

WEST GADSDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.

Vol. 9, No. 3

328 East 8th Street

September 2014

P. O. Box D

Greensboro, FL 32330-0803

Ph. 850.442.6434 E-mail: info@gadsdenhistory.org

www.GadsdenHistory.org

Find us on facebook

GREEN FORD LARKIN **GADSDEN COUNTY'S MULE TRADER TO BE** **REMEMBERED SUNDAY 09/28**

We will remember the life of G. Ford Larkin, well-known area cattleman, tobacco farmer, and devoted church worker, who died January 30, 1991. Most of all, Ford was known throughout Gadsden County, the adjoining tobacco growing areas in southern Decatur and Grady counties, and the South as a mule trader. This was a profession he began in his early adult life and it was interrupted when he served in World War II under General Patton as a tank commander in the 753rd Tank Battalion, U.S. Army. Ford saw action in Sicily, Italy, France, and central Europe while engaged in some of the fiercest battles of the European war. Ford's talents included that of being able to find a matched pair of mules sight unseen by only describing over the telephone what he was looking for. Many times the mules were miles apart, but when he took delivery of them, they made the exact match he wanted. During the early years of the annual Mule Day Festival in Calvary, Ford won many trophies for the prettiest mule and the best matched pair. He was often times asked to serve as a contest judge, but always declined because he enjoyed entering his mules in the contests. Ford and his wife, Ernestine, lived for about 30 years on their Seldom Rest Farm in the Juniper community of western Gadsden County. Upon retirement in the early 1980s, they sold the farm and moved back to Quincy to their "honeymoon" house where they had lived for five years after their marriage in 1947.

Among his nieces and nephews are Carolyn Laslie Duncan of Tallahassee, Wendell Larkin of Whigham, Pat Laslie Reynolds of Bainbridge, and James A. Smith of Dogtown.

Please join Ford's family and friends at this meeting where all will have an opportunity to share their memories of the Larkins. Various photos and personal items as well as his Mule Day trophies will be on display. If you have any items you would like to share, please bring them to the meeting. WGHS looks forward to seeing you at 3:00 p.m. in the Patricia Fletcher Vice Meeting Facility adjacent to the Greensboro Depot Railroad Museum, 115 Duffle Avenue, Greensboro.

NEW HOURS AT RAILROAD MUSEUM

Due to a lack of volunteers the Greensboro Depot Railroad Museum will open Saturday and Sunday 1:00-4:00 p.m. only the FIRST and LAST weekends each month. Please visit during these weekends to enjoy an outstanding railroad museum right here in Gadsden County. You will be amazed at the building restoration and the historical collections.

CHICKEN PILAU FUNDRAISER

West Gadsden Historical Society will have a pilau supper Saturday, November 8, to raise funds to cover increased expenses associated with ownership and operation of two museums. Serving will begin at 4:30 p.m. at the Greensboro Depot Railroad Museum complex. Please plan to attend and get the word out to family, friends and neighbors. Each plate is \$6.00 and includes dessert and ice tea.

The Greensboro Depot Railroad Museum proudly announces the receipt of the "Midge Askew Loan of the W. H. "Billy" Howell, Jr. Collection" which will be ready for viewing November 8. This vast collection of wonderful railroad artifacts was lovingly collected by Mr. Howell, sparked by an interest stemming from his father, W. H. Howell, Sr., who worked for the Apalachicola Northern Railroad from 1916-1968. West Gadsden Historical Society is fortunate to have these many items loaned to us for our visitors to enjoy, along with our many other wonderful donations. Please plan to visit the museum!

NEW CHILDREN'S BOOKS FOR SALE

West Gadsden Historical Society is proud to offer two new children's books that center on the Apalachicola Northern Railroad. The special price for the pair is \$5.00, or FREE with the purchase of any other book sold by the Society. Don't miss this opportunity to purchase these 1st edition books at our Annual Meeting.

Ollie Oil Can: Side by Side is a pre-school story of the adventures of characters that are learning to work on the ANRR. Ollie Oil Can, along with his pals Bonnie Bell, Warren Whistle, Pauly Piston, Wally Wheel and Ralphie Rag, learn the value of team work and working side by side. This book is the first in a series of children's books that will be written and published by WGHS.

A Story of a Railroad - The Apalachicola Northern Railroad (ANRR), also written and published by WGHS, is a history of the ANRR for children 12 and under. It provides a look at transportation problems experienced in North Florida prior to the building of the railroad. The reader is given a glimpse of life as it was in the small communities that grew and thrived in the early 1900's after the completion of the ANRR.

NEW HISTORIC MARKER IN CHATTAHOOCHEE

Sunday, November 9, at 2:30 p.m EST, Chattahoochee Main Street will present the unveiling and dedication of an historic marker for Nichols' Outpost that will be erected in the Chattahoochee Landing area. Funding for this marker was proudly provided by West Gadsden Historical Society through the sales of The Early History of Gadsden County and The Scott Massacre of 1817, written by renowned Southern historic author, Dale Cox.

DONORS

Other than Memberships, Memorials & Honorariums

09/10/13 – Present

EXPLORERS

Adrian C. Fletcher & Annie Muriel Fletcher Foundation, Inc.

Warren Layton

Byron & Emily Clark Family Trust

SETTLERS

Melvin L. & Carol L. Miller

PIONEERS

Harold M. Rudd

James Harold Thompson

Myrt Mayne

Dave Ferro

Lynne Poucher

Betty Fletcher Eppes

Patsy Pitts

Mary Poucher

Allen Clark, A. C. Electric

Coastal Seafood Restaurant

FRIENDS

Mark W. & Patsy Bates

John & Patsy Canetta

Gene & Marguerite Morgan

Annis C. Dominey

R. Patrick & Holly M. Elliott

Claire Roberts

Laura Kammerer

Joyce & Amy Roach

Nettie Bentley

Carole J. Spurlin

Chattahoochee Main Street

Lynda P. Dean

DONATION LEVELS

Heritage Circle	\$25,000 - and above
Legacy Builders	15,000 - 24,999
Patrons	10,000 - 14,999
Founders	5,000 - 9,999
Explorers	2,500 - 4,999

Trailblazers	\$1,000 - 2,499
Homesteaders	500 - 999
Settlers	250 - 499
Pioneers	100 - 249
Friends	up to - 99

LIFETIME MEMBERS

Lynne Layton Poucher
Shari Richardson Arrington
Amy Leann Roach
Tillie S. Tice
Angela Boynton Cassidy
Joyce VanLandingham
Roach
Avery Daniel Layton
Virgil H. Butler
Charlie M. Macon
Richard W. Pohlman
B. Scott Clark
Jane Wagner Clark
Dr. J. Kenneth Davis
Layton Bookkeeping Services
Marcia W. Fenn
Dale Cox
Helen Clark Brittin
W. Oziel Whittle
Stewart Parsons
Lori Ann Dezell
Mary P. Smith
Sam Pickett
Evelyn Pickett
Dr. Jim L. Rodgers

Charles Allen Poucher
Jean Ogilvie Dean
Joe Ann Hansford
William Vice
William K. "Buddy" Pitts
Rosalyn Fletcher Fenn
Ellen Sunday Clark
Thad White, Sr.
Isaac Simmons, Jr.
Peter W. Prugh
Clay VanLandingham
Janet Fletcher Bridges
Suzanne Fletcher Hood
Mary Barber Cox
Eva Mae Whittle Peters
Thomas J. Rabon
Judith S. Maxwell
Ken L. Bryant
Pollie J. Howell
Lisa Susan Dezell Hood
Margaret Edwards Cooksey
Ricky Brandon
Adelaide Munroe Suber
Mary Ann J. Thomas
Adrian C. Fletcher & Annie
Muriel Fletcher Foundation

Amber L. Rabon
Victor R. Silvestri
J. Mulder Brown
Donnie H. Roberts
Patricia Jean Pitts
Ruth Brown Sansom
Allen Clark
Richard L. Thompson
Marcia Dezell Gilbert
Laura A. Kammerer
Mari VanLandingham
James R. Dezell, Sr.
Peggy P. Mason
Samuel J. Fenn
Shirley T. Clark
Patricia B. Anderson
H. Max Fletcher, Sr.
Johnathon D. Rabon
James R. Dezell, Jr.
J. Russell Smith
Spurgeon S. Cowen
J. Everitt Drew
Carolyn Earnest White
Anthony N. Brittin

Find us on Facebook

CURRENT MEMBERSHIP ROLL

Memberships expire January 1

Quincy Telephone Company-
TDS Telecom
Dooner, Fletcher & Maxwell
CPA, LLC
Sandra Fletcher Whetstone
Patsy Smith Canetta
Bobbie P. Ferrell
Jeff Cotton
Carol Jean Crawford
Karen Alday-Henderson
Carole Fletcher
George E. Johnson
Mary K. Clark Edwards
William R. "Rick" Edwards
Sandie Eubanks
Leigh Brooks
Johnnie B. Toole
George K. Floyd
Jimmy W. Lemieux
Melvin Miller
Betty Mulford
Gladys E. Clark Rowan
Eudene Crosby Rowan
Emily Clark Rowan
J. Franklin Rowan
Ed Richards
Mary Jane Woodward
Janice Cooper Jones
Ann Clark Bryant
Emily Higdon
Harvey Sweeney
Rev. Harold E. Dean
Duncan Fletcher
George Segrest
Eula M. Segrest
Mark W. Bates
Eleanor Haire Puckett
Frances Cook
Carol Jolley Spurlin
Howard M. Kinch, Jr.

Talquin Electric Cooperative

Capital City Bank

Greensboro Kiwanis
Anna Lois Clark Antemann
Effie Clark
Ann Soffes Blount
Nettie Bentley
Holly M. Elliott
Betty Owens Goza
William "Bill" Clark
Ollie B. Edwards
Wilson Enfinger
Myrt Mayne
Susan Howell Mills
Gaile Bass
Jeanette Sweeney
Faye H. Alcorn
Martha S. Taylor
Kimble Mulford
Jim F. Rowan
Virginia Dean Singleton
Helen Roth
Harold M. Rudd
Dr. Pat M. Woodward
Debra Brandon
Nadine Peacock Standland
John W. B. Canetta
Gary C. Bryant
R. Patrick Elliott
Priscilla Suber
James Harold Thompson
Betty Timmons Mahaffey
Holden Brandon
Patsy Bates
Rick Green
Richard W. "Dick" D'Alemberte
Erline Haire Spooner
William Hugh McKeown

Charles McClellan Funeral
Home
Chattahoochee Main Street

John Eubanks
Evie Blount
Carol Wagner Johnston
Lila Dolan Corbin
Betty Jo Goodson
Jeannie Suber Demma
Susan Clark Hinton
Michael E. Allen
R. D. Edwards
Mack Eubanks
Robert H. "Bob" Fisk
Nancy S. Richards
Linda Clark Smith
Kim Rowan Vargas
Robert H. Alcorn, Jr.
Gene Bass
Bascom Logan Mahaffey
Mary C. Parramore
Patsy Willis
Carol L. Miller
Ken W. Vargas
Lynda Presnell Dean
Donna Warlick
Wilson Hinson
Betty Fletcher Eppes
Tee Hinson
Bill Willis
Kathleen Stewart
Jane F. Bodiford
Jean P. Edwards
H. Marcus Edwards
Linda J. Smith
Debbie J. Green
Michael J. Herrin
Mary W. Spooner

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

07/01/14 – 09/18/14

Charles & Lynne Poucher
Dennis & Fabiola Cassidy
in memory of
Jack Freeman

Joyce & Amy Roach
Rosalyn F. Fenn
Charles & Lynne Poucher
in memory of
Janet Cook Foran

Charles & Lynne Poucher
in memory of
Otho Winton "BoBo" Edwards III

Charlie & Jean Macon
Jesse & Annie McMichael
John & Margaret Anne Clark
George & Marcelle Johnson
Lynda Dean
Ricky & Debra Brandon
Bill & Pamela Benson
Tom & Sharon Johnson

Debra Ferstler
Gary & Ann Bryant
James Harold Thompson
Rosalyn F. Fenn
Joyce V. Roach
Frank & Patti Ryll
John & Patsy Canetta
Harry & Beth Crozier
The Merrill Lynch Team

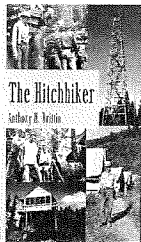
Charles & Lynne Poucher
Carey & Jane Trice
Louie Barineau
Lamar & Jane Clark
Wilson & Tee Hinson
Stephen & Annette Flournoy
Frank & Ann Cox
Howard & Elaine McKinnon

The Family of Freeman & Elizabeth Chason -- Tommy Chason
The Children of Roscoe & Altie Mae Teems Shepard -- Katherine, David and Frank
in memory of
Reuben Byron Clark

West Gadsden Historical Society offers books, note cards and t-shirts for sale. Your purchases support our efforts to preserve Gadsden County history.

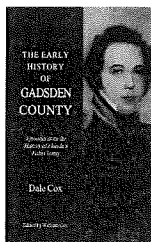
All prices include 7.5% FL Sales Tax

The Hitchhiker



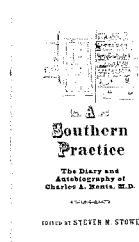
\$23.00

Gadsden Co. Early History



\$27.00

Dr. Hentz Diaries



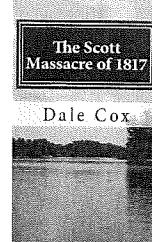
\$50.00

James Stewart Autobiography



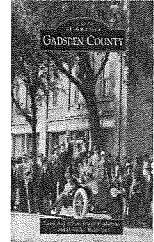
\$27.00

Scott Massacre



\$22.00

Images of Gadsden Co.



\$23.00

MEMBERSHIP DUES

Yearly Dues

Each Individual \$ 25.00
Business \$250.00

One time "Lifetime" Dues

Each Individual \$500.00

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____

**All donations are appreciated. They allow WGHS to
continue preserving Gadsden County's history.**

I/WE WANT TO MAKE A DONATION OF \$ _____.

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

E-MAIL _____ PHONE _____



West Gadsden Historical Society, Inc., is exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the IRS code. Dues and gifts are deductible to the full extent of the law. A COPY OF THE OFFICIAL REGISTRATION AND FINANCIAL INFORMATION MAY BE OBTAINED FROM THE DIVISION OF CONSUMER SERVICES BY CALLING TOLL-FREE 800-435-7352 WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA. FLORIDA DOACS# CH-17709. REGISTRATION DOES NOT IMPLY ENDORSEMENT, APPROVAL OR RECOMMENDATION BY THE STATE.

West Gadsden Historical Society, Inc.
P. O. Box D
Greensboro, FL 32330
850.442.6434
www.GadsdenHistory.org

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
GREENSBORO, FL
PERMIT NO. 5



**West Gadsden Historical Society thanks our loyal
BUSINESS MEMBERS for their support:**

CAPITAL CITY BANK

CHARLES McCLELLAN FUNERAL HOME

DOONER, FLETCHER & MAXWELL CPA, LLC

QUINCY TELEPHONE - TDS TELECOM

TALQUIN ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.