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Pandemic in a Time of War: Gilmer County Soldiers in WWI

Rebecca Holt Amerson



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World War I – known then as “The Great War” - officially ended when the Treaty of Versailles was signed in France on June 28, 1919. However, fighting ended seven months earlier when an armistice between the Allied nations and Germany went into effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918. For that reason, November 11, 1918, is generally known as the end of “the war to end all wars.”

In November 1919, President Wilson proclaimed November 11 as the first commemoration of Armistice Day. In 1938, Armistice Day became a legal holiday. In 1954 after World War II and the Korean War, November 11th became the day we honor American veterans of all wars.

In recognition of Veteran’s Day 2022, I wanted to share the story of three Gilmer County World War I soldiers. I became acquainted with these young men after spending some time with my brother Richard Holt cleaning and repairing cemetery markers.

We were cleaning a family stone in the Oak Hill Methodist Cemetery during the pandemic. I was intrigued by a stone nearby engraved with an American flag. I wanted to know the story of the young man buried there – Private Samuel Lafayette Parks – and it was our honor to clean his stone.

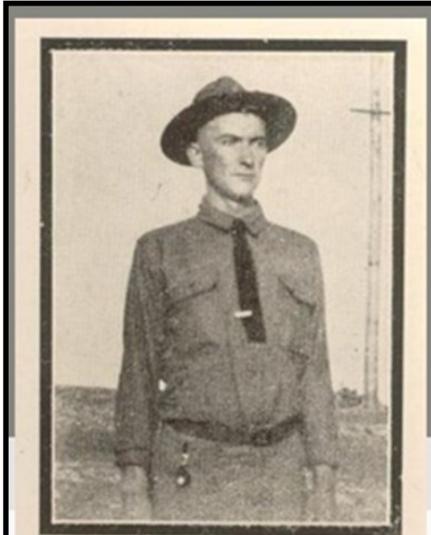
Samuel was born on 19 June 1888 in Pike/Cartecay to Samuel and Susan Parks. He was working in Roy when he registered for the draft 5 June 1917 at age 28.

He entered the service 5 September 1917 and was sent to Macon for training at Camp Wheeler, a temporary training camp consisting primarily of tents for 29,000 officers and enlisted men. It was active only two years, 1917-1919.

The Great Influenza Epidemic, known as the Spanish Flu, swept the world from



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PVT. SAMUEL LAFAYETTE
PARKS
Pike, Ga.

Private Parks entered the service September 5th, 1917. He was sent to Camp Wheeler, Macon, Georgia, for military training. Was attached to Company "B," 122nd Infantry, 1st Regiment, "Dixie" Division. Contracted pneumonia, which resulted in his death, March 11th, 1918.

Photo: findagrave.com

1918 to 1920. It often resulted in death to young people ages 20-35, the age of most soldiers, and attacked in three waves: spring of 1918, fall of 1918, and winter of 1918-19.

By the War Department's estimate, 25% of the Army, over 1 million men, fell ill. Army-wide, influenza and pneumonia accounted for nearly 30,000 deaths. Samuel died of pneumonia at Camp Wheeler in the first wave of the epidemic on 11 March 1918.



*Samuel Lafayette Parks' Headstone
(Before and After Cleaning)
Photo: Rebecca Holt Amerson*



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*Frank Holt's Grave with Toppled Headstone
Photo: Richard Holt*

A year would pass when someone asked us if Frank Holt was family. His stone was in the Jarrett Cemetery in Ellijay and had fallen, needing to be reset. We found Frank, his mother, and two siblings all together. As soon as I saw the death date, I knew I needed to know his story, too.

Frank J. Holt was born 17 Jan 1891 in Ellijay, GA to Western and Mary Miller Holt. He was indeed family, sharing great grandfather Ausborn Holt with my dad. Frank, along with 7 others, enlisted in the Army in World War I at the Local Board for Gilmer County on 26 April 1918. He was 27 years old. He was sent to Camp Gordon near Atlanta for his initial army training.



*Resetting the Gravestone
Photo: Richard Holt*

On 8 June 1918 he was transferred to Camp Greenleaf at Fort Oglethorpe, GA for medic training. Camp Greenleaf had about 10,000 medical, dental, and veterinary officers and 70,000 enlisted medics, nurses, technicians, and assistants.



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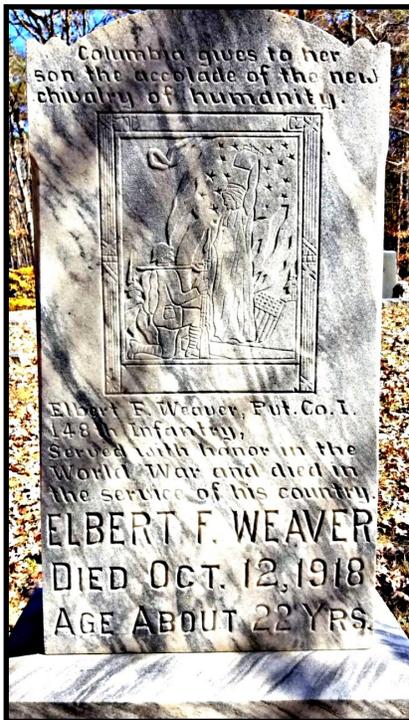
Private Frank J. Holt was sent to Camp Merritt, NJ, the largest WWI embarkation camp, on 29 June 1918 to wait for transport to Europe.

The Spanish Flu epidemic in 1918 was at its worst at Camp Merritt September to November 1918. 15 officers, 558 enlistees, four nurses and one civilian died at the camp, most from the flu.

Frank J. Holt died of influenza on 11 October 1918, a victim of the second wave of Spanish Flu, having served in the US Army less than six months.



*Frank J. Holt Gravestone
Photo: Richard Holt*



*Gravestone of Elbert Frank Weaver
Photo: Rebecca Holt Amerson*

Just recently I have found the beautifully engraved stone of Elbert F. Weaver in the Mount Zion Baptist Church Cemetery, the son of David and Rutha Weaver.

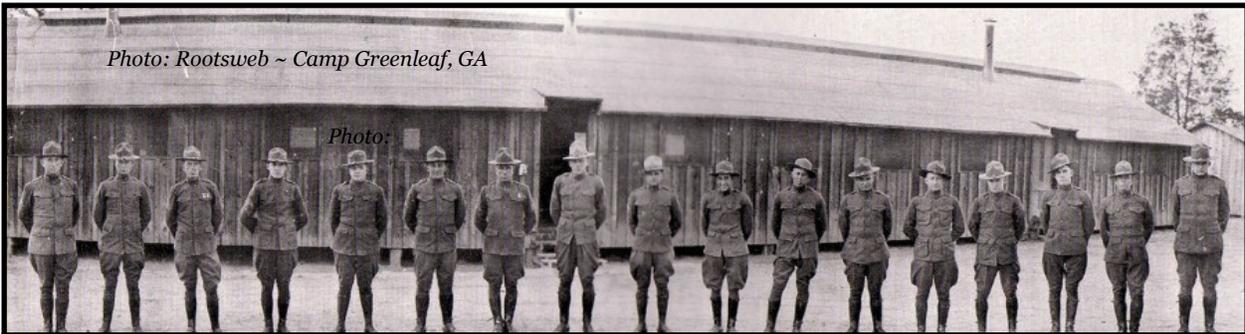
Frank was inducted into the military in May 1918 and sent to France in June 1918. He was wounded northwest of Verdun, France about 30 September 1918 as a part of the Hundred Days Offensive that would lead up to the end of World War I.

Frank would die of pneumonia, another victim of the worldwide Spanish Flu epidemic on 12 October 1918, just weeks before the war ended on 11 November 1918.



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A World War I Memorial was opened in Washington, DC in the spring of 2021 to honor the 4.7 million Americans who served our country in the Great War, including 116,516 men and women who made the supreme sacrifice. Eighteen people from Gilmer County, GA died in that service from November 1917 to October 1920, ten of those from pneumonia, as a result of the Spanish flu. I hope you take a moment to remember and honor their lives.



Gilmer County WWI Soldier Deaths

<u>Gilmer County WWI Soldier</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Cause of Death</u>	<u>Interment</u>
Boen, William C.	24	Pneumonia	Nine Mile UMC
Cochran, Ira D.	17	KIA	New Liberty
Davis, Teasley	23	KIA	Liberty Baptist Church
Elliott, Jimmie D.	25	Pneumonia	Pleasant Grove Baptist
Fendley, Lenard J.	26	Pneumonia	France
Forrester, Orville Clifford	27	Pneumonia	Ebenezer Baptist Church
Hensley, Thomas C.	18	Appendicitis	Pleasant Grove Baptist
Henson, Wiley J.	23	KIA	Turniptown
Holt, Frank	27	Influenza	Jarrett Cemetery
Kilby, Amos V.	32	Pneumonia	France
Kirby, James Waldo	32		Ellijay City Cemetery
Martin, Aubrey R.	28	Pneumonia	Lebanon, Cherokee Co.
Mealer, Elijah	27	Empyema	France
Newberry, Lester	22	KIA	Marietta National
Parks, Richard	20	KIA	France
Parks, Samuel Lafayette	29	Pneumonia	Oak Hill UMC
Simmons, Louis P.	27	Pneumonia	Cartecay UMC
Weaver, Elbert F	24	Pneumonia	Mt. Zion



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Times-Courier ~ February 1, 1918
Gilmer County Men Placed in Class One for WWI
Photo: Georgia Historic Newspapers usg.edu



Men Who are Placed in Class One by The Board

The Local Board for Gilmer has just finished classifying the registered men and find about 114 men to be classed in Class One. The following is a list of those placed in First Class.

- Joseph G. Kincaid
Wm. Henry Dotson
T. R. Sanford
Wiley Henson
Hugh Carter Mayfield
Henry Crook
Harley Davis
Lawrence Bearden
Lonzey V Wright
Sim Jackson
Fred Painter
Walton Richard Bearden
Arrie McPhearson
William Harrison Rackley
Roy Garner
Jule Gay Burnett
John Russell Sutton
Ralph Leland Davis
W. H. Baker
Robert Turner
Robert L. Holden

- Arvil Franklin Walker
Sam Withrow
John C. Tatum
Arthur Morris
Henry E. Goble
J. A. Sanford
William Thomas Newberry
Chas. L. Osborn
Newton F. Ray
John Gordon Plemmons
Horace Edward Pence
Madison Harvy Ray
Harvy L. Owenby
Thomas Webb
Frank Weaver
John Wilson
William C. Dover
Franne B. Plemmons
Silvey Floyd Jones
Elias Herchel Nichols
W. B. Holloway
Joseph V. Legg
Fred Mulkey
James Claud Jones
Charley Mack Young
Ben Ralston
John William Lewis Crump
William Palmer Clayton
Samuel Ensley Auderson
Dailey Kincaid
Gordon Mashburn
Andrew Harris
L. M. Rogers
Ed Herbert McArthur

- Frank Holt
Charles E. Crook
Benson Reed Vandegriff
B. L. Sanford
Enzlo L. Teem
Glenn L. Moore
Jimmie Dock Elliott
James Thomas Anderson
C. F. Sisson
Clarence H. Harper
Ralph Elliott
Herchel Charles
Arthur Jackson Hensley
Claude Rogers
Joe K. Martin
Hyman Leatherwood
William F. Cornwell
John Withrow
James Weaver
Robert Clay Craigo
Gus Langley
Lewis Homer Ellis
Oscar Pankey
William L. Teem
Blumer Goss Stover
Leonard J. Findley
Raymond G. Hudson
Ernest Walker
Wiley Legan
Willie Jones
Andrew Beavers
Joe James
Joe Tatum
Joseph Henry Woodward
Tandy Preston Fairest
Benjamin W. Frost

- Dave Chester
Howard Perry
B. J. Reece
William Finney Ray
C. A. Barnes
Lewis Augusta Rackley
Charley Beavers
Homer West

Some fifteen claims are now pending before the District board which, in the event they are turned down, will be placed in class one.



The President's Post

Happy Holidays!

Who remembers a time when our parents and grandparents would try to hurry us up and say, "Quit piddlin'! You are just about as slow as Christmas!"? It's kind of sad that we don't hear that phrase any longer.



These days, Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas are all jammed together and seem to be a blur that comes and goes in a flash. My hope for us all is that we take time to slow down and piddle a little bit. Let's resolve to remember the days gone by, the old ways, our loved ones who are gone and to savor every minute as we celebrate the holidays this year.

Please plan to attend our annual GCGSI Holiday Gathering on Saturday, December 10 at 12:00 noon in the lower level meeting room of the Gilmer County Library. We will also install our new 2023 board members at the gathering. For the meal, GCGSI will provide the main course with membership bringing pot luck dishes. We look forward to seeing you there for good food and fellowship as we close out 2022 and anticipate all the good things that the new year will bring.

It has been an honor and a pleasure to serve as your GCGSI President. Thank you to all who supported me and the society in 2022. Let's make 2023 the best year yet for the Gilmer County Genealogical Society!

Warmly,
Jan Cooler



*Christmas in Ellijay ~ 2021
Photo; Barbara J. Dover*



Fourth Quarter Highlights 2022

**September Monthly Meeting
September 17, 2022
Gilmer County Library**

***Capturing and Sharing
Your Family Stories, Part 2.*
Karen Titus, Speaker
GCGSI Past President**



Karen Titus

In her presentation, Karen Titus expanded further on the information given in the past February's meeting with the process and importance of preserving our family stories. She provided a condensed review of the previous presentation and then shared more examples as well as more strategies for creating and archiving the stories to enrich our family trees.



**October Monthly Meeting
October 15, 2022
Gilmer County Library**

***Finding Your Native American Ancestors*
Leslie Thomas, Speaker
GCHSI & GaTOTA President**



Photos: Rebecca Burrell

Over her 22 years as a member of the Trail of Tears Association, Leslie Thomas has presented speeches and seminars throughout Georgia to help people find their roots. Keeping up with the newest methods of research, she shared with us what she has found to help others as well as herself.



Leslie Thomas



Fourth Quarter Highlights 2022
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Photos: Barbara J. Dover

**November Monthly Meeting
November 19, 2022
Gilmer County Library**

***Folk Pottery of North Georgia and
Nearby Craft Schools***
Alex Kraft, Speaker
UNG Associate Professor of Ceramics



For her presentation on November 19, Alex Kraft gave an overview of the folk pottery traditions of North Georgia and the history of the “turn and burn” methods of production, then shared her personal experiences and opportunities available at regional craft schools. She provided context of those topics by sharing examples of her own contemporary work as an artist with her practice in clay and mixed media, and work as an educator as her “students teach her every day”.



Alex Kraft



**Gilmer County Library Festival of Trees
December 1 - 30, 2022
Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc.
*The Gilmer County of Our Ancestors***



(Left to Right:) Gladys Spivey,
Rebecca Burrell, Barbra J. Dover



No Longer Forgotten The Restoration of *Rose Cemetery*, Part 4

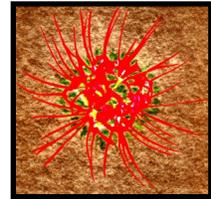
Susan Noles

Well, it's been a little over a year since we began the restoration of Rose Cemetery. Through the Grace of God and friends like you, Rosie is no longer an abandoned, neglected, cemetery that no one cares about. Now, she shines and everyone can tell she is loved and maintained.



The fence is up and white stone surrounds the marker.

The fence is up. Flowers that were planted early have bloomed. More flowers have been planted. Weeds have been pulled and a bluebird house has been put up on a fence post.



A Surprise Lily surprised us at Rosie!

Research is still going on to find the names of people buried there. Unfortunately, there's not much information available right now. I have been in touch with several organizations, including the African-American Genealogy Association, and they are trying to assist. It will all fall into place when the time is right.



Come, sit, and enjoy the peacefulness.

If you get over Rosie's way, please take a minute to stop and walk through the gate and sit on the bench under the trees. Look across at the fieldstones marking each grave and revel in the transformation. It is a special place.

The only big thing left is to purchase a memorial marker for the people who are buried in Rose Cemetery. That will come in time.



Bluebirds are welcome.

Thank you and I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Southern Appalachian New Year's Superstitions and Traditions

Barbara J. Dover

As most of us know, the Southern Appalachians were settled from people of various countries and those various countries' peoples brought their own superstitions and traditions along with them. Along the way, several traditions were forged by the things that they experienced in their new land. The celebration of the new year was no exception in the invoking of these superstitions and traditions, and many of us still tend to practice them today. How many of these will you practice on December 31 and January 1?

Probably one of the most common traditions in the South is the New Year's Day meal consisting of black-eyed peas, greens, pork/hog jowl, potatoes, cabbage, and corn-bread. This wasn't just because most of these items were either in the pantry or still growing in the fields, but there are stories and superstitions behind the meal's tradition.



Photo: 813area.com

During the Civil War, when the Northern army came upon a Southerner's farm, as would most invading armies, they would take whatever they could carry and eat anything they could eat. This included livestock and the grains used to feed them. However, they couldn't take it all. After the army had moved on, the remaining Southerners were left to determine what they still had in order to avoid starvation. Fortunately, silos of black-

eyed peas were left behind as these were only used as livestock feed up North. Since they took the livestock, the Northern troops didn't think that this would be of use to the Southerners. What they didn't realize was that these peas were what kept the Southerners from starving. From New Year's Day of 1866 until now, the tradition of eating black-eyed peas for luck continues. Sometimes they were even eaten raw for good health!



Southern Appalachian New Year's Superstitions and Traditions -continued-

The eating of greens: collard, mustard, turnip, etc., were thought to represent wealth for the new year. The more greens you ate, the more “green” you would have in your wallet throughout the year. Cornbread is also eaten to ensure honest work and a flow of money from steady work. I suppose “sopping” up the “pot likker” from the greens with the cornbread symbolizes not wasting or losing any of that wealth! Pork and/or hog jowls are said to represent looking and moving forward to the year ahead because pigs can’t turn their heads from side to side. Silver coins were often hidden in mashed potatoes and cooked cabbage or coleslaw. It was thought that the ones who found the coins will be extra lucky in the coming year.

Here are some more superstitions and traditions that are often observed at the end of the Old or beginning of the New Year.

- Clean out your pantry and cabinets. Dust them and make sure there is food in there at this time to prevent food insecurity for the new year. If any unoccupied spider webs are found, do not remove as they foretell that the household will not starve.
- Look into a well at midnight on New Year's and you will see your future love or hear their name echo from the bottom. (This is also done on Halloween.)
- Air out the blankets and quilts, beating them with a stick to ensure comfortability in the upcoming year and to air out the sickness of the old year.
- For good health in children during the new year, measure them from nose to knee with a string of ribbon. Tie the ribbon somewhere so that it won't be disturbed.
- Recite Psalm 23 while sweeping and mopping the house, always from back to front and down the driveway.
- Lay out onions to soak up any illness or bad fortune so that it doesn't follow you into the new year.

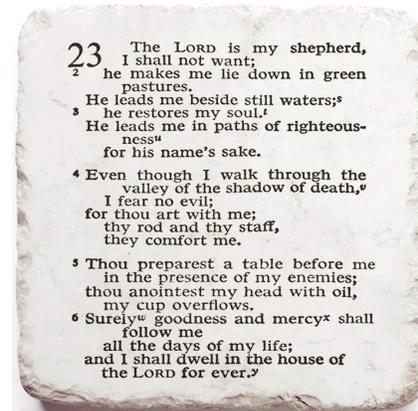


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- Stick seven pennies into a potato, place in a tin can, and hide in the back of the cabinet so you'll always have what you need.
- To help your beds last another year, rub the wood down with a mixture of oil, lard, and whiskey. Don't wipe off any drips until January 2.
- Oil door hinges, wheels, etc. on New Year's Eve and always push open or turn the wheel the correct way. (Oil the door hinges from behind the door and only open once.)
- Don't sew on New Year's Eve or Day or else your thread will knot all year in whatever you decide to sew.
- Light three candles for those passed before the New Year, but don't set them in a line and don't light them in the same room. Otherwise this will foretell of someone getting burned by March.
- Smack the corners of your property with branches of willow to keep away misfortune. Use hawthorn to guard against lightning strike and thieves.
- Stick a gold-eyed needle into the top of an egg and push it all the way in. Bury the egg upright in the front yard to ensure blessings and protection.
- A Scottish practice brought to Appalachia is called Hogmanay or "First Foot." To be the first foot in someone's house is good luck. The first person to visit you on January 1st signifies your fortune for the new year, and sometimes the brood of your chickens. A man signifies good luck and a woman is bad luck. A man foretells a large hatching of roosters and a woman, many hens.

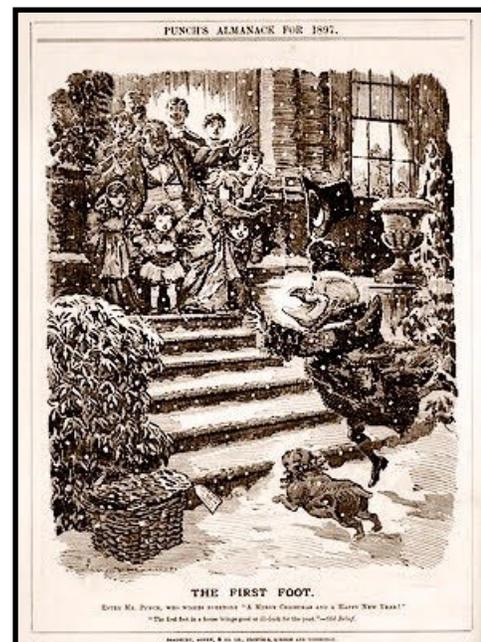


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Southern Appalachian New Year's Superstitions and Traditions
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- ❑ Immigrants from Wales believed that spreading ashes over the hearth on New Year's Eve could predict events for the upcoming year. If footprints left in the ashes headed towards the front door, someone would die. If the footprints went into a bedroom, there would be a new family member in the home. The shape of a coffin in the ashes predicted death, and the shape of a ring predicted marriage.
- ❑ Girls who want to know who they will marry can throw a ball of yarn out their bedroom windows at midnight on New Year's Eve and say, "As I wind he comes" over and over while winding the yarn back into a ball. If a girl is to marry, the future husband will hand the yarn back through the window to her. If no one is there, she will not marry.
- ❑ It is bad luck to hang up a new calendar before the first day of the new year.

If you try some of these superstitions and traditions at the end of 2022 and the beginning of 2023, we hope they bring you good luck throughout the year!

(This article was reprinted from the December 2018 edition of the Gilmer County Genealogical Society's newsletter Mountain Heritage.)



Photo: Barbara J. Dover



GCGSI Holiday Gathering & Installation of Officers



Our GCGSI Holiday Gathering and installation of 2023 Officers will be held on Saturday, December 10, 2022 at 12:00 noon in the lower level meeting room of the Gilmer County Library.

This gathering is an opportunity for us to celebrate our love for family, history, and genealogy with each other during the holiday season. Bring your friends and family as we again enjoy this time of fellowship. Protein, beverages, and paper products will be provided by GCGSI, and all are asked to bring your favorite side dishes and desserts to share. We also ask that you bring items for donation to the Gilmer Food Pantry or Homeward Bound Pet Rescue, if possible.

In addition to the luncheon and Installation of 2023 GCGSI Officers, GCGSI will have our books available for Christmas shopping, including our latest book **The Evolution of Ellijay, Georgia 1921 - 2021 A Century of Change**. (See our website for pricing: https://gcgisi.org/?page_id=82.) Merry Christmas!

Membership Dues Reminder

GCGSI is 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 help you in your search. The Membership Drive for the 2023 Calendar Year has begun. If you would like to join our society or renew your membership, please complete the membership form and bring to the next meeting or send via U. S. mail. (Please note that the application fee for new members of First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia covers two years of membership in GCGSI.)

MEMBERSHIP:

PATRONS: \$50 CORPORATE: \$100 SPONSOR: \$250 BENEFACTOR: \$500
Annual Dues: Single \$10 Family \$15 (everyone living in same household) \$5 Student

(Membership forms will be available at monthly meetings or may be found at our website gcgisi.org. and this link: <https://82x1e3.a2cdn1.secureserver.net/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/2022MembershipForm-1.pdf>)

Thank you for your support!



Congratulations!
Gladys Dotson Spivey
and
The Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc.
for being honored by
Captain James Kell Chapter
National Society Daughters of the American Revolution
for your contributions to
Historical Preservation in Gilmer County



*First Vice Regent Danette Ozment, Gladys Spivey, and Historical Preservation Chair Susan Noles
Photo provided by Captain James Kell Chapter, NSDAR.*



Bulletin Board

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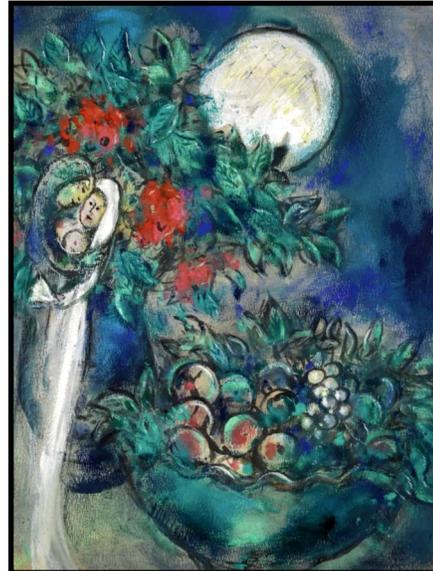
- **Thursday, December 8 - Holiday Open House & Festival of Trees**
Gilmer County Library - 5:30-7:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, December 10**
GCGSI Holiday Gathering & Installation of Officers
Gilmer County Library - 12:00 noon
Protein, beverages, and paper products provided by GCGSI.
Bring your favorite side dish and recipe to share. Also, if possible, bring an item for the Gilmer Food Pantry or Homeward Bound Pet Rescue.
- **Wednesday, December 21 - Winter Solstice**
- **Sunday, December 25 - Merry Christmas!**

January 2023

- **Sunday, January 1 - Happy New Year!**
- **Saturday, January 21 - GCGSI Monthly Meeting**
Gilmer County Library - 2:00 p.m.
Speaker: Laura McClure Thomas, entrepreneur
Owner of *Green Willow Soap*
Gilmer County McClure Family
- **Monday, January 16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

February 2023

- **Thursday, February 2 - Groundhog Day**
- **Tuesday, February 14 - Happy Valentine's Day!**
- **Saturday, February 18 - GCGSI Monthly Meeting**
Gilmer County Library - 2:00 p.m.
Speaker: Dennis Craig Stewart, author
The Hills of Mountaintown
- **Monday, February 20 - President's Day**



Les amoureux au clair de lune (1948)
Marc Chagall (Belarusian 1887 - 1935)

In Memoriam

First Families of Gilmer County Member
Sylvia Pinson's daughter:
Shannon Leigh Whiten Burke
Sept. 22, 1980-June 23, 2022

GCGSI and First Families of Gilmer County Member
Anita Newsom Nail's mother:
Hilda Elizabeth Minton Newsom
Feb. 21, 1920-Oct. 11, 2022

First Families of Gilmer County Member
Roy Vernon Sanford
Nov. 20, 1932-Nov. 13, 2022

GCGSI Officers and Committee Chairpersons

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The Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc. is proud to announce the publication of their latest book

The Evolution of Ellijay, Georgia

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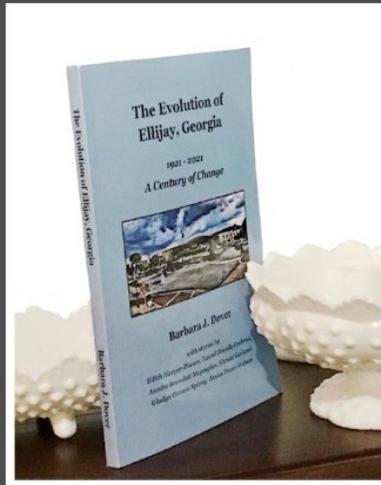
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with stories by
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Gladys Dotson Spivey, Janice Dover Watson



It has been said that the only thing that remains constant is change. Depending on age and generation, when we look back on days past, we would be hard-pressed to find things in our surroundings that have remained the same. This book provides a timeline from 1921-2021 of the physical evolution and background of the changes of Ellijay, Georgia, Gilmer's County Seat.

Information has been gathered from interviews and stories of native residents of Gilmer County, some of whose ancestors helped to bring Ellijay from the 19th into the 20th century and who grew up here shortly after The Great Depression with memories of how the town looked then as compared with how it looks today. These memories are precious and serve to remind us of our heritage. It is hard to know where to go when you don't know where you came from!

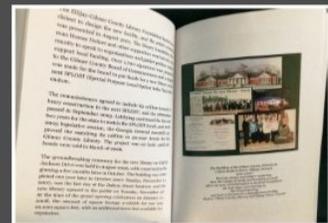
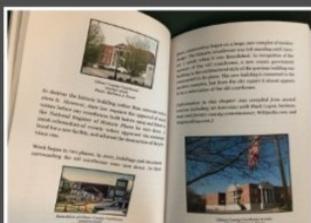
The Gilmer County Genealogical Society hopes that this publication, although just a snapshot of this particular place in a particular time, inspires further recording and remembrances of Ellijay, Georgia as it continues to evolve. We also hope that this book inspires the reader to record your personal evolution, regardless of location or age, because descendants eventually become ancestors, and your descendants deserve to know your life's story.

Written and edited by Barbara J. Dover with stories contributed by other Gilmer County natives, *The Evolution of Ellijay, Georgia* is a portable trade-sized paperback that provides historical information from a plethora of sources about the changes that have occurred in Historic Downtown Ellijay, Georgia over the past century.

Also included are reminiscences of the personal times and events of Gilmer Countians as well as an annotated and indexed map of the physical structures of the town from past to the end of 2021.

Travel through time within the 126 pages of easy-to-read text and the variety of historical black-and-white and current color images, color collages, and illustrations.

The cost per book is \$20.00, including sales tax, and books will be available at all GCGSI meetings, at Walls of Books, and via mail order. (A mail order form is included in this newsletter. Our organization uses paper, not plastic, for our transactions, so payment should be made in cash, check, or money order. Please make checks and money orders payable to GCGSI.)





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