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THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE

By Kathi Harper Hill

(Editor's Note: This story is reprinted with permission from "The Best of the North Georgia Mountains" magazine.)

My old swimming hole was manmade. It was the city pool. It was where the Ellijay Primary School sits now.

That pool looms large in my childhood memories. It's where I learned to swim, but never dive. I just couldn't get the hang of it.

It's the place I got my first and only bad sunburn. I was taking lessons and it was cool and cloudy with a breeze. Got big old water blisters on my back that was so painful I ran around the house without a shirt on like a boy. I was eight years old so it didn't make much difference.

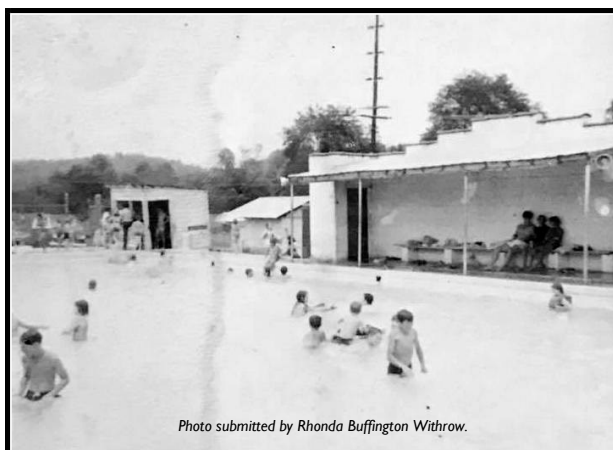


Photo submitted by Rhonda Buffington Withrow.

It was where my cousins and I went every chance we got in the summer. The library was right in front of the pool, so for a book worm like me, I was in heaven. I'd stop on my way to the pool and drop off a stack of books, then, making sure I was drip dried and my swimsuit was covered properly with my terrycloth jacket and my flip flops didn't squeak on the floor, I would stop back by and browse books. I usually wound up with almost more books than I could carry home.

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We were always starving by the time we got to my house. After all, we'd played tea party under water, splashed, tried to swim across the pool, and as we got older, look at cute boys.

But for many years boys were just a nuisance.

We'd get to my house and make banana sandwiches and sit in front of the television, watching cartoons and eating till we were about to pop.

I almost drowned there too. This time the pool was so crowded one could hardly jump in without hitting someone. I was never afraid of water, and that got me in trouble more than once.



When I was very small, my family was at a lake. I remember sitting next to my mother and talking about two of the boys who were swimming and who were with our party. They were cousins, I think, and both named Ted. I was talking up a storm about "big Ted and little Ted" and the next thing I knew I was in the lake, going under. I must have lost my balance, I don't remember. The next thing that happened was my mother jumped in after me to save me. However; there was a little problem: My mother never learned to swim! My poor daddy had to rescue both of us. I don't know if he had help, I don't remember that part either.

At the pool, I remember standing on the edge at the deep end, trying to decide. The shallow part was way too crowded to jump, and I didn't want to walk all the way to the end and walk down the steps into the water.



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Making a decision I would soon regret, I jumped. But there were so many people I couldn't get back to the edge to hold on. I just kept getting pushed further and further toward the middle. I didn't know how to tread water, and I couldn't push off on anything to try to swim, so I started going down. I remember coming up a couple of times, but not being able to stay up. So, I stayed down. I remember letting all the air out and feeling woozy. The next thing I knew, someone had their arms around me and up I came, out of the water. (Thank you, Daphne Davis, wherever you are!)

I was so shaken up, I got out, and lying down on my towel, I almost cried. My cousin came over and asked didn't I want to play tea party, and I said no, I wasn't feeling well and just wanted to go home. I don't think I even stopped at the library.

Later, the pool became the place to show off our bikinis, get wet and get back out to lie in the sun, cast sideways glances at the boys, giggle and discuss wardrobe for the upcoming weekend teen canteen that we attended.

Big "doin's", I'd say.

I moved away in 1975 for a few years. When I came back, the "new" pool had been built. I tried going there a few times, but it wasn't the same at all. Or maybe I wasn't the same.

Then I went back when my daughter was a child, so she could enjoy the pool, but of course my role was quite different by then. And even by the late 70's I knew a tan was a terrible thing to do to one's skin, and I had stopped right after high school.

But even today, a certain song will come on the radio and I'll be pulled instantly back to the days at the pool where squeals, laughter and loud music ruled the air.



*Born and raised in the North Georgia Mountains of Appalachia, author Kathi Harper Hill writes about Southern life. Her children's book *The Crow and The Wind* was first runner up in the 2011 Georgia Author of the Year Awards. Her latest novel *Bensy and Me* was nominated for the 2017 Georgia Author of the Year Awards in the Humor division. She states that Appalachian is her first language, English her second.*



THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

By Sylvia Johnson

Our annual Christmas Party was held at the Shriner's Club on December 14, 2017, and it was a great success as always. We had wonderful food and fellowship, and the door prizes this year added a little something extra. Mary Jones, a longtime member and former President, performed the installation of our 2018 officers with a beautiful candlelit ceremony. This adds some solemnity to the oaths of office. This made all of us officers think of the responsibilities we were undertaking, the commitment to the other board members, and of the membership now and those that came before us.



Please take note that the Gilmer County Library's circulation desk will no longer be selling the books that we have published, but they can be purchased at our monthly meetings and ordered through the mail. An order form is linked to our website at www.gcgsi.org. Also, the circulation desk will no longer accept checks or cash for dues or First Family Applications, so those will need to be mailed or paid at a monthly meeting. Both the membership form and First Family application may also be found linked to our website. Please be sure to update any contact information when paying dues.

Because of the volume of research requests from Facebook, email and U.S. mail, our Research Team is again meeting on the last Friday of the month from 10 a.m. – 12 noon to complete all requests received. For privacy reasons, those requests will now be kept in a large white envelope in the left front of the Family Files rather than on top of the file cabinet. Friday volunteers are also asked to assist the Research Team with those research requests as time permits. (Weekly volunteers' names are listed in the Bulletin Board and the Research Team members are listed on the Research Corner Page in this newsletter. Volunteers' names are subject to change.)

Our First Friday Beginning Genealogy Classes at the Gilmer County Library are cancelled. However, we plan to sponsor a workshop at the Gilmer County Library on Saturday, July 28, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., giving participants more time to explore research information and trace family histories. Stay tuned for further information!

Thank you to the membership of this organization for an outstanding first quarter! People are making efforts to pay their dues and we are now up to 175 on our membership list. (If you haven't paid your dues for 2018 yet, you still have until the end of March.) We have had excellent attendance at our meetings, and more and more people are "liking" our Facebook page! If you ever have any questions about our organization, please don't hesitate to ask.



FIRST QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS, 2018

Photos provided by
Rebecca Burrell unless
marked otherwise.

GCGSI BOARD PLANNING MEETING

The Board of GCGSI met at the Gilmer County Library on Wednesday, December 13, 2017, to plan meetings, activities, and events for 2018. Stay tuned for a great year!



CHRISTMAS GATHERING AND INSTALLATION OF 2018 OFFICERS



The members of GCGSI met at the Coosawattee Shrine Club Lodge in Ellijay on Thursday, December 14, to share good food and fellowship for the holiday season. The installation of our officers for 2018 was also held at this time with a beautiful candlelit ceremony.





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CHRISTMAS GATHERING AND INSTALLATION OF 2018 OFFICERS
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GCGSI Officers for 2018 were installed at the Christmas Gathering. Mary Jones officiated the candlelit ceremony as the following officers were installed: President: Sylvia Johnson; First Vice-President and Program Chair: Donna Lehr; Second Vice-President and First Family Chair: Susan Noles; Treasurer: John Davis; Corresponding Secretary and Publicity: Rebecca Burrell; and Recording Secretary and Historian: Gladys Spivey.



2017 and 2018 GCGSI Board

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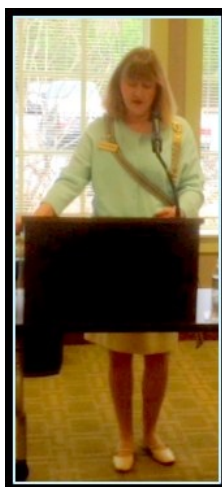
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JANUARY MEETING

Telia Cunningham was our speaker for the meeting on January 11. Ms. Cunningham spoke about the Midway Museum and Church, the only colonial museum in Georgia.



Photo provided by Ms. Cunningham.



FEBRUARY MEETING

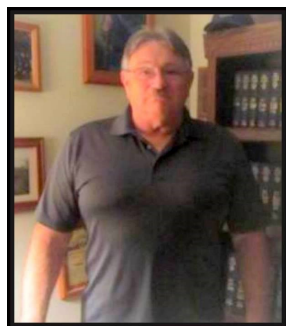


Photo provided by Mr. Quinlan.

Brad Quinlan was our guest speaker for the meeting on February 8. Mr. Quinlan is an author, historian, and Revolutionary and Civil War Battlefield Guide. He spoke about letters written during the Battle of Atlanta.





FIRST FAMILIES BOOK

By Karen Titus

We have been gathering photos, family stories and expanding the family trees of the First Families of Gilmer County members in preparing the book containing their legacies. It is an enormous amount of work by some extremely dedicated members of the Genealogy Society. The chapters that have been completed to date are marvelous. It has been a struggle acquiring materials from some folks but they have finally gotten on board and turned in some great stories and shared family photos that are a great asset to the book. The editors are doing very well at keeping up with the materials and turning them into the finished product. In other words, we are making forward progress! We will keep you posted as we continue this journey.



POP'S BASKET

By Dan Lehr

It was a simple "splint" type affair with two hinged lids. It was "big." This was the kind that would hold picnic lunch for six adults, four children and a hungry dog! It was used to carry my grandfather's hunting gear. There were boots, gloves, ammunition, a hat or two and the ever present bottle of "Old Grandad" whiskey that was there in the event of an "emergency" or to celebrate the killing of a buck by one of our party. (We had few of either.) The bottle remained almost full for all the years I could remember.

The basket took up a lot of space in the trunk of that old Pontiac sedan and most of us laughed a bit when Pop fit it into the car. We did not laugh, however, when one of us "came up short" and forgot something like a pair of gloves or a hand warmer. Guess where we went? Yep! to Pop's basket.

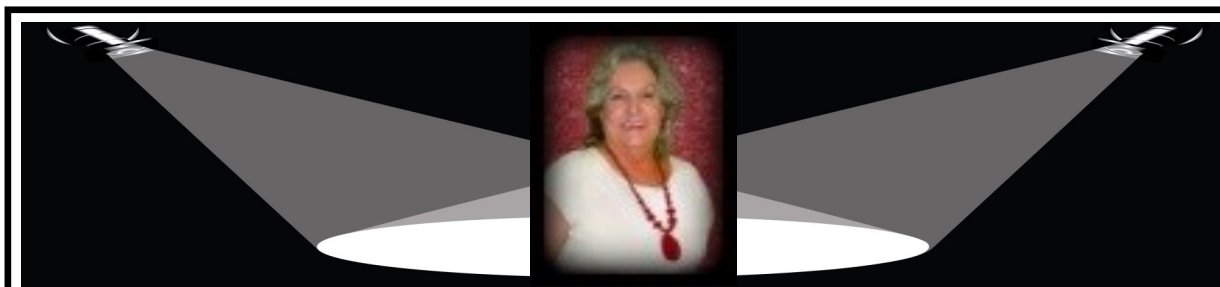


Pop is gone now and I wish I had that old basket. I'd take it on a picnic!



GCGSI MEMBER SPOTLIGHT: KATHRYN WATKINS

By Mary Owenby Jones, Ed. D.



Kathryn Davis Watkins, a 21-year member of the Gilmer County Genealogical Society, is our featured member this month. She has been Photographer for the society, Executive Board Secretary several times, Membership Chair, and Historian.

As a part of furthering genealogical research, Kathryn visited some of the cemeteries and cataloged tombstones in Gilmer County. She compiled cemetery lists of the names and presented a copy to GCGSI to loan to the Family Research Room of the library to further information and family research. She also is a member of the Lions Club of Gilmer County serving the community well. She is also a member of the Gilmer County Historical Society and a Voting Poll Manager.

Kathryn is the daughter of Ethel Smith Davis and Kenneth Davis. She is a member of the First Families of Gilmer County through her ancestor John Tucker. We are indeed pleased to recognize a hardworking, longstanding member of GCGSI.

The GCGSI Charter formed after a group of Gilmer Countians published a historical/ genealogical book preserving the county's historical and family information: Gilmer County, Georgia: 1832-1996. They then made it a goal to create the Gilmer County Family Research Center at the Gilmer County Library, providing funding for the necessary resources for study and preservation of the genealogical data and family histories of members of the community. Some of the surviving Charter members also include Merle Weaver Garland, Morris Parks, Shirley Sluder, Betty Riddle, and Estelle Wall.

Photo submitted by Gladys Sprivey.

By Barbara J. Dover

In 1902, one of the most popular beauty treatments included arsenic. Yes, arsenic, an element that was used in chemical warfare during World War I and is widely known for its ability to poison individuals. Dr. Rose's French Arsenic Complexion Wafers were advertised to enhance beauty and create smooth skin. Ooh La La! Below is the ad from the *1902 Sears-Roebuck Catalog*.





"As" Stands For ... Anti-Aging Serum?

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The ad touts, **"Every lady a possible buyer of this celebrated complexion preparation and beautifier. Regular size, also large size boxes, can be sold constantly at a very good profit."**

Here is the "fine print" found in the advertisement:

PERFECTLY HARMLESS when used in accordance with our directions, it possesses the "Wizard's Touch" in producing, preserving and enhancing beauty of form and person in male and female by surely developing a transparency and pellucid clearness of complexion, shapely contour of form, brilliant eyes, soft and smooth skin, where by nature the reverse exists.

THE GREAT TROUBLE HITHERTO has been how to make this beautifying principle safely available and at the same time avoid what is detrimental and injurious. Arsenical solutions have utterly failed, and until a recent discovery by a French physician and chemist, the internal administration of arsenic has been attended with more or less danger as well as disappointing results. In the direction for which they are intended **their effect is simply magical**, the most astounding transformation in personal appearance being brought about by their daily use. **Even the coarsest and most repulsive skin and complexion**, marred by freckles and other disfigurements, slowly changes into an unrivaled purity of texture, free from any spot or blemish whatever; the pinched features become agreeable, the form angular gradually transforms itself into the perfection of womanly grace and beauty. Used by men the favorable results are the same. **All danger is averted in these complexion wafers**, prepared by our experienced chemist, and the remedy taken in the manner directed on each box is absolutely innocuous, while the peculiar virtues of the remedy remain unimpaired and intact. Taken as directed the wafers will be found a **positive, safe and magical specific** for all sorts of **skin troubles, unsightliness and imperfections**, being in reality the only beautifier of the complexion, skin and form known. **Guaranteed a sure cure for freckles, moles, blackheads, pimples, vulgar redness, rough, yellow or muddy skin**, and other facial disfigurements are permanently removed and a deliciously clear complexion and round up of angular forms assured.

LADIES, YOU CAN BE BEAUTIFUL. No matter who you are, what your disfigurements may be, you can make yourself as handsome as any lady in the land by the use of our **French Arsenic Wafers**. **We recommend ordering one dozen large boxes and then carefully follow our directions.**

No. 8R99 Our price, per dozen boxes, \$3.30; per box of 50 treatments... 35¢

No. 8R100 Our price, per dozen boxes, \$6.00; per box of 100 treatments, 67¢

If by mail, postage extra, per box, small, 3 cents; large, 3 cents.

So if you find it hard to believe what is being mixed together in face creams today, just think about using these wafers at the turn of the 20th century. Personally, I'd like to add one more sentence to the advertisement: **WARNING: Do not use while enjoying elderberry wine!**



GETTING TO KNOW YOU



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

BEN AND EILEEN BAILEY

Ben was born in Brooklyn, New York, and grew up in Babylon, New York. Eileen was born and grew up in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. Ben was in the U.S. Army Signal Corps for 20 years and we have six children, three boys and three girls. We have eight grandchildren with one on the way. We joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Munich, Germany, in 1972, hence our interest in family history and genealogy. Besides the United States, Ben spent a year in South Korea and we spent eight years in Germany. In the U.S. we were stationed at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, twice; Fort Huachuca, Arizona; and Fort Bragg, North Carolina. After Ben retired from the Army the end of 1982, we spent 23 years in Maryland near Annapolis. Eileen was an elementary school teacher for 18 years. We retired for good and moved to Georgia in 2008. We then served two full-time missions for the LDS Church in 2010-11 and 2016-17, both times on the British floor of the Family History Library in Salt Lake City. We are now Church Service (part-time) missionaries working on FamilySearch's Research Wiki. We also have Church callings in our local congregation as family history consultants. We volunteer with the Kids First children's literacy program in Gilmer County and at the Gilmer County Community Food Pantry.



LINDA TEAGUE LAWRENCE



Hello! My name is Linda Teague Lawrence and I'm a native of Gilmer County. Many generations of both mom's and dad's people are natives as well. Spent my early school years at East Ellijay Elementary and grew up in communities of Clear Creek, Turniptown and "East Town". My family then moved to St Augustine in Florida where I married and started a family, attended school receiving a degree in Respiratory Therapy and began 31+ year career so far. I have 3 grown children and 2 grandsons (oldest grandson is a Navy Airman-USS Ronald Reagan in Japan). I moved back to Ellijay 20 years ago, built my home close to Clear Creek community where I grew up as a child and work part time at area hospitals. My hobbies include hiking, camping, fishing, fossil digs, mudlarking, rockhounding, gardening, loafing backroads, identifying and preserving old family photos, traveling to unusual destinations, re-searching family genealogy/DNA and of course spending time with my family.



RESEARCH CORNER

By Rebecca Burrell



Member Gladys Spivey is looking for more information on Joseph Miller and Catherine Clark Miller.

Becky and Cliff Kuykendall, Cherry Log, GA are researching Hurst, Hitchcock, Kuykendall surnames. Any long lost relatives out there?

Justin Smith, Cumming, GA guitarzan70.js@gmail.com is looking to purchase the Gilmer County Heritage Book (no longer in print) if anyone has one for sale. He is a descendant of Clayton, Reid, Osborn, and Vandergriff families.

Sandra Bazarian, Dunwoody, GA sanbazarian@gmail.com is searching for information on her 3Xgreat grandmother, Mary McFarland born in 1802. She had a son, George Washington McFarland in 1827 (her 2Xgreat grandfather) and a daughter Mary Amanda McFarland in 1825 and was a widow in the 1840 census. Sandra is looking for marriage records, husband's name and Mary's maiden name.

Ray Walker crosscut4309@hotmail.com is also searching for the Gilmer County Heritage Book.

Mary Dover Lenoir City, TN mmargiedo@charter.net is looking for Lawrence Stanley's book "A Rough Road in a Good Land".

Peggy Anne Davis on Facebook would like to have a picture of the old Jarrett Hotel.

Long time member Betty Watson [706-636-3016](tel:706-636-3016) continues her search for ancestors of Elias and Elizabeth Dupree.

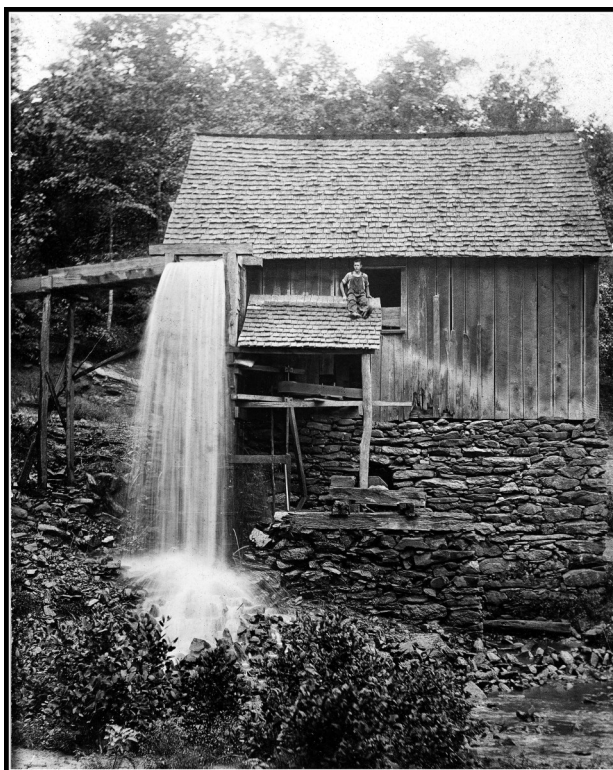
Family researcher Melody Bland Daisson is researching her 4 generation Bramlett ancestors for an accreditation project to become a professional genealogist. Her great-great grandfather James Martin Bramlett was born in Ellijay, Gilmer, Georgia 29 January 1861. His father, John Robert Bramblett served in the confederate army in the 65th regiment. She is interested in any information about the Bramletts of Gilmer County from 1860-1940 for her accreditation project. If someone in our society is interested in doing on site research for her in exchange for record look ups at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, she would be very interested in that opportunity. Her email is melodydaisson@gmail.com.

Roy Vernon Sanford is interested in obtaining more documentation about Sanford and Quarles family history in Gilmer County. His mother is a descendant of the Quarles family.



THE HOLT FAMILY GRIST MILL

By Danny Mashburn



Holt Family Grist Mill
Vernon Holt (b. 1898, d. 1963)
Photo: Richard Holt

One of Gilmer County's grist mills, this mill was the old Aldon Tucker Mill before it became the Holt Family Mill. The mill was located at the old Jasper Lorenzo Holt home place on Wash Ballew Branch one quarter mile north of the Cartecay River on Big Creek Road, near Holt Bridge Road in the Pike Community. Jas was the post master at the Pike Post Office. Vernon Jasper "Vernie" Holt was Jas' son and is the man in the photo. Vernie's grandson Richard said that the mill originally had a water wheel, changed to a turbine mill, then reverted to an overshot water wheel. The mill house began collapsing around 1960 and its rock wall foundation is all that remains today.

(Editor's Note: Danny Mashburn is the author of the book Historical Mills of Fannin County, Georgia 1854-2017. It was published by the Fannin County Heritage Foundation and Baugh House Museum, Blue Ridge, Georgia. The book can be purchased at the Fannin County Library, from Mr. Mashburn, from other board members of the museum, and at the museum after it reopens on April 1. He is currently researching Fannin County churches; Fannin County country stores; and Gilmer County mills.)



WE CONNECT - GILMER COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

By Patricia Henson

Larry Davis - Citizen of the Year: At the January 25th meeting of the Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce, Gilmer County native, Larry Davis, was named the Chamber's Citizen of the year. This honor is given to persons who have contributed their expertise and talents to Gilmer County over their lifetime. In the introduction of Larry, it was stated that Larry had never said "no" when asked to participate in an event. He and his family are well known for their musical abilities, and when he and his brother Vic were asked to perform at our annual genealogical picnic, of course they said yes. Congratulations to Larry on this well-deserved honor!

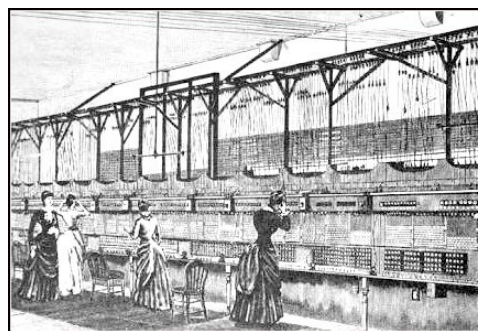


Photo: twistedhistory.net

Chuck Reece: Our speaker for the Citizen of the Year presentation was Chuck Reece who was born in Gilmer County, graduated from Gilmer High School and the University of Georgia. After college he left for New York City where he spent ten years as a journalist before moving back to the Atlanta area. Back in Georgia, he became the co-founder and the editor-in chief of "The Bitter Southerner" web magazine. He spoke about the changes in Gilmer County, how the South in general has changed, and how it is still changing today. He states in his web magazine that they are looking for stories of the old South, the new South, and the South that is now emerging. He asserts, "The South has many stories from a diverse range of perspectives...the stories are out there, all over the South. They deserve to be told...". For more information and to read stories by others, check out the magazine at bittersoutherner.com

Upcoming Event: The Georgia Apple Blossom Festival will be held on May 5 and 6, 2018 in East Ellijay. There will be fifty hand-selected, regional vendors, offering food, art, crafts, and more. There is no charge and it is pet-friendly. Make your plans to go.



Logo: Gilmer County Chamber of Commerce



IN MEMORY OF JOSEPH PARKS HILL (August 27, 1933-December 9, 2017)

By Gladys Spivey

On this journey we call life we meet people that we feel are our kindred spirit. Joseph Parks Hill was one of those people. He was a kind gentle man who always had a smile for everyone.

He was very interested in preserving the history of Gilmer County and the traditions of our forefathers.

He and I could spend hours reminiscing about our family's traditions and stories we remembered from our childhood.

"Parks" as he was known was active in the GCGSI as long as his health permitted. He was a proud member of the First Families of Gilmer County. He was so proud of his heritage.



Photo from Family.

Obituary of Joseph Parks Hill (from Logan Funeral Home)

Mr. Joseph Parks Hill, age 84 of Ellijay, GA passed Saturday evening, December 9th, 2017 at the Life Care Center of Copper Basin in Ducktown, TN.

Mr. Hill was born August 27th, 1933 in Ellijay, GA to his late parents James Samuel and Mary Marie Parks Hill. He graduated from Ellijay High School, Class of 1950, served in the United States Navy as a petty officer, third class and received three Korean Engagement Stars. Parks went on to attend the University of Georgia, graduating with his bachelor's degree in 1961 and earning his masters degree in 1972. Mr. Hill worked for the Georgia Department of Human Resources from 1962 until 1989, retiring as the chief of the Business Enterprise Unit for the Georgia Department of Rehabilitation. Parks went on to work for the Atlanta chapter of the American Red Cross from 1989 until 1996. He attended Nine Mile United Methodist Church.



BULLETIN BOARD

By: Donna Lehr

March 2018

- Thursday, March 8
GCGSI Monthly Meeting
Gilmer County Library – 2:00 p.m.
Speakers: Mike Pilvinsky, Commander of Gilmer Co.
Military Order of the Purple Heart and
Carl Milam, Historian and Adjutant of the Gilmer Co.
Military Order of the Purple Heart
- Sunday, March 11 – Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Saturday, March 17 – Happy St. Patrick's Day!
- Genealogy Family Research Center Volunteers
Gilmer County Library
Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
March 2 – Trish Henson
March 9 – Rebecca Burrell
March 16 – Sylvia Johnson
March 23 – Kathryn Watkins (Research Team: 10:00-12:00)
March 30 – Good Friday (Library Closed)

April 2018

- April 1 - Happy Easter!
- Thursday, April 12
GCGSI Monthly Meeting
Gilmer County Library - 2:00 p.m.
Speaker: Marian Presswood
In her own words "Here's a crazy woman who has spent the last 30 or so years trying to help preserve the history of Polk County, Tennessee and its people, and she's here to tell you about some of the "soap opera" families she's researched, what resources she used, and what she learned from it all that might also help you as you preserve your own precious family heritage."
- Genealogy Family Research Center Volunteers
Gilmer County Library
Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
April 6 – Trish Henson
April 13 – Gladys Spivey
April 20 – Sylvia Johnson
April 27 – John Davis (Research Team: 10:00-12:00)



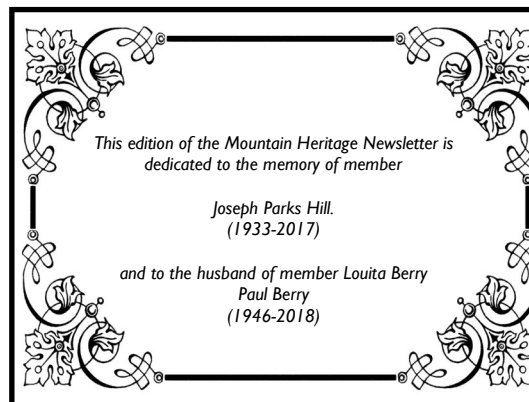
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Springtime, 1927
Norman Rockwell
The Saturday Evening Post

May 2018

- Thursday, May 10
GCGSI Monthly Meeting
Gilmer County Library - 2:00 p.m.
Speaker: Tony Lett
Mr. Lett will be discussing his "find" of a chest that was used in storage of his great-great-grandfather's military uniform. What makes this "find" extraordinary is that the uniform was worn during the Atlanta Campaign of the Civil War (May-September, 1864!)
- Sunday, May 13 – Happy Mother's Day!
- Gilmer Family Research Center Volunteers
Gilmer County Library
Fridays from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.; 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
May 4 – Trish Henson
May 11 – Rebecca Burrell
May 18 – Gladys Spivey
May 25 – Gladys Spivey (Research Team: 10:00-12:00)





8th ANNUAL GENEALOGY JAMBOREE AND PIONEER DAY CUMBERLAND GAP, TENNESSEE

The 8th Annual Genealogy Jamboree and Pioneer Day in the historic town of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee is a FREE FAMILY EVENT where all can learn their Genealogical History and Heritage. Learn about the lifestyles of our pioneer ancestors. Demonstrations will be given by Craftsmen/women, Native Americans and Military Re-enactors. Among our exhibitors are genealogical and historical societies and speakers, surname tents, authors and crafters. Our exhibitors will have a wide variety of offerings: genealogical to historical books, handmade soaps, jewelry, coal crafters, chair caning, blacksmith, and many other items.

We are not limiting the genealogy to the families that came to or through Cumberland Gap, Tennessee but to include all families of the United States. Bring your family together in a reunion here in Cumberland Gap at the Russell Berkau Memorial Park on Friday or Saturday. For more information contact David A. Nelson, Jr., Director of the Genealogy Jamboree and CGTGHG President, at David@GenealogyJamboree.us or 678-522-4838.

8th Annual Genealogy Jamboree and Pioneer Day in the Historic Town of Cumberland Gap, Tennessee

FREE EVENT

June 7-9, 2018

FREE EVENT



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Sponsored by CGTGHG.org





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*Remember the days of old,
consider the years of many generations;
ask thy Father, and he will shew thee;
thy elders, and they will tell you.*

Deuteronomy 32:7

Membership Form

We are a non-profit all volunteer organization whose aim is to promote and preserve family history. Our goal is to have all necessary tools available in the Gilmer County Library's Family Research Center to aide you in your search. Please mail your membership form and dues to the address above or you may bring to our monthly meeting.

PATRON: \$50

CORPORATE: \$100

SPONSOR: \$250

BENEFACTOR: \$500

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES:

Single: \$10.00

Family (including unmarried children in home:) \$15.00

Student (ages 13-17:) \$5.00

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Name(s) _____

Mailing Address: _____

Home Telephone: _____ Mobile Telephone: _____

Primary Email Address: _____

Family Surnames for Research _____

Date: _____

Amount: _____

GCGSI meetings are held at the Gilmer County Library; 268 Calvin Jackson Drive; Ellijay, Georgia 30540, on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 2:00 p.m., except for the months of June, July, and August. Please call 706-635-4528 to confirm meeting.

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