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Derden's Darlings, Heroes of World War II

Rebecca Holt Amerson

John Bascom Derden was born in 1919 in the Leaches Community of Gilmer County. He was the son of Bascomb Richard Derden and Emma Belle Sutton, one of eight children. He was the brother of Marie Derden Holt (Mrs. Hap Holt), currently 102 years old and living in Gilmer County.

Derden joined the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) on July 12, 1937 and served for 2 years. He served a year in Rome, GA in Company 3435, Camp P-87 and a year in Ruch, Oregon, in Company 5463, Camp F-41. The CCC Camps were staffed with U. S. Army personnel, which would prepare him for a life in the military. From 1933 until about 1940 the army's main effort was to support the Civilian Conservation Corps.

Derden joined the Army on September 1, 1939. According to the 1940 Census, Private Derden was 20 years old and in the U. S. Army at Fort Benning, Georgia. The Second Armored Division was formed at Fort Benning on July 15, 1940. Training of the new division was the responsibility of then Colonel George Patton. John would serve three years overseas with this distinguished division.

The Second Armored Division was an armored tank division and played important roles in the invasions of Germany, North Africa, and Sicily and in the liberation of France, Belgium, and the Netherlands. John landed in Africa on "D-Day" and also in Sicily on "D-Day" and in France on D+3, 9th of June, 1944. D-day is a military term that indicates the day an attack or operation is to begin.



*Hell On Wheels" Shoulder Insignia
Photo: eBay*

The division was among the first U.S. military armored divisions serving in North Africa when they landed at Casablanca on November 8, 1942 for Operation Torch. After nine months the division moved on to Sicily during Operation Husky in July 10, 1943. The Second Armored Division landed on Omaha Beach in the invasion of Normandy on day 3 - June 9, 1944. There, the division now known as "Hell on Wheels," formed the right flank of the Operation Cobra assault. They fought the Germans all the way across France, reaching Germany in September 1944.



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If you are interested, more information about the role of the Second Armored Division during World War II can be seen in this 1951 U.S. Army newsreel: <https://youtu.be/A2jIXc8Izi8>.

Derden's duty assignments during his time with the Second Armored Division was in maintenance, keeping tanks, trucks, and engineer vehicles running and moving forward.

This unsourced newspaper clipping on the right dated July 10, 1944 was posted on the *Historical Old Photos and Videos of Ellijay, Jasper, Blue Ridge, Georgia* Facebook page in 2020. It tells of the amazing rescues of incapacitated tanks and other vehicles by Derden's Darlings!

Names and residences of unit members were listed in the article. They are:

Warrant Officer John Derden, Ellijay GA

Sgt. Frank Hans, Baltimore

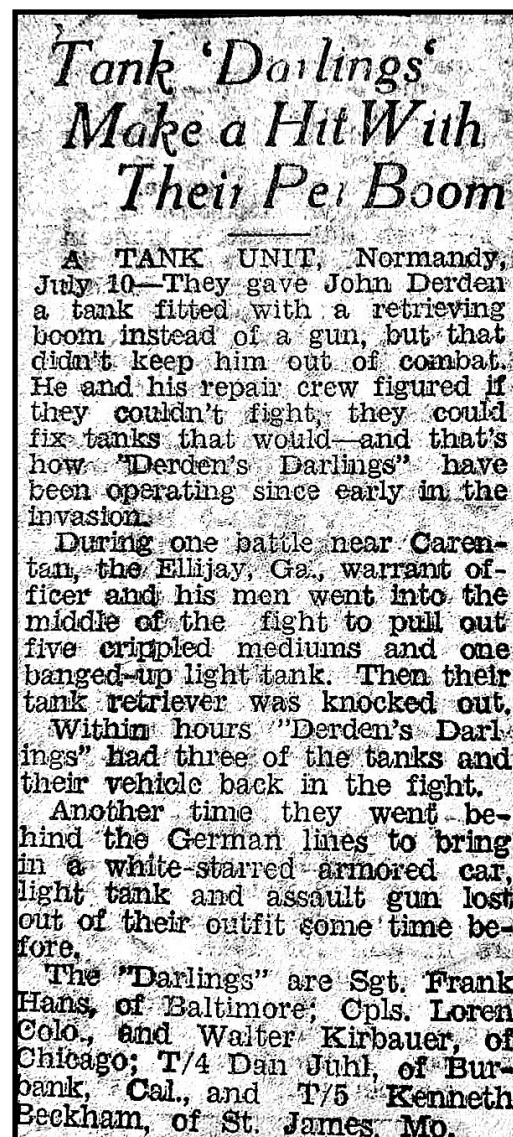
Cpl. Loren Garrett, Steamboat Springs CO

Cpl. Walter Kirbauer, Chicago

T4 Dan Juhl, Burbank CA

T5 Kenneth Beckham, St. James MO

Newspapers.com was also a source of additional newspaper clippings from 1944. These clippings also reported information about the actions of members of the Second Armored Division. T4 Dan Juhl was mentioned in a clipping from the July 29, 1944 edition of *The Petaluma Argus-Courier* from Petaluma, California. Cpl. Loren Garrett was mentioned in a clipping from *The Herald-Democrat* from Beaver, Oklahoma dated August 3, 1944.





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Halldan Juhl

Sergeant Halldan Juhl has written to C. H. Skov and family of Star Route, stating that he is now in France and still going strong, and getting closer to Denmark with hopes of getting there in a few months. Juhl was born in Denmark and came to this country some years ago to live with the Skov family. He sent Mr. Skov a copy of the continental edition of the Stars and-Stripes in which it is mentioned that Juhl is a member of the "Derden Darlings," whose task is to repair damaged tanks. In the article it is mentioned how the "Darlings" went behind the German lines to bring in a white-starred armored car, light tank and assault gun lost out of their outfit some time before. Juhl has a brother, Alex, with the airforce in Italy. Chris Lind, employed at the Nielsen furniture store, is a nephew of the Juhl brothers who would appreciate hearing from their Petaluma friends.

Petaluma Argus-Courier (Petaluma, CA)
July 29, 1944
Source: Newspapers.com

Cpl. Loren Garrett of Steamboat Springs, Colorado was one of the Derden Darlings recently commended in a press release for the part they are playing in the war. While they haven't a gun to fight with, their tank is fitted with a retrieving boom, and they are salvaging other tanks and fighting equipment and putting it back into the fight. He was born and spent his boyhood on a farm near Elmwood. He is the son of Mrs. M. E. Garrett and W. L. Garrett, also a nephew of Mrs. Alice Dean. He has been overseas since December, 1942. His

The Herald-Democrat (Beaver, OK)
August 3, 1944
Source: Newspapers.com

John Derden served in the Army for over 26 years and retired as a CW-4 Warrant Officer. After the war he served on the faculty of the Infantry School for six and a half years teaching tanks and other automotive subjects and two years as an instructor at the Armored School. After retiring from the army, John accepted a job on the teaching staff of DeKalb Technical College as Chairman of the Advanced Auto-Diesel Department for 13 years and retired again. Now John's story continues where it started, with the CCC. John was instrumental in starting the CCC Museum at Vogel State Park. Vogel was one of the first parks built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s. John died in 2010 at age 90, having lived a very full life. I am thankful for his many years of service.



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JOHN B. DERDEN
Automotive Section, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

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Automotive Section, Infantry School, Fort Benning, Ga.

Inducted-September 1, 1939.

Branch of service-Armored Force.

Trained at Fort Benning Georgia; Fort Bragg, North Carolina

Embarked-October 14, 1942.

Served in European Theatre; North Africa; Sicily; North France; Normandy;
Rhineland; Ardennes; Central Europe

Medals Earned-Bronze Star; Belgium Fourragere.

Returned to States-October 8, 1945.

Rank-Chief Warrant Officer.

Was a member of the 2nd Armored Division known as "Hell on Wheels"
which received credit for stopping German Forces in the Bulge.

Still in Army.



Army Brat: A Son's Perspective **John K. Derden, Son of John Bascom Derden**

*This article is an excerpt of an interview with John K. Derden, son of John Bascom Derden of World War II's "Derden's Darlings," and is reprinted with permission from a blog dated September 28, 2020 written by Mike Kennedy of The Blue and Gray Educational Society titled **Tour Talk: March to the Sea, with John Derden**. John K. Derden is Professor Emeritus of History at East Georgia State College and author of **The World's Largest Prison: The Story of Camp Lawton**.*

One truth has always seemed universal among "Army brats"—they are fiercely proud of their upbringing. Longtime BGES member John Derden is no exception. The son of a career officer, Derden revels in the experience of growing up in a military family. The sense of wonder and curiosity engendered by his world-traveling lifestyle remains with him to this day. Without a doubt, Derden says, it fed his love of history.

BGES Blog: You grew up as a kid in a military family. What was that like?



John K. Derden

Photo: blueandgrayeducation.org

John K. Derden: I am an Army brat. I was born at Fort Benning in Georgia. My father was a career officer who served in the World War II, Korean War, and Vietnam War eras. I had a wonderful peripatetic childhood.

In addition to Fort Benning, we lived in France and Germany, Fort Sill in Oklahoma, Fort Knox in Kentucky twice, and Scofield Barracks in Hawaii.

The travel inspired my interest in history—for example, I remember when we were stationed in Europe, my father took a leave and took us along his World War II route as a member of the Second Armored Division from Normandy, across France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany, including a stop at General Patton's grave and the "little red schoolhouse" where the German surrender occurred.

I remember listening to my father and his old comrades talking about their experiences when they would get together. Wherever we traveled, we visited the local historical sites, and they stimulated my imagination. So, my interest in history stemmed from seeing so many historical sites and my father's interest in the subject.



Civilian Conservation Corps Newsletter Feature

Our GCGSI President John Davis and First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia Chairperson Gladys Spivey were recently going through old photographs donated to the society and found several images of CCC Camps and workers. And then Rebecca Amer-son contributed the previous story about John Bascom Derden's military service and included that he had also worked in the CCC. Sometimes coincidences are nudges pointing you in a specific direction, and these two things sparked the idea to create a feature for the quarterly newsletter about CCC or possibly even further publication.

The feature would include historical information about CCC for those of us who might not be as familiar with this service as we would like to be. We would also like to include information specifically about the camps in Gilmer and Union County; and to make it relevant to our society and community, we hope to publish family stories, photographs, and personal information submitted from those with relatives or ancestors who had participated in this important service during a low point in our nation's history.

So we are inviting you and anyone you know who had family members in the Civilian Conservation Corps to contribute to this feature. Email stories, memorabilia, photographs, and other information to gilmergenealogy@gmail.com. Or you may send the information through the U. S. Postal Service to Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc.; P. O. Box 919; Ellijay, GA 30540; ATTN: CCC Information. Submission of information gives your approval for publication. (Please do not send original photos. If you need help scanning photographs and/or memorabilia, or in compiling your information, please let a board member know.) If you have any questions, you can email us, send a message through our Facebook page, or contact a board member. We are looking forward to sharing your family stories about the CCC with our membership.





The President's Post

John Davis



Welcome to our second edition of *Mountain Heritage* for 2023. The second quarter has been as exciting and productive as the first. Your Gilmer County Genealogical Society's Board of Directors continues to set an active course for the future of the society. Even though there will not be a monthly meeting for the membership in June and July, the board will continue to meet, formulating future programs and events for our group. We will be back on Saturday, August 18 with our Annual Indoor Picnic in the lower level of the library. We will be announcing more about that activity here in our newsletter and on our website and Facebook page.

We have wonderful speakers and our annual Holiday Gathering in the works for our September, October, November, and December meetings. Anita Davis Summers and Jody Gates Henry will be talking about *The Gates of Mountaintown* in September. In October, GCGSI and First Families of Gilmer County member, author Kathi Harper Hill will talk about growing up in Ellijay and preview her latest book, *Life Is Funny*, a sequel to *Bensy and Me*. In November, Mark Millican will honor our veterans with *Some Gave All*. Also, please be thinking about new board members for 2024 as we will be electing them in November.

The health of the society continues to be sound. We continue to have new and returning members each month. We also continue to process new applications for First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia. If you know of anyone who would enjoy being a part of GCGSI, please encourage them to come to one of our events.

We have purchased several new reference books for the library's Genealogical Research Room. We have also recognized two of our charter members for their dedication to the society, Kathryn Watkins and Shirley Sluder. These special women received certificates for their years of service and we have donated books for the Research Room in honor of them.

We continue to sell books that we have published. They are available at our monthly meetings, at Walls of Books in East Ellijay, and via mail order with forms accessed through our website.

If you have a subject that you think might be of interest to research and publish, please let a board member know. One subject currently under consideration is the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) Camps in Gilmer County and North Georgia at the beginning of World War II. We are asking for anyone with relatives that served in CCC to submit stories, photographs, memorabilia, and other information for possible publication. This information may be emailed to gilmergenealogy@gmail.com or mailed via USPS to GCGSI; P.O. Box 919; Ellijay, GA 30540. (Submission of these items gives your approval for publication.) Please do not send original photos if at all possible. If you need help scanning photographs and/or memorabilia, or in compiling your information, please let a board member know.

Take care. Have a wonderful and safe summer, and we hope to see everyone at our picnic on August 19.



Gilmer County Genealogical Society's next big event!

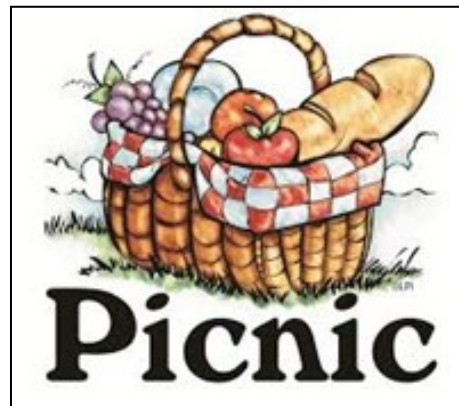
Welcome to Our Annual Picnic

Saturday, 19 AUG 2023

Gilmer County Library Lower Level

Food & dining tables' setup at 11:00 a.m.

Lunch begins at 12:00 noon.



GCGSI provides chicken, paper products, and beverages.

Members are asked to please bring your favorite delicious side dishes and desserts.

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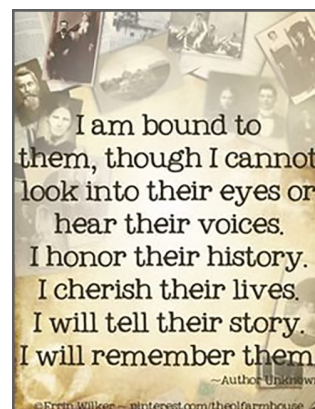
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We hope that you will join us for a fun
time, a time to mingle and
become reacquainted with old friends.

Bring your family!

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genealogy, yet we have a
lot of fun!





Second Quarter Highlights 2023

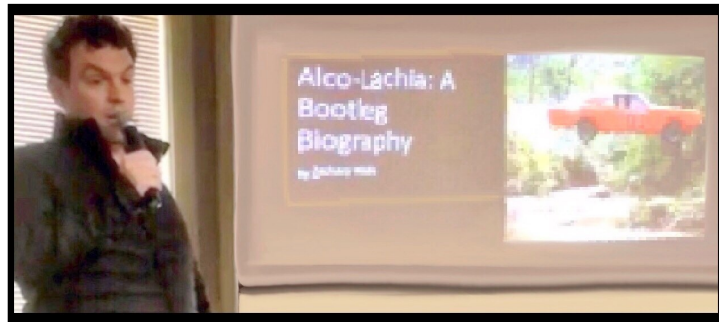
**March Monthly Meeting
March 18, 2023
Gilmer County Library**

***Alco-Lachia: A Bootleg Biography*
Zachary Walls, speaker**

The March meeting of the Gilmer County Genealogical Society was held Saturday, March 18, at the Gilmer County Library. Author and free-lance writer Zackary Walls presented *Alco-Lachia: A Bootleg Biography*. Walls gave a thorough, yet humorous story of alcohol use, production, and sales from the early settlement days, through and after prohibition, and up to present day. Anecdotal information given from Walls and the meeting's attendees added a colorful background to this tapestry of an important part of our Appalachian culture and heritage.



Zachary Walls



Photos: Rebecca Burrell,
Susan Noles, and
Barbara J. Dover



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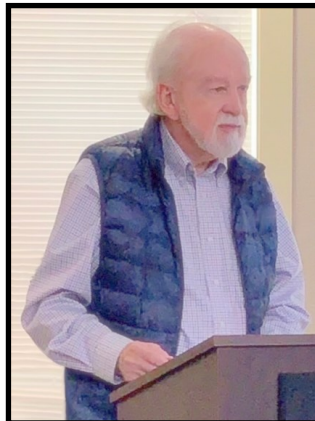
April Monthly Meeting
April 15, 2023
Gilmer County Library

GCGSI: Past to Present
Earl Cagle and Glenda Garland, speakers

The monthly meeting of the Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc. was held on Saturday, April 15, at the Gilmer County Library. Speakers Glenda Garland and Earl Cagle gave the presentation *GCGSI: Past to Present*, sharing information about the early years of the organization up to the present day. Members learned about its founding, book publications, changes in research opportunities and facilities, and the people whose love for genealogy inspired others in Gilmer County and beyond to trace their ancestry. GCGSI is proud to continue the legacy twenty-seven years later.



Glenda Garland



Earl Cagle



Glenda Garland, Earl Cagle, and Kathryn Watkins



The Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc. honored GCGSI founding member and First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia member Kathryn Davis Watkins for her many years of service and dedication to the organization at their monthly meeting on Saturday, April 15, 2023. To recognize her service, the book ***The Original Lists of Persons of Quality; Emigrants; Religious Exiles; Political Rebels; Serving Men Sold for a Term of Years; Apprentices; Children Stolen; Maidens Pressed; and Others Who Went From Great Britain to the American Plantations, 1600-1700*** by John Camden Hotten was donated to the Gilmer County Library's Special Collections Room and Genealogy Research Center. This work has been selected by scholars as being culturally important and is part of the knowledge base of civilization as we know it. Having this book in the library in honor of another "person of quality" will be beneficial to others in their genealogical research. Pictured in the collage is Patricia Hyatt Henson, GCGSI Recording Secretary (left,) and Kathryn Davis Watkins, GCGSI founding member and First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia member (right.)



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National Library Appreciation Week April 23 - 29 2023
Gilmer County Library Staff Appreciation Luncheon
April 25, 2023
Gilmer County Library

April 23 - 29, 2023 was National Library Appreciation Week, and in honor of those who serve the community through the Gilmer County Library, the Gilmer County Genealogical Society, Inc. served an appreciation luncheon for the staff on Tuesday, April 25, 2023. As partners with the Sequoyah Regional Library System and the Gilmer County Library, GCGSI works together to help to provide research opportunities for those who want to climb their family trees. The Gilmer County Library staff's assistance to the community and our organization is invaluable, and we sincerely thank them for all that they do!



Photos: Clockwise from bottom and left to right: 1: Mary O. Jones, Rebecca Burrell, Brenda Cochran, Joy Childress, Neva Kelaher, Erin Brandy, and Vicki Luther; 2: Gifts to "open" 3: Events Co-Chairpersons: Brenda Cochran and Neva Kelaher; 4: Glenda Garland, Rebecca Burrell, Vikki Stone, Sharon Key, and Yvonne Crew 5: Alex Thomerson, Neva Kelaher, Vickie Luther, Susan Noles, Erin Brandy, Lydia Bassetti, Mary O. Jones, Brenda Cochran, Trish Henson; 6: Alex Thomerson and Neva Kelaher.





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**Sequoyah Regional Library System Local Author Market
Woodstock Public Library
Saturday, May 6, 2023**

The annual SRLS Local Author Market was held at Woodstock Public Library on Saturday, May 6. Rebecca Burrell and Barbara J. Dover brought several books published by GCGSI, and set up a display to spread the word about our society and market our books.



**May Monthly Meeting
May 20, 2023
Gilmer County Library**

Treasure Talk: Memories of Our Mothers

In celebration of Mother’s Day, GCGSI members and those attending participated in a “show and tell” of cherished heirlooms, artifacts, and stories of their mothers, grandmothers, and great grandmothers, sharing why these women made a special impact in their families’ and in their own individual lives.



GCGSI President John Davis (above,) and Vice President and Program Chairperson Barbara J. Dover (right,) lead the meeting and program.



Charter member Earl Cagle shared via email the story of his father’s and mother’s work in building for the U. S. defense in WWII. He also provided photos of a model and plaque created for his siblings to honor his mother Merle Edmondson Cagle, a real “Rosie the Riveter” in the production of the B29 Superfortress Bomber at the Bell Aircraft Facility while raising two sons.

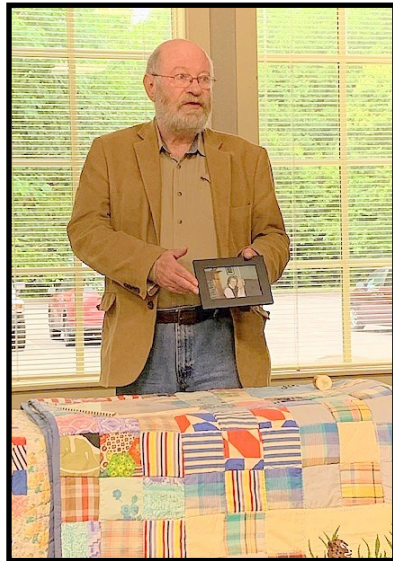




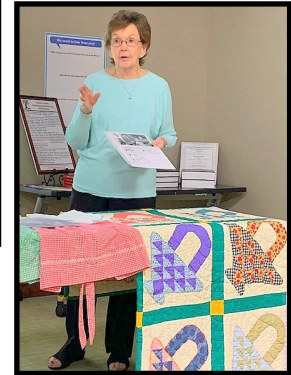
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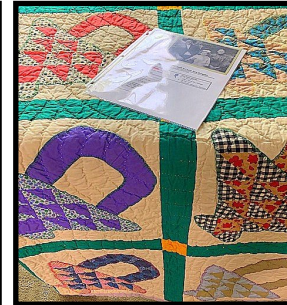
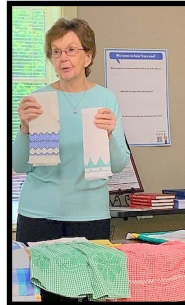
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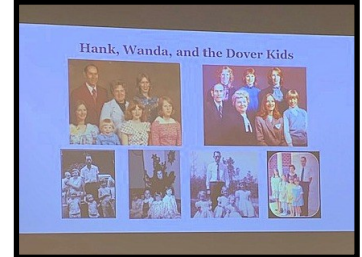
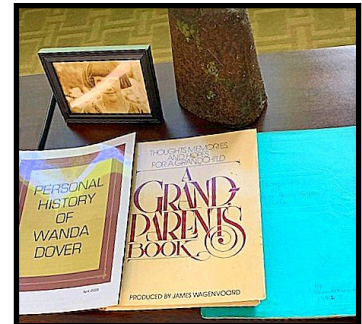
Charles Roberts showed a photo of his mother Ruth and one of her handmade quilts. He also read an excerpt of a book that was compiled about his father, an East Ellijay Baptist Church minister, and his mother.



Patricia Hyatt Henson (above and left,) showed exquisite needlework from her grandmother Florence Lucinda Wells Hyatt. The basket quilt, "Huck" towels, and aprons were passed down from her grandmother to her mother and now to her.



Brenda Cochran showed a photo of her mother Rosalie and told stories about her and their family.



Barbara J. Dover, Janice Dover Watson, and Lynne Dover Lawson showed slides of Dover, Harper, Burgess, and Akins family photos, read from histories of their mother and maternal grandmother, showed needlework from their paternal grandmother, showed a flower garden quilt passed down through the family, and told stories about their mother and grandmothers.





First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia

Gladys Dotson Spivey, First Families of Gilmer County Chairperson

The First Families program is designed to honor those pioneers who settled in Gilmer County in 1840 or before, and to recognize their descendants upon becoming 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; and your research can serve as a source of information for generations to come. Applicants are not required to currently reside in Gilmer County. Once approved, members receive a certificate and pin acknowledging this Gilmer County ancestor. Come and join our 242 descendants who are currently members of First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia! For more information, please visit our website at: www.gcgsi.org.



First Families Members Added During the Second Quarter of 2023

New Member	Ancestor
Patricia Buffington Jackson	David Henderson
Lea-Anne Jackson	David Henderson



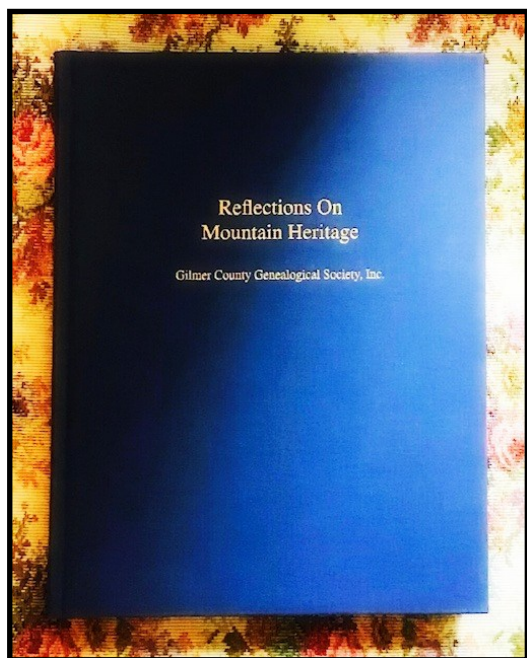
Patricia Buffington Jackson (on left) with First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia certificates presented by First Families Chairperson Gladys Dotson Spivey (on right.) Certificates were presented to Ms. Jackson and her daughter Lea-Anne Jackson as documented descendants of Gilmer County pioneer David Henderson.



Lea-Anne Jackson (left) and Patricia Buffington Jackson (right) with their First Families of Gilmer County, Georgia certificates.



Reflections on Mountain Heritage



In 2004, Gilmer County Genealogical Society charter members Estelle Parker Wall, Kathryn Davis Watkins, and Betty Abernathy Riddle conceived the idea of a “recipe book,” one that would be unique and much different than other GCGSI publications.

Several more members joined the book committee and it was referred to as “Reflections,” The preface states that it was like “breaking new ground.” Its discussion was described as, “We walked around it, eyed it from different angles and perspectives, trying to determine how best to address the stumps and roots we knew were just below the surface. The primary concern was to give it a pitch that would make it flow yet prevent it from eroding and washing away our fertile ambitions.”



Reflections on Mountain Heritage Book Committee:

Seated (L to R:) Earl Cagle, Shirley Sluder, Jerri Marie Crump, Morris Parks; Standing (L to R:) Josie Gibson, Betty Riddle, Kathryn Watkins, Gail Gilbert, Joyce Whitaker, and Estelle Wall. Not pictured: Sonya and Jim Burleson, Marguerite Cagle, and June Edeker.

Brainstorming for the book would sidetrack into “you remember when? or did y’all ever and I heard a feller once.” The conversations would create other memories and the comments “back when, folks use to,” became the focus of articles for “Reflections.” Input was requested from family, friends, and anyone who wanted to submit a contribution. The title **Reflections on Mountain Heritage** was the essence of the project and the book’s content reflected that essence.



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Written in the preface: "Recognizing that we are descended from people whose heritage is rich in the preservation of ways, means, and recollections, we elected to allow some of their uniqueness to flow into our efforts. By retaining some of their vernacular and giving a nod of approval to composition that was not always grammatically correct, we feel that was accomplished."

A CHILD'S VIEW OF AN OUTDOOR TOILET

When I was a child, I thought the number of seats in the outhouse determined a family's social status in the community. At one time, my family did not have an outhouse, and I felt socially deprived. One day I came home from school, and they had built us an outhouse. It was a round "one-seater," but it looked grand to me. I had never been happier.

One day my brother went visiting and when he came home, he came with disturbing news. The neighbors had a "two-seater" with square seats. That disturbed my brother because he had never heard of any part of the human anatomy being square! I didn't care how square their butts were; what bothered me was that they were a step ahead of us with their "two-seater."

Not long after that, a girl in my class came to school bragging about their new outhouse; it seated four, the holes were oval and made of polished wood with no splinters. The holes even had lids. I turned green with envy. I just knew that we would never catch up with such a magnificent outhouse as that.

I begged Mama to let me stop by the neighbor's house the next day after school to tour the "outhouse" of all outhouses. That afternoon as I stood outside the door of this new wonderful work of art, I was as excited as I'd have been if I was about to enter the Empire State Building.

In a year or two, our family finally moved up the social ladder and built a new "two-seater" that was attached to the side of the woodshed. I considered that a plus because when running to the outhouse on a rainy day, I'd dart through the woodshed and be in the dry for a few minutes.

As I grew older, I found out that those outhouses (stepping-stones to higher civilization) were not as comfortable as I had imagined them to be. The many hazards and discomforts I will divide into two categories: summer and winter.

In the summer, I entered the outhouse with caution. Hornets liked to build a nest in the corner under the roof. There was usually a wasp nest under one seat, and yellow jackets had a nest near the door. Spiders and snakes were likely to drop by at any time. The wintertime brought different problems. Have you ever rushed to an outhouse on a dark, cold winter night? If you have, you know exactly why we have the old saying, "Cold enough to freeze your butt off." The howling winter wind would almost blow the pages from the Sears Roebuck catalog. (The catalog was the popular toilet tissue of those days!) Splinters were a hazard the year around, especially if undressed lumber formed the toilet seat.

I am glad that those outdoor toilets are here now only in our memories. I find myself wondering how many seats it has, when I see one today. (Submitted by Estelle Parker Wall.)

Taken from Reflections on Mountain Heritage
Left: page 376
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When it was first published, this hardcover book was originally sold for \$35.00, but it is now available for \$18.00, or "48% off!" as we bargain shoppers would exclaim. It may be purchased at our monthly meetings, via mail order, or at Walls of Books. Get your personal copy today, read it cover to cover, then write your own reflections!

ROAST OPOSSUM WITH STUFFING

- | | |
|------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 large onion minced | 1 sweet red pepper, chopped |
| 1 tablespoon fat | Dash Worcestershire sauce |
| Opossum liver, chopped | 1 hard cooked egg, chopped |
| 1 cup breadcrumbs | Salt |

Brown the onion in fat. Add liver and cook until liver is tender. Add breadcrumbs, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, egg, salt, and water to moisten. See Food Preparation section for dressing opossum. Stuff opossum and place in roaster; add 2 tablespoons water and roast in a moderate oven. Baste every 15 minutes with drippings. Skim fat from pan gravy; serve gravy separately, with baked yams or sweet potatoes for 10. (Submitted by Sonya Burleson.)

'POSSUM AND YAMS

Skin and dress 'possum. Cut off all visible fat. Add one tbs. ground sage to pot of boiling water. Place 'possum in boiling water for 30 minutes. Remove from water, place in roasting pan. Season with salt and pepper. Optional: cover top of 'possum with strips of bacon. Add 1-2 cups water to pan. Wash and peel yams or sweet 'taters and place in empty spaces of roasting pan around 'possum. Cook at 350 degrees until tender. (Submitted by Gail Weaver Gilbert.)

BAKED POSSOM

Skin and wash possom. See Food Preparation section for dressing possom. Cut into small pieces. Stew for about an hour or until tender. Drain off broth, and put possom in a skillet. Sprinkle with black pepper and salt. Place sweet potatoes (washed and peeled) around possom. Place lid on skillet. Place hot coals around skillet and on lid. Bake until potatoes are done.



BACK IN 1923

1920s AVERAGE COST

- A first class stamp \$0.02
- A gallon of gas \$0.25
- A dozen eggs \$0.55
- A pound of bacon \$0.47
- A half gallon of milk \$0.28

U.S. PRESIDENT

Calvin Coolidge



U.S.
POPULATION
111.9 MILLION

TECHNOLOGY

Insulin becomes generally available for diabetics.

The world's first domestic refrigerator is sold in Sweden.

AVERAGE
NET INCOME
\$3,226

'20s SLANG

- Ankle - To walk
- Bearcat - A lively woman
- Berries - "Bee's knees"
- Darb - Splendid
- Giggle water - Liquor
- Hotsy totsy - Attractive
- Sinker - A doughnut

IN Style...

WOMEN

- Art Deco fashion
- Felt hats • Bonnets
- Chemise dresses
- High heeled shoes
- Bobbed hair • Fur coats

MEN

- Knickerbockers
- Wingtip Shoes
- Custom tailored suits
- Fedora & newsboy hats
- Shiny, slicked back hair

IN THE NEWS...

Howard Carter opens the inner burial chamber of the Pharaoh Tutankhamun's tomb and finds the sarcophagus.

The first home game is played at the Yankee Stadium, between the New York Yankees and the Boston Red Sox.

The Warner Brothers established their film studio company.

The very first issue of Time Magazine is published.

Magician and escape artist, Harry Houdini frees himself from a straight jacket while suspended upside down, 40 feet above ground in NYC.

The world's first portable radio is developed in the US.

Firestone Tire and Rubber Company starts producing inflatable tires.

POPULAR FILMS

The Hunchback of Notre Dame


Our Hospitality

Safety Last!

The Ten Commandments



ADVANCEMENTS

IN
Television 

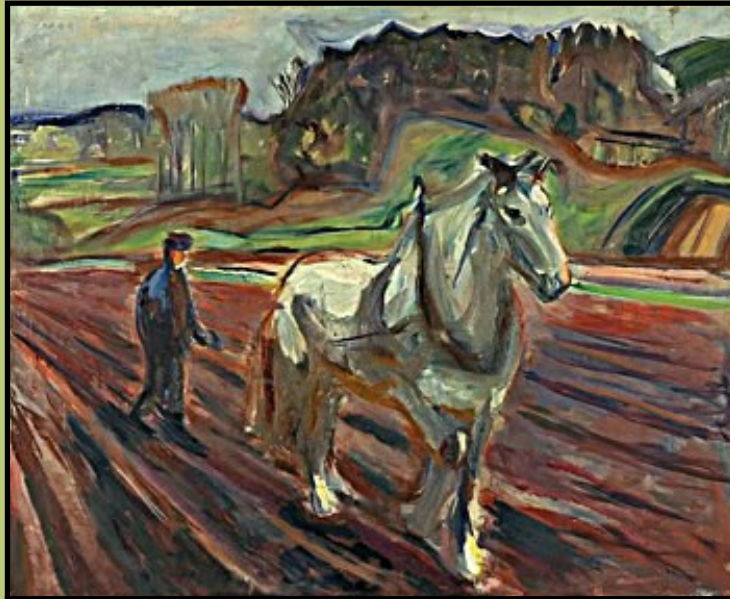
John Logie Baird made his first patent application, for a system of transmitting views, portraits and scenes by telegraphy or wireless telegraphy.

POPULAR SONGS

- Down Hearted Blues - Bessie Smith
- Swingin' Down the Lane - Isham Jones
- Yes! We Have No Bananas - Billy Jones
- No, No Nora - Eddie Cantor
- Dreamy Melody - Art Landry & his Orchestra



Bulletin Board



Man ploughing with a white horse (ca. 1919-1920)
Edvard Munch (Norwegian, 1863-10.440)

June 2023

- Thursday, June 1 - Tuesday, July 31
SRLS Summer Reading Program
All Together Now - Summer Discover 2023
See Gilmer County Library Calendar for events.
- Wednesday, June 14 - Flag Day
- Sunday, June 18 - Fathers' Day
- Monday, June 19 - Juneteenth
- Tuesday, June 20 - GCGSI Board Meeting
Gilmer County Library - 2:00 p.m.
NO MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

July 2023

- Tuesday, July 4 - Independence Day
- Tuesday, July 18 - GCGSI Board Meeting
Gilmer County Library - 2:00 p.m.
NO MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING

August 2023

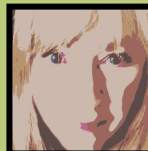
- Sunday August 13 - Annual Perseid Meteor Shower (Peak Night)
- Saturday, August 19 - GCGSI Monthly Meeting
Gilmer County Library - 12:00 noon
Annual Indoor Picnic
- Monday, August 28 - National Dog Day

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In Memorium

GCGSI Member
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 August 27, 1933 - August 24, 2023



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This book is a legacy to the ancestors who first settled in Gilmer County from their descendants, the members of First Families of Gilmer County Georgia. Published in 2019, it is over 800 pages, and its copyright is registered with ISBN.

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