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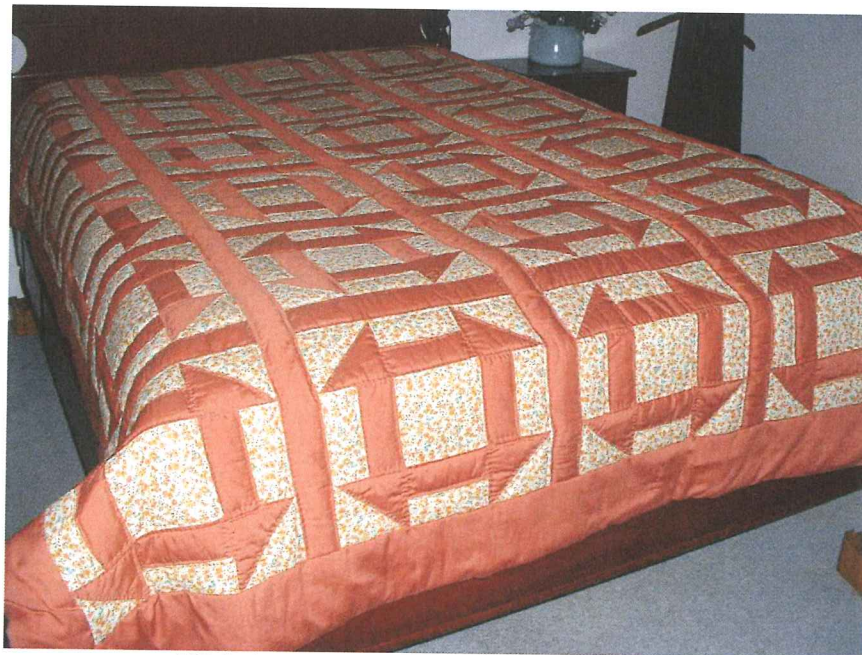
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GROWING.....GROWING.....**GROWING!!!!!!**

6th ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE JULY 3rd

Join us at the Dezell House, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. as we celebrate the progress we have made thus far with the Dezell House restoration. There will be historic displays, a bake sale and Coastal Seafood will be offering a delicious seafood lunch. For our fundraiser James & Linda Smith have donated a vintage quilt in memory of his mother, Mrs. Arthur (Cleo Larkin) Smith. The tickets will be \$3.00 each. THANK YOU, James and Linda for this generous donation which will help WGHS raise much needed funds.



“Hole in the Barn Door” Pattern, Full/Queen

TOBACCO BARN SURVEY

The tobacco barn survey continues with a total of 119 barns located, photographed, and identified throughout the county. Regrettably, some of the photographs are only views from the highways due to the property being gated or otherwise inaccessible. If you have a tobacco barn on your property that is inaccessible, please call WGHS at 850.442.6434 to set up a time convenient to you for photographing your barn(s). We have traveled roads within the county that this Gadsden native never knew existed. Along the way, we photographed water tanks, ball fields, iron bridges and old tobacco shades. We found barns that are now being used as houses, tomato packing houses, horse barns and even llama barns. WGHS would love to have a barn party celebrating the success of this project. If you are willing to share your barn accommodations with us, please give us a call. This has been a very interesting and educational project. We have met some very nice, hospitable people. Once the project is complete it will be posted to our web site; keep watching for it.

MEMBERSHIP

Since the last newsletter Sharon Miller Cooper, David Woodward, Mary Ann J. Thomas, Sandra G. Andrews, Leigh Brooks, Walter H. Nolin and Carol Jolley Spurlin have joined WGHS. Jeannie Suber Demma, Art & Deanne McPherson Adams, James & Linda Earnest, Wilford & Ella Kennedy, Betty Jayne Solomon Edwards, Donna A. Warlick, Elvin Keever, Johnnie B. & Bernice Toole, Bascom & Betty Mahaffey, Howard M. Kinch, Jr., Anna L. Antemann, Elizabeth Hall, H. Max Fletcher, Jr., Janet Suber George, Dot Suber, Priscilla Suber, Pamela F. Ortega, Mary C. Parramore, Bill Willis, Kathy Cook, Lisa Curvey and Susan L. Clark have renewed their memberships. We appreciate the support of all members and ask each of you to encourage others to join WGHS.

DEZELL HOUSE PROGRESS

The rough-in phase of the wiring is complete. New galvanized gutters have been installed and the rain barrels are in place. New stucco has been applied all around the house. Custom made doors have been installed at the kitchen and restroom entrances, along with new door and window locks throughout the house. Some minor carpentry repairs and exterior painting are next on our agenda with the funds on hand. As more funds become available, we will build a deck, ramp and steps at the rear of the house, complete the wiring, and install air conditioning. **YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS WILL HELP!**

MARCH MEETING at the JOSHUA DAVIS HOUSE

David Avant III and his wife, Jessica, hosted our March meeting at the historic Joshua Davis House near Mt. Pleasant. After a brief business meeting, everyone toured the house and the surrounding grounds. We especially thank the Avants for this wonderful opportunity to view a part of Gadsden's history. They have cordially invited WGHS to come back each year for the March meeting.

GREENSBORO DEPOT

Gadsden County held a kick-off meeting on May 18th for the depot project. There were five members from WGHS present. Clemons, Rutherford & Associates, Inc., Preble-Rish Inc., Johnson and Reeves Engineering, and H2 Engineering representatives attended as well as Commissioner Gene Morgan. We were assured during this meeting that the planning project would be completed well before the December 31, 2010 deadline. WGHS will be working closely with the architects to ensure that the restored depot will be something the Society can be proud to own and present to the public.

2010 MEETINGS

July 3 – 6th **ANNUAL OPEN HOUSE** at the Dezell House, Greensboro, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Coastal Seafood of Panacea will have available a tasty seafood lunch.

Sept. 24 -- Wayne E. Torbert, author of *The Young Cadet*, will review his book that centers around the Battle of Natural Bridge. Town Hall, Greensboro, 3 p.m.

Nov. 6-- **WGHS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING & PILAU**, at Sycamore Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, Sycamore Community, 4:00 p.m.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

From 02/23/10 – 05/23/10

Charles & Lynne Poucher
in memory of
Joyce Ann Butler Touchton

Karen Alday-Henderson
in memory of
Mary Elisabeth Johns Potter

James & Linda Smith
in memory of
Sandra Shepard Ray

Charles & Lynne Poucher
in memory of
Lonnie Hatcher

Janet Suber George
in memory of
Howard & Margaret Suber

Joyce V. Roach
in memory of
Gilbert Chandler, Jr.

Joyce V. Roach
in memory of
Lonnie Hatcher

Janet Suber George
in memory of
Robert Laing

I CARE DONATIONS

Gifts *OTHER THAN*
Memberships, Memorials &
Honorariums from 01/01/10-Present

TRAILBLAZERS

Adrian C. Fletcher & Annie Muriel Fletcher Foundation, Inc.
Quincy Telephone Company-TDS Telecom

SETTLERS

Lynne L. Poucher

PIONEERS

James Harold Thompson
Dr. Jim L. Rodgers
Hugh G. McPherson
James R. Dezell, Sr.
Mary Ann J. Thomas
Pat & Adelaide Suber

FRIENDS

Jeannie Suber Demma
Betty Jayne Solomon Edwards
Leota M. Whitfield
Mary Ann & Roy Flowers

PLEASE HELP BY GIVING TODAY!

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

**2009 ANNUAL REPORT
WEST GADSDEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY, INC.**

Mission Statement: To preserve the history of Gadsden County, while emphasizing the western area of the county.

Accomplishments: Keeping our mission statement in mind, WGHS continues to educate the public about the rich history of Gadsden County. We continued our preservation project at the Dezell House, working hard to pay the 2008 loan for architectural service expenses. Our website is a project that continues to improve as more pictures and information are added to the site. Our newsletter goes out to all of our members and to other potential members. Membership is the backbone of our organization. We have maintained a steady number of 200+ members; however, each year some fail to renew. Our fervent wish is to regain these former members and strive to reach 300+. We know the interest is out there. We know the support is there from the comments and help we receive from the community. We feel sure our growth will continue.

Officers & Directors:

**Lynne L. Poucher, President
Rosalyn F. Fenn, Treasurer
John W. B. Canetta
Patricia J. Pitts**

**Patricia F. Vice, Vice-President
Linda C. Smith, Secretary
Ellen S. Clark
Dale Cox, Honorary**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
as of December 31, 2009**

INCOME:		\$22,466.90
EXPENSES:		
Administration:		
Postal Permit	180.00	
Insurance	3,472.49	
Office Supplies	12.71	
Taxes	54.20	
Utilities	619.70	
Dues	210.00	
Fundraising:		4,549.10
Newsletter	73.34	
Advertising	9.20	
Meetings & Events	673.04	
Sales Tax Collected	349.57	
Programs:		1,105.15
Public Education	1,582.49	
Dezell House Restoration	802.66	
		2,385.15
TOTAL		\$8,039.40
NET INCOME		\$14,427.50

*\$15,000.00 was paid on the loan for the Dezell House Restoration.

Our net assets as of 12-31-09 are \$153,449.45. This includes the cash in all of the bank accounts and the value of the two parcels of real estate owned by the Society. Our 12-31-09 loan balance is \$500.00.

I CARE DONATION

Gadsden County's history is important! Because I care I will donate \$ _____
to help WGHS continue its mission to preserve all of the history of Gadsden County.

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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP

Individual	\$25.00
Business	\$250.00

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP

Individual	\$500.00
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NAME _____

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FLAVORS OF HOME --- WGHS Cookbook*
SOMETHING GOLD ---Tobacco Grower Interviews by Kay Davis Lay
THE EARLY HISTORY OF GADSDEN COUNTY by Dale Cox
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