he entered the management program with Sears. Over the next several years he held management positions in Albany, Valdosta, Columbus, and Macon, Georgia. Along the way he married and had a daughter and a son.

In 1990, Sears started a new business enterprise of owning and processing other companies' credit cards: Sears Payment Systems. A bank was bought in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and John took the position of Director, moving to Sioux Falls. Sears later transferred the bank to Morgan Stanley who later sold the company where it was subsequently sold to CitiBank. John later retired and moved to Greenville, South Carolina. He and his wife Charlotte moved to Ellijay in early 2005.

John's interests include history, archaeology, and genealogy. He hopes one day to publish a family history. He has been a member of the Gilmer County Genealogical Society and has served on its Board of Directors for several years.

*Photo by Barbara J. Dover*



## GEORGIA GENEALOGY ROUND TABLE

*Editor's Note: Members of GCGSI were invited by the Georgia Genealogy Society to attend a Round Table event at the GA Archives in Morrow, Georgia on Saturday, May 19. The Round Table provided the opportunity for genealogical societies throughout the state to share ideas and discuss ways to promote their organizations and share information. A main topic for discussion was the booking of speakers for meetings and the possibility of a state-wide speakers bureau. GCGSI Vice-Presidents Donna Lehr and Keely Chalk attended the event, and this article is a short account of their day including photos.*

Donna Lehr

Photos: Donna Lehr and Keely Chalk

Keely and I were greeted at the door with enthusiasm and hot coffee! There were about 20 of us attending the Round Table; from Augusta, Bainbridge, Columbus, Cobb and Rockdale. We started off by introducing ourselves, the society we represent, and what we typically do for our members. Keely and I must have looked like rock stars considering all of the services that we offer our members: research, monthly meetings, speakers,



hands-on learning opportunities, and being located within a library without having to pay rent or any of the upkeep. That was a lament from a few of the people there: loss of membership and the ongoing expenses of an old building.



First on the agenda was a webinar outlining the do's and don'ts for hosting a seminar with a national speaker. Following the viewing of the video, there was a discussion about what the Georgia Genealogy Society has done in the past when they've had around 300 attendees to their programs.

While having lunch, we engaged in conversations about how we got involved with genealogy. I sat next to Bea Coker from Cobb County Genealogical Society, Inc., and we talked about speakers that our society has had from Cobb County and that area; Brad Quinlan, Carol Kell, Ren and Helen Davis to name a few. Bea told me that her husband used to be a coach at Wheeler High School with Corky Kell. I asked her if she knew another of the former coaches, Jim Wood, and she did! They all go back 40 years! So, Keely took a picture of Bea and me and I sent it to Carol Kell and Virginia Wood, wife of coach Jim Wood. It is a very small world.



*It's a Small, Small World!  
Donna with Bea Coker from CCGSI*



*Rock Star Keely!*

There was a conversation about not taking pictures of slides because of copyrights etc. So, I thought I'd just take some random photos. One of my favorite pictures is, of course....our own rock star, Keely, who is so obedient that when I said, "Smile!"....she did! The others are participants who were perusing the books that we brought with us. They were all taken!

I think a round table discussion at this location is a must for everyone on the board of directors. There is a lot of information that was given; things that worked for them and what didn't. Learn from someone else's mistakes!



## SUMMER GENEALOGY PICNIC AT THE GEORGIA ARCHIVES

Sponsored by The Georgia Genealogical Society

Saturday, June 23, 2018  
9:45 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The Georgia Archives  
5800 Jonesboro Rd.  
Morrow, GA 30260

### SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

- 9:45-10:00**     **Registration**  
*Event is FREE and open to the public!*
- 10:00-11:00**   **Archives Staff:**  
*Overview of records available for research at the Georgia Archives*
- 11:15-12:15**   **Archives Staff**  
*Records on microfilm at the Georgia Archives*
- 12:15-1:30**     **Traditional "Picnic" Sandwich Lunch**  
*Available for a small donation*
- 1:30-2:30**     **Speaker: Dr. D. L. Henderson**  
*Finding Harriet: A Journey Into the History and Legal Status of Persons of Color in the US.*
- 2:30-5:00**     **Individual Research**  
*Reference Library, Georgia Archives*

Vendor Tables from Genealogical Societies and other organizations will be on site and available to the public. GCGSI plans to have a table featuring information about our society and offering our books for sale.

Contact Sylvia Johnson ([carolinaandbuddy@yahoo.com](mailto:carolinaandbuddy@yahoo.com)), Donna Lehr ([dndlehr@aol.com](mailto:dndlehr@aol.com)), or Keely Chalk ([keelychalk@gmail.com](mailto:keelychalk@gmail.com)) if you are interested in attending the sessions and/or manning the vendor table.



## MY MEMORIES OF MY GRANDFATHER AND GRANDMOTHER MILLER

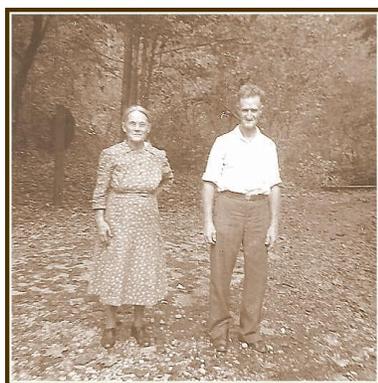
Gladys Spivey

They lived in a log house that was built in 1849. The house had one large room downstairs and a large room upstairs. The upstairs room was off limits to me and my siblings. I was always making up stories about what was in the room upstairs. That is for another story.

My siblings and I called Grandpa and Grandma "Pa and Ma." We were always ready to go to Pa's and Ma's and spend the day. Or a week. Or ever how long Mom would let us stay. Ma would always have a treat for us kids, and Pa would let us go to the barn with him when he milked the cow and fed the animals. I remember when I was small they had sheep and ducks. Pa would shear the sheep and Ma would pick the feathers from the ducks. I always worried that the sheep and ducks would freeze. Ma took the wool from the sheep and would spin it into thread to use for knitting, and the feathers from the ducks were used for making feather beds.



Old Miller Farm  
Photo provided by Gladys Spivey.



Emily and Ray Miller  
"Ma and Pa"  
Photo provided by Gladys Spivey.

When I got older I would help Ma in the garden and Pa in the corn field pulling fodder. Fodder is the green leaves pulled off the corn stalks and tied in a bunch and then hung back on a stalk that had been cut off above the ear of corn. The fodder would dry in the hot summer sun and Pa would feed it to the animals in the winter.

Pa made my brother truck wagons. He would cut rounds from a log and bore holes in the center for wheels. and then attach the wheels to a board with a rope for steering. We had some good rides down the hill on those wagons. Did I say Pa made truck wagons for the boys? It was fun for us girls too!



## GETTING TO KNOW YOU



(Editor's Note: This feature provides an opportunity for members to meet one another through the publication of short autobiographies. If you would like to share your autobiography, contact Mary Hicks at [mageeskids@ellijay.com](mailto:mageeskids@ellijay.com).)

### KEELY CHALK



GCGSI President Sylvia Johnson (L) with Keely Chalk (R)  
Photo: Donna Lehr

My life story is not one of any greatness. I have neither war heroes (except in my eyes) nor any “high society” links. My life is a simple one of love and devotion. I am the history in my family, and I want stories of my ancestors to pass down to future generations.

I was born in Americus, Georgia to Joseph and Rada Farmer in 1972. I was a Christmas present to my family. My paternal grandmother was so excited she had a granddaughter, she kissed the doctor! My family was very close! My grandparents were friends, and my uncles hung out together and rode motorcycles. The town was one where everyone knew everyone and no one was a stranger.

My family came to the area in 1905. Callaway Mills decided to put a cotton mill in part of the town and my great-great grandfathers came to work and brought their families. Milstead, Georgia was a small town of “lint heads” and rental homes. Milstead stayed very small as the town of Conyers grew around it.

I was a teacher for 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 10<sup>th</sup> grades for 17 years. During the summers I began working on my family history. I wanted to find out who I was and from where my family came. I decided in 2013 to leave the teaching field and use my education degree in another way – teaching businesses how to market themselves without breaking the bank.

Being a small business owner, my schedule is flexible enough to be able to give back to the community in service. My husband and I are members of the Ball Ground Lions Club. I am a member of the Reading Education Association of Dawson (R.E.A.D.) and the Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc. I am excited to be a part of this group and even more excited to serve as your 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President and First Families Chair!



## THREE GCGSI PRESIDENTS

Sylvia Johnson

Mary Owenby Jones and Sylvia Johnson, past and current presidents of the Gilmer County Genealogy Society, Inc., attended the Genealogy Workshops at the Georgia Daughters of the American Revolution Conference in Atlanta on April 4 and were delighted to see Earl Cagle who was there with his wife Marguerite. Earl is very busy as President of the John Collins Chapter of the Sons of American Revolution in Marietta. He was the President of GCGSI when we moved to the Gilmer County Library and was instrumental in raising the funds to obtain the naming right to the Research Room and calling it the "Genealogy Research Center." Ten thousand dollars in books and materials were provided to the library for that privilege! We have invited Earl and Marguerite to visit us soon and they hope to this summer.



*Mary Jones, Earl Cagle, and Sylvia Johnson  
Photo provided by Sylvia Johnson.*

## CHANGES TO GCGSI EXECUTIVE BOARD

Barbara J. Dover

Listed below are the members of your GCGSI Executive Board. There have been a few changes since the board's names were last published, so please contact these members with any questions.

President: Sylvia Johnson

1st Vice-President, Program Chair, and Publicity Co-Chair: Donna Lehr

2nd Vice-President and First Family Chair: Keely Chalk

Treasurer and Membership Chair: Susan Noles

Recording Secretary and Historian: Gladys Spivey

Corresponding Secretary, Social Media Contact, and Publicity Co-Chair: Rebecca Burrell

Additional Chairs for 2018:

Publication Chair: Barbara J. Dover

Hospitality and Events Chair: Mary Hicks

Hospitality and Events Co-Chair: Deborah Miller



# Bulletin Board

Donna Lehr, 1st Vice-President  
and Program Chair

## June 2018

- Tuesday, June 19  
Gilmer County Library  
2:00-4:00 p.m.  
ScanFest: Bring your family photos and videos for digital scanning!
- Thursday, June 21 - Summer Solstice!
- Tuesday, June 26  
Gilmer County Library  
6:00 p.m.  
Back by Popular Demand: Brad Quinlan  
*Mr. Quinlan will speak about Dr. Stout, a surgeon during the Atlanta Campaign of the Civil War.*
- Genealogy Family Research Center Volunteers  
Gilmer County Library  
Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
June 1 - Trish Henson  
June 8 - Mary Hicks  
June 15 - Rebecca Burrell  
June 22 - Wayne Hooper  
June 29 - Deborah Wilcox  
(Research Team: 10:00-12:00)

## July 2018

- Wednesday, July 4 - Happy Independence Day!
- Thursday, July 12  
Gilmer County Library - 6:00 p.m.  
Weekend Gold Miners Prospectors Club, Inc.  
*Do you feel lucky?*
- Thursday, July 19  
Gilmer County Library - 6:00 p.m.  
"From Coosa to Carters Lake"  
*GCGSI Member Wayne Hooper will present a program about the Coosa Indians whose home was on the current site of Carters Lake.*



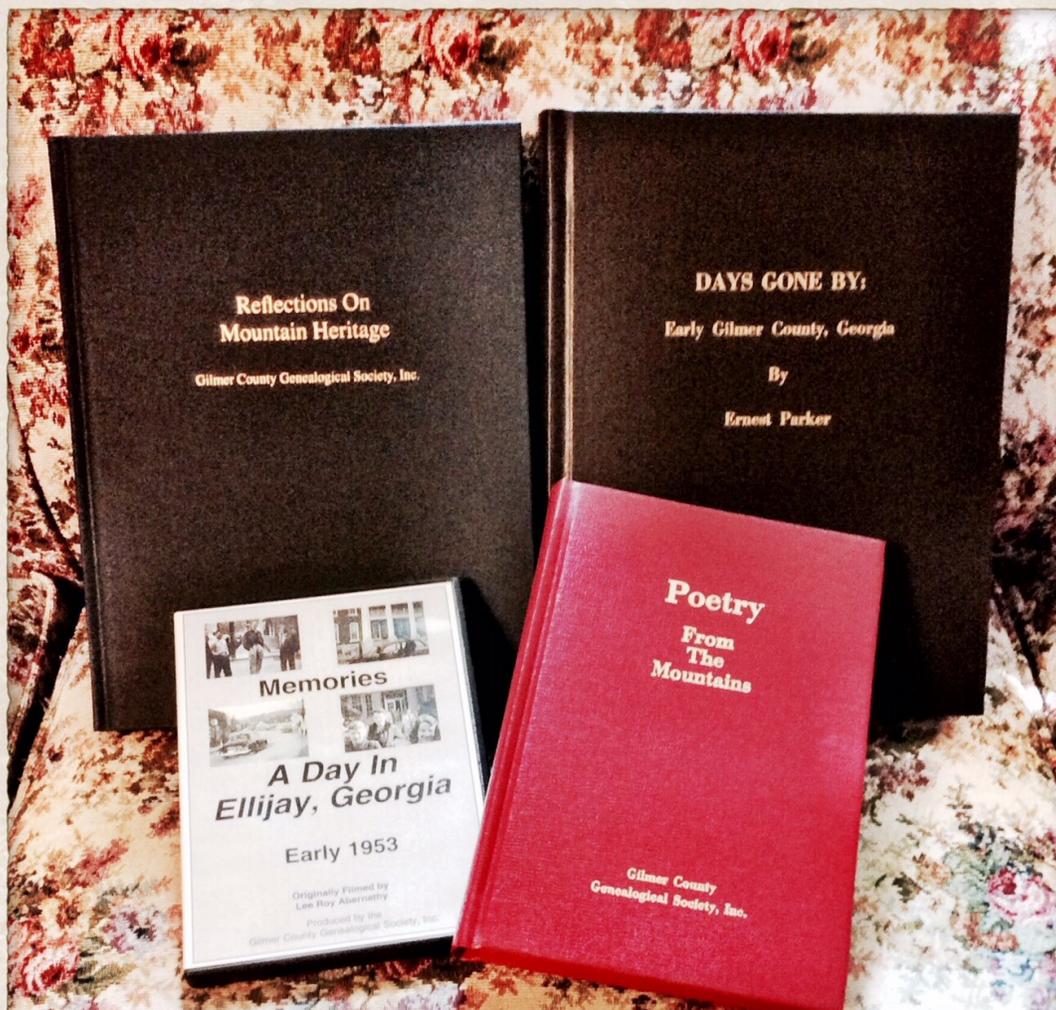
Barefoot Boy Dreaming  
Norman Rockwell  
The Literary Digest ~ July 29, 1922

## July 2018 (continued)

- Saturday, July 28  
Gilmer County Library - 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.  
"Beginning Genealogy"  
*Karen Titus, former president of GCGSI, will provide an introduction to researching your family tree. Please contact Sylvia Johnson at 770-722-3658 if you plan to attend.*
- Gilmer Family Research Center Volunteers  
Gilmer County Library  
Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
July 6 – Trish Henson  
July 13 – Rebecca Burrell  
July 20 – Mary Hicks  
July 27 – John Davis (Research Team: 10:00-12:00)
- Thursday, August 9  
ETC Pavilion - 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Annual Picnic  
Everyone welcome! Bring guests!
- Gilmer Family Research Center Volunteers  
Gilmer County Library  
Fridays from 10:00 a.m.- 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
August 3 - Trish Henson  
August 10 - Gladys Spivey  
August 17 - Gloria Beaudet  
August 24 - Deborah Wilcox  
August 31 - Gloria Beaudet  
(Research Team: 10:00-12:00)



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consider the years of many generations;  
ask thy Father, and he will shew thee;  
thy elders, and they will tell you.  
Deuteronomy 32:7

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