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GROWING.....GROWING.....GROWING!!!!!!

Since our Special Edition of the newsletter in November, we have had 5 new lifetime members, 10 new members and 25 renewing members. A very big THANK YOU to all of you! YOUR membership is the very life of our organization. As we apply for grants, community support matters to the grantors. For instance, if your spouse renewed, but you chose not to renew, our numbers drop. With lower numbers, the assumption is made that we lack the backing of the very people for whom our work is to benefit. This can and does have a negative affect on our funding from the State of Florida and other sources. Please renew today. If you have postponed joining WGHS, please decide to take a stand for Heritage Tourism in Gadsden County today. You matter to WGHS! An expiration date has been added to your mailing label. Without your renewal, your name will be purged from our mailing list. Surely, you don't want to miss any of our newsletters. WGHS will miss you very much. With each and every one of you, our organization grows and grows and grows.

RICHARD THOMPSON'S CHALLENGE

Will you join the five people who have responded to Richard's Challenge? Earlier in the beginning of the organization, lifetime members' dues were \$250.00. Richard challenged all of these members to match their initial dues with another \$250.00 by January, 2009. Wouldn't it be great if we have 100% positive response to this challenge in 2008? With 59 LIFETIME members, we are making progress with seven names on the new plaque. Both the first and second plaques will be on display for our annual Open House on July 4th.

SEEKING GRANT FUNDS

Our small matching grant application will be reviewed March 31, 2008. If we are approved, we should receive our funds in late July or August. We will submit our 3rd Special Category grant application by July 31, 2008. Hopefully, the third time will be the charm. Maybe the grant panel will become tired of seeing us and award us the grant. If not, we will be back again and again until we obtain our well deserved portion of historical preservation dollars. We are in the process of finalizing a contract with MLD Architects to prepare plans and specifications for the remainder of The Dezell House Project. With these plans in hand, perhaps the Florida Historical Commission will see our dedication and sincerity. Your dues and donations make it possible to pay for these services above and beyond any grant funds received. WGHS thanks you for all of your generous gifts.

The W. P. Humphrey Club is also seeking grant funds to restore The Old Gretna School. We are pleased to see the efforts of others to preserve various aspects of Gadsden County's history. We wish them success.

APALACHICOLA NORTHERN RAILROAD --- GREENSBORO DEPOT

WGHS was invited to attend the Railroad Society meeting January 28th in Tallahassee. The group wanted to hear about the Greensboro Depot. For any who would like to work on this wonderful project, please contact us. There are various elements that can be removed from the building that will facilitate the discovery process of what was there historically. According to Bill McCord, Gadsden County's Planning and Zoning Director, WGHS should receive funds in 2009 for engineering and architectural planning for the future restoration. The restoration work is scheduled to begin in 2012. The restored Depot is going to be quite splendid. It will be THE place to see on the Florida Arts Trail!

GREENSBORO CENTENNIEL

The Town of Greensboro turns 100 years old this year! WGHS will be celebrating this event with a two day OPEN HOUSE, Friday and Saturday, July 4th and 5th. All are encouraged to take advantage of the long weekend to return home, and see the accomplishments of West Gadsden Historical Society. We will have boiled peanuts, cold drinks and rocking chairs that invite you to sit a spell and enjoy visiting and reminiscing. We will have both The Dezell House and the Greensboro Depot open to visitors. Please make your plans now to join us for this weekend. As plans develop, we will post them on our web site. Check for updates.

NOTICE OF UPCOMING BOOK

REVISED FINAL CALL FOR ENTRIES TO THE FIRST EDITION OF THE ENCYCLOPEDIA OF FLORIDA SHERIFFS NOTICE TO ALL ACTIVE SHERIFFS OF ALL COUNTIES & RETIRED OR FORMER SHERIFFS & FAMILIES OF DECEASED SHERIFFS

The Encyclopedia will present a comprehensive list of Florida sheriffs including condensed biographies, family genealogies and history of tenures as an anthology of law enforcement in the STATE OF FLORIDA from 1821 to 2008. Information may be obtained from and entries may be submitted to :

Victor R. Silvestri, Editor, 561 Tall Oaks Road, DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435-8972

Please contact him with your information if you are one of the groups mentioned above. WGHS wishes Mr. Silvestri much success in this endeavor. Please keep us posted on your progress!

MEETINGS SCHEDULED

February 17th - Dr. Titus Brown, Professor of History at Florida A&M University will be our guest speaker. He is the author of Faithful Firm and True: African American Education in the South, co-author of African American Life on The Southern Hunting Plantation, Albany State University: A Centennial History and The African American Experience. He received his Doctorate of Philosophy degree from Florida State University in 1995. He is a past National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow. He has served on the Editorial Board and currently serves on the Advisory Board of the Southern Conference for African American Studies. He recently served on the Southern Program Committee for the Organization of American Historians, the largest learned society for history in the world. Dr. Brown has been employed by Florida A&M University for sixteen years.

March 16th - Grady Turnage, local historian, will speak to the group about his new book, River Talk. We look forward to another visit from Mr. Turnage, who can always impart knowledge to us about our entire county and the area along the Apalachicola River.

April 20th - This meeting is dedicated to our own Flavors of Home cookbook. Our sales of this book have been phenomenal, selling over 1000 books to date. To show our appreciation, we will feature recipes from the cookbook for another Tasting Party. In March 2007, we held a Tasting Party which got our sales campaign off to a roaring start. If you have purchased one of the books and have a favorite recipe you would like to share, please call Patricia Vice at 442-4041. Come on out and enjoy great food and fellowship with us.

May 18th - In honor of Memorial Day, our meeting will feature any and all of your war memorabilia. Please come and share with us memories of your fathers, grandfathers, husbands, brothers, and others who fought during any of the terrible wars of the 20th century.

All of the above meetings will be held at Gardner Hall, 150 East 11th Street, Greensboro, at 3:00 P. M.

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*CHALLENGER

Italics denotes those who have matched the challenge

We were deeply saddened by the passing of Lota G. Smith Coffel on January 30, 2008. WGHS was honored that she had the confidence in the organization to become a lifetime member on January 12th. Our sincere condolences to her family.

NEW MEMBERS

Alexander Johnson
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11/15/07-02/04/08

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A special thanks to the directors of this foundation for its gifts each year since our founding in 2004. Their loyalty and generosity have assisted in sustaining WGHS during these formative years.

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in honor of
Vivian Haire

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