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Marie Hodgson Koenig

We dedicate this special edition of the *Athens Historian* to Marie Hodgson Koenig who died December 19, 2019. Marie was an active member of the Athens Historical Society and was the first editor of the *Historian* when it began publication in 1996. She was also editor of the next three editions.

With her vast knowledge of world affairs and keen sense of history, honed by a distinguished career in the U.S. diplomatic service, Marie set a high standard of accuracy, authenticity and literary excellence that have become hallmarks of the *Historian*. The Athens Historical Society is indebted to Marie for her exemplary leadership and service to the Society and the Athens community.

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Born and Born Again: The Odd History of the Athens Historical Society

by Larry B. Dendy, Chair,
Athens Historical Society Editorial Committee

The year 2019 marked the 120th anniversary of the creation of the original Athens Historical Society in 1899, and the 60th anniversary of the society's revival in 1959. While 120- and 60-year birthdays normally aren't notable milestones, their coincidence is an opportunity to look back at the unusual history of this organization devoted to history. Thus, the Society's Editorial Committee (Larry Dendy, Patricia McAlexander, Theresa M. Flynn, and Eve B. Mayes) is pleased to present this special edition of the *Athens Historian*.

Many AHS members may not be aware that we belong to the second iteration of the Society. The first evidently had a very brief life – less than a year – and left little to show for its existence. Why it didn't last longer isn't known (a spat between two members is rumored to have led to its demise). But thanks to research by AHS members Elizabeth Allison Brown and Steven A. Brown, we have a good record of its proceedings. Though it started with the promise to do “a Good Work” for the city, the first AHS, as Elizabeth and Steven's article reveals, had little impact on the community and vanished with hardly a notice.

Not so for its successor. The modern AHS enters its seventh decade as the acknowledged leader in fostering and supporting the documentation of more than two centuries of Athens and Clarke County history. In addition to presenting some 250 programs at its quarterly meetings over the years, AHS has helped install historic markers, sponsored exhibits, conducted rambles to historic sites, published historic maps, disseminated important research in its *Papers* series and the annual *Historian*, and recognized leading local scholars with its Augustus Longstreet Hull Award. All this work and more is detailed in articles and compilations in this *Historian*.

Despite their differences in duration and influence, the two versions of the Society share interesting similarities. Not surprising, perhaps, they had the same purpose. The original group's Constitution stated its objectives were “Research into the history and traditions of Athens, primarily, and secondarily of Georgia and the other States of

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the South” and “The collection and preservation of materials and relics of southern history.” It’s uncertain how much the founders of the modern Society knew about their predecessor, but their six Purposes closely parallel the original group’s. The first is “To discover, collect and preserve all materials, especially original and source materials, pertaining to the history of Athens, Clarke County, adjacent counties and related areas.” Other purposes include disseminating knowledge and promoting historical research.

Both groups were started by prominent figures in local business, education, and civic affairs, many of whom had connections to the University of Georgia. Founders of the 1899 Society include names still familiar in Athens today – Bloomfield, Carlton, Cobb, Hodgson, Hull, Mell, Thomas, and White. Among charter members of the 1959 Society (all but three now deceased) are Superior Court Judge James Barrow and his wife Phyllis; Congressman Robert Stephens; businessmen Morgan (Bucky) Redwine, Uly Gunn, and Thomas Milner; and such UGA notables as Dean William Tate and his wife Susan (Sue Fan) Barrow Tate, UGA librarians Porter Kellam and John Bonner, and professors John Talmadge, E. Merton Coulter, and Hubert Owens. There were even living connections between the two groups: businessman Harry Hodgson (1874-1971) was a charter member of both societies; Sue Fan Tate’s grandfather, UGA Chancellor David Crenshaw Barrow, was a founder of the first AHS.

Thanks to assiduous work by Theresa Flynn, you will find brief biographies and photos for many of these AHS pioneers accompanying articles about the original and modern societies.

We are fortunate that three of the more than 100 charter members of the modern Society still carry on the legacy of the organization they helped create. You will meet Mary Bondurant Warren, Elaine Collier Neal, and Lucy Nickerson Tresp in profiles compiled by Patricia McAlexander.

The idea to commemorate the 120th/60th AHS anniversaries arose when Elizabeth Allison Brown and Steven Brown submitted their article about the original Society two years ago. Since then, Editorial Committee members have spent much time planning, researching, writing and editing articles and gathering photographs, and abundant thanks are due to Pat McAlexander and Theresa Flynn for their commitment to this project and for their patient and diligent work.

However, the true hero of this issue is Eve Mayes. Eve was just a child when her mother, Mary Bondurant Warren, helped reboot AHS

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in 1959, and she has literally grown up with the Society. Her knowledge of both the Society and Athens history has been invaluable in creating this *Historian*. In addition to co-writing with Mary the history of the modern Society, Eve is responsible for three other major contributions to this issue – a list of every publication and map produced by AHS; a list of the articles of every volume of the *Historian* and both volumes of *Papers*; and a remarkable list of the programs presented at almost every AHS meeting since 1960, including date, speaker(s) and program title. These are the most comprehensive such compilations ever produced and their value to AHS is inestimable. Eve's work immensely enriches this volume and we are deeply grateful. (And if these contributions weren't enough, Eve was also the designer for this and many past editions of the *Historian*.)

In an ironic way, the story of the Athens Historical Society evidences the adage that "history repeats itself." Though the original group is now a footnote in the annals of Athens, its founders recognized an essential truth – that a community's past is vital and must be preserved. Sixty years later, enlightened citizens revived the Society out of that same recognition. And today, after another 60 years, AHS continues striving vigorously to uphold that principle and fulfill that mission.

The Editorial Committee hopes you enjoy reading, and perhaps reminiscing, about AHS's unique story and the people whose passion for history have kept it alive.

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The Athens Historical Society ... of 1899

By Steven A. Brown & Elizabeth Allison Brown

“A NEW SOCIETY TO BE ORGANIZED. The Athens Historical Society Will do a Good Work. WILL COLLECT DATA. And Secure and Preserve All the History and Traditions of the Classic City, Incidentally Touching Upon Georgia and Southern History - Will Organize Next Week.”



Birthplace of the 1899 AHS was the Augustus Longstreet Hull home at the corner of Dearing Street and Milledge Avenue. It is currently the location of the Morgan Stanley building and parking lot.

So ran the headline announcing the first Athens Historical Society on the front page of the *Athens Weekly Banner* of January 27, 1899.¹ The article assured that the society would consist “only of those gentlemen who have a lively interest in such work. It will not be a social organization in any respect.” Presumably limiting the organization to “gentlemen” was to eliminate the social distractions of the ladies – ironic considering that three of the first four AHS

Augustus Longstreet Hull Awards for research excellence given by our present-day society have been presented to women.²

Apparently there was enough distraction to confuse potential members about the date of the first meeting because the *Weekly Banner* of February 3 reported on page five that only six gentlemen arrived at

¹ “A New Society to be Organized,” *Athens Weekly Banner*, January 27, 1899, p.1.

² As an advisor to the ladies, Dr. E. D. Newton proposed opening the society to women at the April meeting, but the proposal was tabled. As one of the founders of the Ladies’ Garden Club, Dr. Newton may have been better acquainted with the abilities of women.

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A. L. Hull's residence at the appointed time, and the meeting was postponed to later that day.³ This time, twenty-two founding members arrived to organize and write the group's constitution and bylaws. These documents, as well as a list of founding members, minutes of subsequent meetings, and lists of later members, are all to be found in a minutes book discovered among the papers of the noted historian Dr. E. Merton Coulter at the Hargrett Library.⁴ Below we offer the reader a transcription of the contents and short biographies of the founders.

There followed four meetings in 1899, at which diverse subjects were discussed. These ranged from recollections and scholarly papers to a discussion on the value of a desiccated "potatoe" in preventing rheumatism. (The consensus of the society in the latter matter seems to have been in favor of buckeyes over potatoes.) The society received excellent news coverage, perhaps because charter member and corresponding secretary T.W. Reed was managing editor of the *Athens Weekly Banner*.

With successful meetings and a membership of forty-one of the best-known (white male) citizens of Athens, the society was well launched. At the November 27th gathering, a meeting was scheduled for December 18th, and John Mell was appointed to the program committee, but both the minutes and newspaper coverage of the society stop at this point. A cursory examination of members' correspondence and diaries held by Hargrett give no clue as to why.⁵

Elaine Collier Neal, a charter member of the modern Athens Historical Society, recalls hearing at its founding in 1959 that the 1899

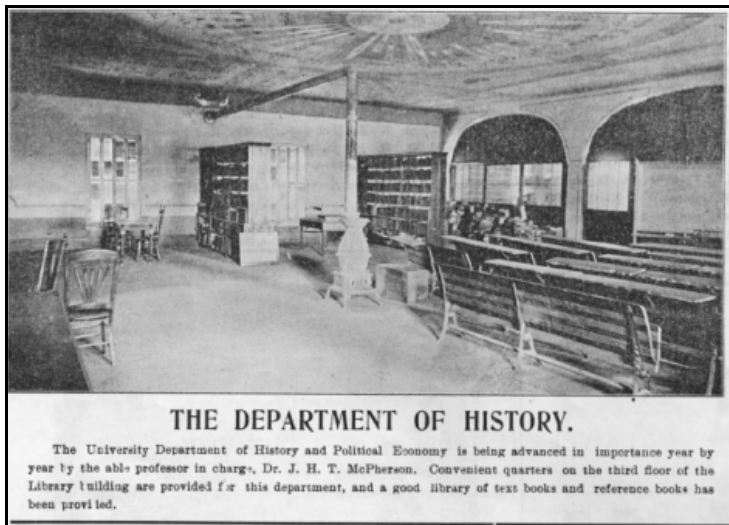
³ Photo of A.L. Hull's residence is from the Georgia Photograph File, MS 3705, Box 1, Envelope 122, Hargrett Rare Book & Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries.

⁴ E. Merton Coulter manuscript collection II, MS 2345. Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries. Box 1, Folder 9.

⁵ Correspondence, diaries, memo books, and scrapbooks for late 1899 and early 1900 are located in the following collections in the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library: Edwin King Lumpkin papers, MS 1748, box 1; Harry Hodgson papers, MS 1391, boxes 3, 4, 7; Asaph K. Childs in the William Tate papers, MS 2034, box 2; David Crenshaw Barrow papers, MS 2764, boxes 5, 12A, 12B; John H. T. McPherson papers, MS 186, box 2; William Starr Basinger papers, MS 138, box 1; Sylvanus Morris papers, UA 97-125, boxes 8, 9; Carlton-Newton-Mell papers, MS 59, box 3; Camak family papers, MS 53, box 5; and Miller-Morris papers, MS 755, boxes 4, 25.

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organization foundered because of an argument between two of the members. Ms. Neal says her uncertain recollection is that the conflict was between the two noted historian neighbors, Chairman A. L. Hull and Secretary Sylvanus Morris. Those restarting the organization in 1959 pledged themselves to ongoing civility.



The site of AHS meetings in 1899 and home of its archives were the history “rooms” on the third floor of the Library Building, now the north wing of the Holmes-Hunter Academic Building on North Campus.

The 1899 society has not been mentioned in the histories of Athens, with the exception of the 1912 *Strolls About Athens in the Early Seventies*, in which author Sylvanus Morris casually directs readers to the archives of the Athens Historical Society.⁶ Alas, he does not mention where such are to be found. U. B. Phillips, later a historian of note, had served as “custodian” of materials in 1899, but had been gone from Athens for over a decade by 1912. The by-laws specify that papers be kept “at the rooms of the Society,” i.e., Professor McPherson’s rooms in the University of Georgia History Department. Since the society intended to preserve historic documents and relics, as well as its own papers, one is curious as to what these archives

⁶ Morris, Sylvanus. *Strolls About Athens During the Early Seventies*. Athens: 1912, p. 10.

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contained, although nothing is recorded in the minutes about historic acquisitions. Perhaps someone today will realize that they hold the archives.

Modern researchers are fortunate that the *Athens Daily Banner* and the *Weekly Banner* published the full text of the valuable Rev. Samuel Boykin's paper for Athens Historical Society about the early University of Georgia Botanical Garden in its special *Trade Issue* of November 24, 1899. This essay, subtitled "The Exquisite Beauty Of the Old Garden That Was Situated to the North of Broad Street – That Old Willow That Came From Napoleon's Grave," gives the best description of the early garden and is frequently used by researchers today.⁷

Our modern society also published a paper possibly intended for one of the earlier Society's meetings. In the Hargrett collections, there is a notebook among the papers of 1899 member Dr. Henry Newton. The unsigned narrative is written in pencil in a lined college notebook that is most likely from the 1890s, judging from the Ivy League college photographs on the cover. The work describes Newton's early years in Athens, just the sort of paper delivered at the 1899 society. This was published in 1979 in the *Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Volume II*.⁸

From the 1920s, we found another Athens Historical Society in the *Athens Republique*, a newspaper published for the African-American community.⁹ In the scattered issues surviving for 1921-1926, this society appeared on page one of the January 7, 1922, edition, where it was heralded for organizing the Emancipation Day celebration. A detailed description of the parade and activities followed. In the October 7, 1922, issue, a meeting of the society was called at the

⁷ Dr. Porter Kellam submitted this essay with his own notes and amplification for publication in the *Athens Historian*, volume 2, 1997, pp. 4-10.

⁸ Henry Newton, *Some reminiscences of early life and times*, MS 1581, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries. This collection contains the original manuscript as well as a copy of *Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Volume II*, 1979 reprint.

⁹ At this writing, copies of the *Athens Republique* can be found in the Georgia Room collections, call number Ga Room AN13.A8 A4, and in the Jennie Smith papers, MS 13, box 2, both now in the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries. The newspapers are being microfilmed for preservation through the Georgia Newspapers Project and eventual inclusion in the Digital Library of Georgia.

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Athens High and Industrial School to organize the 1923 celebration. Finally, in the October 27, 1923, issue, the society was recognized both for its organization of Emancipation celebrations and for presentation of literary programs, one of which, the Douglass-Dunbar program, was to feature presentations on what the Athens African-American community had accomplished since 1865.¹⁰ After that we found no mention of the society, but the remaining issues are so few and scattered that no rational generalizations can be made as to its fate.

Mention should be made of a group preceding any of the Athens Historical Societies. The February 17, 1875, *North-East Georgian* reported on page three that the Clarke County Historical Society (CCHS) had formed on February 10 as an auxiliary to the Southern Historical Society.¹¹ The new group had chosen Dr. Henry Hull as president, and decided that Dr. Hull would give the first society address on Confederate Decoration Day that year. As with the 1899 society, the organization resolved that it should collect facts and documents pertaining to the early history of the county.

The following year, the April 18 *Athens Weekly Georgian* announced on page two that the CCHS would have its annual meeting on Confederate Decoration Day at the University of Georgia Chapel, where Professor William Henry Waddell would speak on the early days of Athens and the University of Georgia. Early settlers of Clarke and Oconee counties were invited in particular to attend, so it may have been a very memorable meeting. Later, on June 6, the *Athens Weekly*

¹⁰ The dinner announced in the October 27, 1923, article is certainly named for Frederick Douglass and Paul Lawrence Dunbar, which suggests a focus on national political and literary developments and history. As noted above, however, the theme in 1923 was the developments in the African-American community in Athens since the end of the Civil War, well within the living memory of many Athens residents. Had the speeches been preserved, they would have been a treasure for Athens's history: Dr. Perry M. Brown on the medical profession, Dr. I. H. Hiram on dentistry, Dr. Hugh Thornton on pharmacy, Professor J. A. Gabriel on teaching, the Reverend W. A. Fountain on the ministry, G. C. Woodruff on insurance, Professor D. A. Starks on agriculture, R. B. Harris on fraternal organizations, Lt. J. L. Brown on the press, and W. H. Harris on contemporary events.

¹¹ A lengthy article on the Southern Historical Society appeared on page four of the *North-East Georgian* for January 10, 1874, describing it as an organization dedicated to documenting and studying the late war and declared its interest in establishing local chapters. The Clarke auxiliary appears to have widened the scope of its interest.

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Georgian recommended on page two that the society plan for some sort of U.S. Centennial celebration in 1876. With that the CCHS slips into the murk of history it hoped to illuminate. Fortunately its first president, Dr. Henry Hull, had already laid the foundation for knowledge of Athens history with his 1870 newspaper columns, information that would eventually be expanded into *Annals of Athens, 1801-1901* by his son, Augustus Longstreet Hull.¹²

Fifty years after the founding and demise of the Athens Historical Society, the name was revived in our society in 1959. Among the charter members was remarkably one member of the 1899 society, Harry Hodgson, Sr.¹³ The current version of the Athens Historical Society has so far outlived the original by sixty years, thanks to the efforts and support of members and presenters.

In memory of the first Society, we present this transcript of the 1899 society's minutes.

ATHENS HISTORICAL SOCIETY Constitution, By-Laws and Minutes 1899

CONSTITUTION

ART I. Name

The name of this organization shall be: "The Athens Historical Society."

ART. II. Object.

The objects of this Society shall be:

SEC 1. Research into the history and traditions of Athens, primarily and secondarily of Georgia and the other States of the South.

SEC. 2 The collection and preservation of materials and relics of southern history.

¹² The convoluted contributions of the Hull family to recording Athens's history was traced in Elizabeth Allison Whitlock and Steven Allan Brown, "Easley, One of the Most Historic Homes of Athens," *Athens Historian*, 2016, volume 16, p. 29, note 4.

¹³ Tate, Susan B. "The First Twenty Years: A Brief History of the Athens Historical Society." *Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Volume II*, 1979, p. 100.

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ART. III. Officers

SEC. 1. The officers of the Society shall be: a President, Vice-president, Secretary, and treasurer, corresponding secretary, and custodian; whose duties shall be those usually discharged by such officers; who shall be elected annually at the February meeting by a majority vote of those members present thereat; they shall serve for one year, and until their successors are elected. Vacancies shall be filled by election at the meeting of the Society next succeeding the occurrence thereof.

SEC. 2. Program Committee. The vice-president, Secretary, and one member of the Society, who shall be appointed to serve for one month at each meeting by the President, shall be program committee charged with the duty of outlining and directing the proceedings at the monthly meetings of the Society.

ART. IV. Amendments.

A majority of the members present at a regular meeting may amend this Constitution provided notice of such amendment has been given at the last preceding meeting.

BY-LAWS

1. The meeting of the Society shall be held monthly on the evening of the third Monday of each month, in the rooms of the Department of History of the University of Georgia or other designated place.
2. A quorum shall be not less than six members.
3. The manuscripts, archives, and relics of the Society shall be in charge of the Custodian, who shall keep them at the rooms of the Society.
4. The dues shall be such sums as the treasurer may assess, and they shall be collected by that officer and disbursed under the direction of the Society.
5. The officers of the Society shall constitute a committee and proceed to invite persons to become members.

MINUTES

Athens, Georgia

February 3d A.D. 1899

Pursuant to notices and invitations issued a meeting was held this evening at eight o'clock p.m. at the residence of Mr. A. L. Hull for the

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purpose of organizing an Historical Society. There were present Mr. A. L. Hull, Rev J. W. Walden, Dr. J. H. T. McPherson, J. J. Strickland, Esq., Sylvanus Morris Esq., Dr. J. C. Bloomfield, and Prof. D. L. Earnest, Maj. W. S. Basinger. On motion Mr. Hull was elected temporary chairman, and he requested Mr. Morris to act as secretary. Mr. Hull read a paper outlining the purposes of the Society.

Dr. McPherson presented the outline of a Constitution and By-Laws, which were discussed, completed and adopted by sections, and articles, and as a whole.

The following officers were then elected, President A. L. Hull, Vice-President J. H. T. McPherson, Secretary and Treasurer Sylvanus Morris, Corresponding Secretary T. W. Reed, Custodian U. B. Phillips. The president appointed Maj. W. S. Basinger on Program Committee for the next month.

The names of the members as reported appear below. The Society adjourned until the regular meeting in March.

Sylvanus Morris, Sec.

Charter Members of the 1899 Athens Historical Society

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| 1. David C. Barrow, Jr. | 12. John D. Mell |
| 2. William S. Basinger | 13. John H. T. McPherson |
| 3. James C. Bloomfield | 14. Sylvanus Morris |
| 4. Henry H. Carlton | 15. Edwin D. Newton |
| 5. Howell Cobb | 16. U. B. Phillips |
| 6. Troy Beatty | 17. Thomas W. Reed |
| 7. D.L. Earnest | 18. John J. Strickland |
| 8. Arthur E. Griffith | 19. William W. Thomas |
| 9. Harry Hodgson | 20. Stephen C. Upson |
| 10. Augustus L. Hull | 21. J. W. Walden |
| 11. Henry H. Linton | 22. Henry C. White |

Athens, Georgia

March 20th A.D. 1899

The Society met in their rooms at eight o'clock p.m., present and presiding the president Mr. A. L. Hull, and also fourteen members.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were confirmed.

The Secretary then read, for the information of the members the constitution and by-laws as adopted.

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There being no unfinished or new business the program committee through their chairman, Dr. J. H. T. McPherson reported the arrangements for the evening and the same were carried out as follows:

1. A sketch of the *Beginnings of Athens* by Mr. A. L. Hull
2. *Genesis of the Clarke and Troupe Parties* by Mr. U. B. Phillips
3. *The Homicide Case of Peter Perry and Thomas Wells* by Sylvanus Morris.

On motion of Dr. E. D. Newton, it was resolved to have maps made of Athens for each decade from its first settlement to date.

The Chair announced the appointment of Mr. T. W. Reed as member of the program committee. The names of new members reported and enrolled appear on the next page.

Society adjourned

Sylvanus Morris, Secretary

Members enrolled March 20th 1899.

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| 1. Hon. Alex S. Erwin, Sr. | 11. Mr. Billups Phinizy |
| 2. Hon. Alex S. Erwin, Jr. | 12. Dr. John Gerdine |
| 3. Mr. R.L. Moss | 13. Mr. James W. Camak |
| 4. Mr. Ruben Nickerson | 14. Hon. Thomas S. Mell |
| 5. Mr. Edward R. Hodgson | 15. Mr. Edwin K. Lumpkin |
| 6. Mr. F. W. Lucas | 16. Mr. Robert L. Bloomfield |
| 7. Mr. A. K. Childs | 17. Mr. L. F. Edwards |
| 8. Prof. E. C. Branson | 18. Mr. H. Newton |
| 9. Dr. Josiah C. Orr | 19. Mr. G. G. Bond |
| 10. Dr. Samuel C. Benedict | |

Athens, Georgia

April 17th 1899

The regular monthly meeting of the Society convened in the Historical Library at 8:20 p.m., Mr. A. L. Hull presiding. Nine members present. In the absence of Secretary Morris, Mr. McPherson was appointed Sec. pro tem.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

On motion of Major Basinger it was made the duty of the Secretary to notify members of the time and place of each meeting, either by newspaper notice or otherwise.

A motion proposed by Dr. E. D. Newton that ladies be eligible to membership in the Society was tabled on motion of Mr. T. W. Reed.

The program of the evening was then taken up as follows:

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1. Mr. T. W. Reed: *Remarkable Contributions of Clarke County Families to the Service of the Southern Confederacy*.

On motion of Dr. Newton the President was requested to take steps to secure for the archives of the Society the holograph letter of Lee referred to in Mr. Reed's paper; or, in case the original could not be obtained, a certified copy thereof.

2. Dr. J. C. Orr: *A Memorial of Dr. R. D. Moore, of Athens, Georgia*.

In the discussion that followed this paper Major Basinger contributed the *Remarkable Story of the Potatoe Cure for Rheumatism*, producing the desiccated remains of a time-worn potatoe in corroboration. This was followed by a sudden and surprising production of Buckeyes by various member of the Society.

3. Mr. A. L. Hull : *A Sketch of General M. L. Smith*.

4. Mr. U. B. Phillips read a letter from J. C. Calhoun to Gov. Wilson Lumpkin, dated Washington, Dec. 26, 1841, the original in possession of Mrs. Martha A. Compton of Athens

Dr. Newton was appointed member of Committee on Programme [sic] for May.

Adjourned,

J. H. T. McPherson

Sec pro tem

Athens, Georgia

October 16th 1899

The Society met in the Historical Department of the University. Mr. A. L. Hull, President of the Society, in the Chair.

1. The minutes of the April meeting were read and approved.
 2. There being no unfinished or new business the program of the evening followed: to wit: The Secretary read a graceful and interesting sketch of the Botanical Garden from the pen of Rev. Samuel Boykin of Nashville. The sketch was heartily enjoyed, and aroused in the memories of the members pleasant recollections, and several interesting incidents were related. Mr. A. L. Hull read a letter from the Rev. R. K. Doster, Chaplain of Gen. T. R. R. Cobb's division to General Howell Cobb, giving the incidents connected with the death of Gen. T. R. R. Cobb at the battle of Fredericksburg. Dr. Ed. Newton added thereto some interesting personal reminiscences of the occasion.
 3. The president announced the appointment of Prof. D. L. Earnest, as a member of the program committee for the next meeting.
- The Society then adjourned.

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Sylvanus Morris
Secretary

Athens Georgia
November 27th 1899

The Society met in the Historical Library of the University. The President of the Society, Mr. A. L. Hull was in the chair and nine persons were present.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and corrected by the insertion of a resolution passed at that meeting, but not recorded in the minutes, directing the Secretary to provide the press with abstracts of the proceedings of the society.

The program of the evening was then taken up, and Major W. S. Basinger presented an interesting sketch of the action of the Savannah Volunteer Guards under his command during the siege of Battery Wagner at the time of the Federal attack on Charleston Harbor.

The ms. of this paper, for special reason, was not deposited in the archive of the Society.

Mr. A. L. Hull read a copy of a record in the Clerk's Office of Putnam County, under date of Nov. 23, 1810, testifying the general good character of Benjamin Harvey, Esq., Grandfather of Benjamin Harvey Hill, who had been so unfortunate to lose a portion of his ear in an altercation with one Simmons, at the house of Mr. Matthew Gage.

The president appointed Mr. John D. Mell to serve on the program committee for the next meeting De. 18.

The Society adjourned.

J. H. T. McPherson

Sec pro tem



And thus end the Minutes of the 1899 Society. In honor of these pioneers of recording and preserving Athens history, we conclude with capsule biographies of those who put the society in (brief) motion on the evening of February 3, 1899, on Dearing Street.

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BIOGRAPHIES OF THE 1899 FOUNDERS



Major William Starr Basinger (1827-1910) was the program chairman of the 1899 Athens Historical Society. He was born in Augusta, Georgia, and studied and practiced law in Savannah, before retiring to Athens in 1894 after serving as president of North Georgia Agricultural College in Dahlonega. He was active with Emmanuel Episcopal Church in Athens. He died at the home of his daughter in Athens and was buried in the historic Bonaventure Cemetery in Savannah.¹⁴



Dr. James Camak Bloomfield (1864-1927) was born in Athens to Robert Lee Bloomfield and Ann Rodgers, and graduated from UGA in 1884. He studied medicine in Philadelphia in 1888, becoming an otolaryngologist in 1897. He served as president of the Athens Board of Health and the Clarke County Medical Society, and was a professor of medical jurisprudence at UGA.¹⁵



Prof. David Lewis Earnest (1863-1956) was born in Nashville, Tennessee, and began his teaching career there in 1885. He came to Athens to teach at the State Normal School in 1888, and served as the principal of Athens High School in the early 1890s. He served as head of the Science Department at the State Normal School, later becoming an associate professor of Education when the Normal School merged with UGA in 1932. As a professor *emeritus* after his retirement in 1941, he worked with the Demonstration School until

¹⁴ Photograph of W.S. Basinger from William Pittman Roberts. *Georgia's Best Kept Secret: The History of North Georgia College*. (Dahlonega: W. P. Roberts and Alumni Association of NGC) 1998, p. 133.

¹⁵ Photograph of Dr. James Camak Bloomfield courtesy of Olivia Carlisle.

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1950. He formed the Athens Bicycle Club in the 1930s. An avid photographer, his collection of views of Athens is available at the Hargrett Library at UGA.¹⁶



Augustus Longstreet Hull (1847-1909) was the president of 1899 Athens Historical Society. He was born in Athens, the son of Dr. Henry Hull and Mary Nisbet, was active in education in Athens, serving as Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Lucy Cobb Institute for twenty-two years, secretary and treasurer of the UGA Board of Trustees for nineteen years, as well as on Athens City Schools Board. He was the cashier at the University Bank and the author of several books of history, including *Annals of Athens*, considered the definitive early history of Athens.¹⁷



Dr. John Hanson Thomas McPherson (1865-1953) was the vice president of 1899 Athens Historical Society. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland, was educated at Johns Hopkins University, and organized the History Department at UGA, which he headed from 1891 to 1945. He served as president of Phi Beta Kappa 1914-1945. He was the co-operator of the Mutual Savings and Deposit Bank, served as Trustee for Oconee Hill Cemetery, and was active with Emmanuel Episcopal Church.¹⁸

¹⁶ Photograph of David Lewis Earnest, "University of Georgia Faculty," 1933 *University of Georgia Pandora*, p. 29.

¹⁷ Photograph of Augustus Longstreet Hull, "University of Georgia Trustees," 1898 *University of Georgia Pandora*, p. 20.

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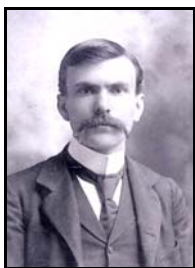
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William Sylvanus Morris, Esq. (1855-1929) was the secretary and treasurer of the 1899 Athens Historical Society. He was born in Aspenwall, Virginia, and graduated with a master's degree from UGA in 1874, and an honorary doctor of laws degree in 1877. He became Solicitor of the City Court in 1881, and served as Special Attorney for the Richmond and Danville (now Southern) Railroad in 1888. Morris was appointed dean of the UGA Law Department in 1900 when that position was created and served for 30 years. A facsimile of his 1901 memoir *Strolls About Athens* was issued by AHS in 1969. He was a member of Emmanuel Episcopal Church.¹⁹



U.B. (Ulrich Bonnell) Phillips (1877-1934) was the custodian (historian) of the 1899 Athens Historical Society. He was born in LaGrange, Georgia, and graduated from UGA with his BA in 1897 and his MA in 1899. He received his PhD in history from Columbia University in New York in 1902. Known for his economic studies of slavery and the plantation south, he taught around the country, including the Universities of Wisconsin and Michigan, Tulane University, and Yale. He died in North Haven, Connecticut, and is buried in Sleepy Hollow, New York.²⁰



T.W. (Thomas Walter) Reed (1870-1950) was the corresponding secretary of the 1899 Athens Historical Society. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and received a master's degree in 1888 and a law degree in 1889 from UGA. He worked briefly for Henry Grady in Atlanta, and later became editor of the *Athens Evening Chronicle* and the *Athens Banner*. He served on the UGA Board of Trustees as

¹⁹ Photograph of Sylvanus Morris, 1899, MS 3705, Carton 12, Folder 80, Georgia Photograph File collection, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries.

²⁰ 1903 portrait of U.B. Phillips from Merton L. Dillon. *Ulrich Bonnell Phillips: Historian of the Old South*. (Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press), 1985, p. 84.

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secretary, registrar, and treasurer. Within the city, he was a member of multiple social and scholastic societies, including Knights of Pythias, the Odd Fellows, the Masons, and Phi Beta Kappa. He was designated *registrar emeritus* upon his retirement from UGA in 1945. His unpublished *History of the University of Georgia* is available online through the Digital Library of Georgia.²¹



John J. Strickland, Esq. (1856-1932) was from Madison County, Georgia, attended the Martin Institute in Jefferson, Georgia, and graduated from UGA with both bachelor of arts and bachelor of law degrees in 1879. He first practiced law in Danielsville, Georgia, until 1888, then practiced law in Athens until after 1918. He was active in national, state, and city bar associations, as well as being a member of local clubs, such as the Cloverhurst Country Club, the Athens Masonic Order, and the Elks.²²



Rev. Julius Walker Walden (1851-1916) was born in Center, Alabama, and after graduating from Washington and Lee University, attended and received theological degrees from schools in Virginia, Tennessee, and Alabama. He served as pastor for First Presbyterian Church of Athens from 1896 to 1906, and retired here.²³

²¹ Photograph of Thomas Walter Reed taken by Albin Hajos in Athens, posted on Ancestry.com by Beth Doughty, private collection, used with her permission.

²² Portrait of Judge John J. Strickland 1902, MS 3705, Carton 9, Folder 69, Georgia Photograph File collection, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries.

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Sixty Years of Athens Historical Society, 1959-2019

by Mary Bondurant Warren
with Amy Warren Sanders and Eve B. Mayes

Whether the eleven founders who gathered on Sunday afternoon, October 11, 1959, at the Athens Regional Library (then housed in a former residence at the northwest corner of Hancock and College avenues), knew much about an earlier Athens Historical Society is unknown. Motivated by their determination to preserve our local history, the group included members of the University of Georgia faculty, librarians, long-time Athens residents, and a public school teacher, as they laid the groundwork sixty years ago for the Athens Historical Society we know today.

Biographical sketches of these 1959 founders of the Athens Historical Society can be found elsewhere in this issue: John W. Bonner, Special Collections Librarian, UGA; Lucy Clark, Athens school teacher; Dr. Kenneth Coleman, History Department, UGA; Richard N. (Dick) Fickett III, retired Army officer; Robert E. (Bobby) Gibson, Athens attorney; Harry Hodgson, Sr., an elderly Athens native and a member of the 1899 AHS; W. Porter Kellam, Director of UGA Library; Sarah Maret, Director of Athens Regional Library; Marion West Marshall, Athens native; John E. Talmadge, English Department of UGA; Susan Frances (Sue Fan) Barrow Tate, assistant, Special Collections Library, UGA.

Forming themselves into temporary committees, they arranged a public meeting to be held in the auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce Building on Thursday night, October 29, 1959. The *Athens Banner-Herald* said that an estimated seventy to eighty people braved chilly, misty weather to attend the organizing meeting of the Society, including many of the older residents of the community. At this meeting, a draft Constitution was read and approved; a steering committee was appointed to nominate officers and select a meeting site for the January 1960 meeting. Dues were set at \$2 per year.¹ Many joined that night, and became charter members. Three charter members

¹ *Athens Banner-Herald*, Friday, October 30, 1959, p. 1. AHS Papers, MS 2306, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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of the Society are still alive: Elaine Collier Neal, Lucy Nickerson Tresp, and Mary Bondurant Warren. A list of charter members is elsewhere in this issue.

The first-listed purpose of the Society was “*To discover, collect and preserve all materials, especially original and source materials, pertaining to the history of or in any manner illustrative of Athens, Clarke County, adjacent counties, and related areas.*” It also proposed to disseminate knowledge about those areas, promote historical research, promote, preserve and perpetuate historic sites and places, bring together those interested in the history of these areas, and stimulate public interest in and an appreciation and understanding of these areas. Although preservation of historic sites and places is one of the Society’s aims, it has no official connection with the Society for the Preservation of Old Athens that was organized on October 7, 1959.²

Membership has always been open to persons of good character who are interested in the history of the area by paying the annual dues. Active members have come from all walks of life, including the local business community, faculty at UGA, housewives, and folks who had been active for many years in other local historical organizations. And many of the members who have had a vital impact on the Society over the years were not even born here! They came to Athens for many varied reasons and became interested in the history of their new home.

Dr. John E. Talmadge, of the University’s English Department, was elected as the first president, followed by Dr. Kenneth Coleman of the History Department. A neophyte was chosen the third year when I became president in 1962. We had 101 members when I took office, and nothing had yet been published.

Programs

Interesting programs and special activities have played a huge part in stimulating interest in the history of our community. The founding of the Society almost coincided with the centennial of the Civil War 1861-1865, and AHS co-sponsored a two-day meeting with the Georgia Historical Society commemorating the beginning of the war in April 1961, culminating with a tour of Liberty Hall in Crawfordville, home of Alexander H. Stephens, the vice president of the Confederacy. A

² *Athens Banner-Herald*, October 14, 1959, n.p., AHS Papers, MS 2306, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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chronology of programs offered by AHS over its sixty-year history can be found elsewhere in this issue.

Driving tours and rambles offered a variety of history-related experiences for attendees to explore further on their own. Over the years, these guided excursions have included such places as Fort Yargo, historic homes in Elberton and Madison, tours of the new (in 1965) Georgia Archives building in Atlanta, Shaking Rock near Lexington, Kettle Creek in Wilkes County, Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, and the home of late Senator Richard B. Russell in Winder. Even within Clarke County, AHS has provided rambles to discover the history of the brick kiln factory in Sandy Creek Nature Center and the elegant, wooded getaway of Beech Haven.

The annual Christmas Party and Open House have created many fun memories over the years. The January meeting followed a pot-luck supper until it was discontinued in 1991.

Two especially memorable programs, with panel discussions coordinated by Blair Dorminey, were “R.E.M. in Perspective: An Athens History” in October 2007 and “Dean William Tate: His Life and Times” in October 2008, Both were held in the Seney-Stovall Chapel with capacity attendance.

Exhibits

The *Antiques and Antiquities* exhibit at the Georgia Museum of Art in March 1963 received national recognition from the American Association for State and Local History for “its vigorous program of collecting materials of local history and using them to foster appreciation of the local tradition.” Elaine Collier Neal, whose parents were integral to the exhibition, offers her memories of it later in this issue.

The following year, an exhibit of photographs and watercolors of historic scenes and places in Old Athens at the Georgia Museum of Art was co-sponsored by the Athens Regional Library, AHS, and GMOA.³

In July 1994, AHS co-sponsored with the Georgia Museum of Art an exhibit of eleven watercolor “Scenes of Paris” painted in 1945 by Jean Nevitt Flanigen, at Athens Regional Library. Flanigen was an

³ *Athens Banner-Herald*, April 7, 1964, n.p., AHS Papers, MS 2306, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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illustrator serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps during World War II.⁴

Clarke County's bicentennial year 2001 began with the opening of *Athens Treasures: A Bicentennial Celebration by the Athens Historical Society* in conjunction with the Georgia Museum of Art. The exhibition ran from January 27 through March 18, 2001, and was well attended.

Special Projects

Early projects of the Society include grounds cleanup and surveying grave markers in the Old Athens Cemetery on Jackson Street, and recording the graves in the Old Section of Oconee Hill Cemetery. Both of these have been published and are available for researchers.

Correspondence in the Athens Historical Society Papers, MS 2306, at Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at UGA, document the efforts of the Society to prevent encroachment and/or demolition of the Old Athens Cemetery by UGA, and saving historic buildings such as the T. R. R. Cobb House, the Brumby House (now Athens Welcome Center), the Hoyt House, and the Franklin House downtown.⁵

The Society, in collaboration with the Georgia State Department of Archives and History, has been active in gathering local information, family history, Bible records, church and business records, and other items of interest in private hands in this area. These items have been recorded on microfilm, and are now being digitized as part of the *Vanishing Georgia* project.⁶

In 2000, some AHS members were trained to help sort thousands of loose probate papers into archival folders by the name of the deceased for the Clarke County Probate Office. The finding aid from

⁴ "Art in Town," *Red & Black*, June 3, 1994, p. 2. Georgia Historic Newspapers collection in the Digital Library of Georgia.

⁵ Athens Historical Society Papers, MS 2306, multiple folders, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

⁶ AHS's effort to preserve local historical documents resulted in nine reels of microfilm being photographed in conjunction with the Georgia Department of Archives and History and LDS mobile microfilming units in the early 1960s. This collection, titled *Athens and Its People* (Film F292 C5HS), can be accessed at the Georgia Archives in Morrow, the microfilm collection of the Main Library at UGA, and the Heritage Room of the Athens-Clarke County Library. A grant from AHS purchased the set in the Heritage Room.

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this effort can be seen on the Probate Office website and in the Heritage Room.

In addition to a wide variety of programs at its regular meetings, the Society has cooperated with other organizations in the city and state in hosting joint seminars and tours. Especially noteworthy were programs marking the centennial of the Civil War at the UGA Chapel in April 1964, the bicentennial of the United States in 1976, the 250th anniversary of the founding of the colony of Georgia, and the exhibition at the Georgia Museum of Art to commemorate the bicentennial of the founding of Athens and Clarke County in 2001. A complete list of activities over the past sixty years can be found later in this issue.

Historical Markers

The Society was instrumental in the erection of a number of historical markers in Athens and elsewhere, in partnership with the Georgia Historical Society. The first, erected in 1963 at the Camak House, commemorates the founding of the Georgia Railroad. Another, devoted to Dr. Moses Waddell, was placed at the First Presbyterian Church on Hancock Avenue, and the third was placed in front of the E. K. Lumpkin House, beside Young Harris Memorial Methodist Church, commemorating the first meeting of the nation's first women's garden club, the Ladies' Garden Club of Athens, in 1891.

During local celebrations of the 250th anniversary of the founding of the colony of Georgia (1983), a marker at 479 Cobb Street, the birthplace of Dr. William Lorenzo Moss, was dedicated with numerous descendants and kin in attendance. Moss, a medical researcher in the fields of immunology, blood typing, and tropical diseases, developed a system for classifying blood groupings that was widely used throughout the world until it was modified during World War II.

Other projects over the years included the placing of two historical markers near Burkittsville, Frederick County, Maryland, detailing the Battle of Crampton's Gap, one honoring (General Howell) Cobb's Brigade and Cobb's Georgia Legion (organized by General Thomas R.R. Cobb), and the other honoring Mell Rifles (organized by UGA Chancellor Patrick H. Mell) and the Troup Light Artillery in the fall of 1992. A group from Athens traveled to Maryland for the dedications.

A marker to Jefferson Mirabeau Lamar was placed in the Oconee Hill Cemetery, Athens, in the spring of 1993, and in the spring of 1994

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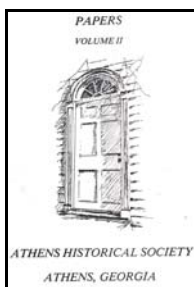
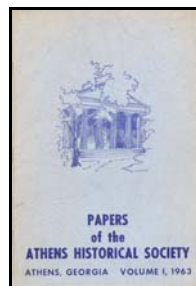
a marker for John Basil Lamar, who died in the Battle of Crampton's Gap, was placed in Macon's Rose Hill Cemetery where he was buried.

In 1996, a memorial marker was erected at Memorial Park bearing the names of those from Clarke County who were killed during World Wars I and II, with the organizing work spearheaded by Morgan "Bucky" Redwine. See the article about this memorial with a list of casualties from Clarke County in Volume 1 (1996) of the *Athens Historian*.

A historical marker commemorating UGA's first botanical garden was dedicated in October 2013. This project with the Georgia Historical Society was spearheaded by Hubert McAlexander, Vincent Dooley, and Michael Dirr.

Publications

The first publication, *Papers of the Athens Historical Society*, Volume I, was financed by ad sales to local business, and included seven articles about Athens and its environs, several rare photographs, and an 1805 map of Athens. Dr. E. Merton Coulter loaned an ink drawing of the Chapel for the cover. Authors included Lilla M. Hawes of Savannah, Olive H. Shadgett, Dr. Horace Montgomery, Dr. John F. Stegeman, Lucy Linton, Grace Hardigree Collier, and Mary Bondurant Warren. Today you'd chuckle over Olive Shadgett's article "Some Early Republicans in Athens and Clarke County" – they were "scarce as hen's teeth." Originally issued in 1964, this volume was reprinted in 2007 with a new index and is still available from the Society. The advertisements from the original issue now provide a window in time to the business side of Athens.



The Society's second volume of *Papers* was published in 1979 with the Editorial Committee of Patricia Irvin Cooper, as Chair, Charlotte Thomas Marshall, Hubert H. McAlexander, Jr., and Susan Frances Barrow Tate. This volume contained eight articles of varied content by Reverend Henry Newton, Patricia Irvin Cooper, Louis De Vorse, Jr., William Nathaniel Banks, Beth Abney, Charles J. Brockman, Jr., Michael L. Thurmond, and Susan

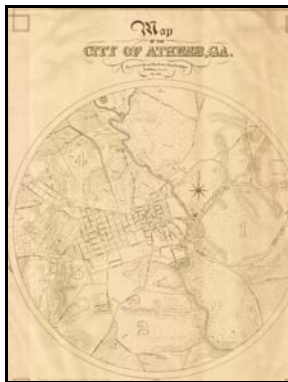
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Barrow Tate. The final article examines the first twenty years of AHS with a list of programs and presenters. This volume doesn't have any advertising, but does contain a full-name index.

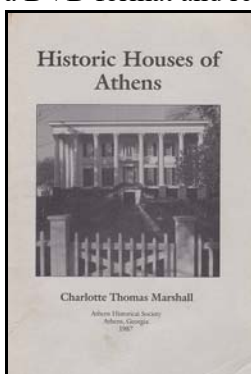
In 1969, a facsimile reprint of Dr. Sylvanus Morris's book, *Strolls About Athens During the Early Seventies*, was spearheaded by Lucy Clark and Callie McWhirter.

In 1971, Charlotte Thomas Marshall undertook the task of preparing the records from many years of surveying Oconee Hill Cemetery for publication. *Oconee Hill Cemetery: Tombstone Inscriptions for the Part of Cemetery West of Oconee River and Index to Record of Interments* was published as a paperback. In 2009, Marshall released her greatly annotated edition of this section of the cemetery.

Patricia Cooper was also responsible for the Society's beautiful printing of the 1874 *Map of the City of Athens, Ga.*, by W. W. Thomas in sepia and moss green ink on cream stock, which was released on its centenary in 1974. Reproductions were issued in 2016.



In 1987, Jane M. Agee led the Society into videography by proposing that the Society produce a videotape featuring historically significant houses. In less than a year's time, a committee was formed, the houses were selected, funds were raised, and footage was filmed. Ron Bogue wrote the script and edited thirteen hours of film into a twenty-three minute video, *Presence of the Past*. The video was converted to a DVD format and re-released in 2016.



Historic Houses of Athens, the companion book to the video, was written by Charlotte Thomas Marshall. The premiere took place before Christmas 1987 at the First National Bank's Franklin-Upson House on Prince Avenue. The book, now out of print, is a recognized reference, and the video, a period piece.

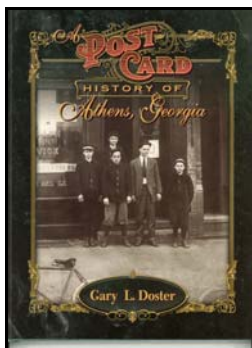
Remembering Athens, the memoirs of Susan Frances Barrow Tate and a collection of articles she had written through the years, was edited by

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Dr. George O. and Charlotte Thomas Marshall, published in 1996 and quickly sold out.

Athens-Clarke County, Georgia Cemeteries, the compilation of known cemeteries within the modern boundaries of Clarke County, is the work of several intrepid recorders and was edited and indexed by Eve B. Weeks (now Mayes). It was released in March 1999 thanks to a grant from the R. J. Taylor, Jr. Foundation. This volume does not include Oconee Hill Cemetery or the modern burial parks and is now out of print.

A special project spearheaded by three-term president Dr. Goodloe Yancey Erwin was the publication of the first volume of the *Athens Historian* in the fall of 1996. This annual volume of papers was published for twelve years under the editorship of Marie Hodgson Koenig (volumes 1-4), Henry Ramsey (volumes 5-9) and Jenny W. Best (volumes 10-12). It was revived in 2013 with volumes 13-14 edited by Jason Hasty and 15 by James K. Reap. Volumes 16-19 are edited by Larry Dendy, Patricia McAlexander, and Theresa Flynn. A list of the articles and authors in these publications can be found elsewhere in this issue.

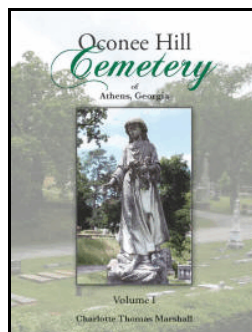


Gary Doster's gift to the Society, *A Postcard History of Athens, Georgia*, was released in the fall of 2002. It was so well received that the inaugural printing of 1,500 copies was nearly sold out by Christmas 2002 and a second printing was issued in 2003! This attractive volume was illustrated from Gary's extensive collection of postcards and Athens memorabilia. The background of these items was extensively researched by Gary and others.

The layout was created by graphic designer Bill Reeves. The Society appreciates the kind gift of this volume and the many hours of hard work that it represents. It received the Outstanding Publication Award from the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation in 2003.

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The Society's 50th anniversary publication in 2009 was the annotated edition of *Oconee Hill Cemetery* transcriptions by Charlotte Thomas Marshall. Subsidized by an R. J. Taylor, Jr., Foundation grant, the 550 copies sold out in two months, an unheard of occurrence for a cemetery book, and the volume was reprinted the following July. It is undergirded by the work of many Society members, the field work of Gary Doster, and many decades of research by the author. It was designed by Kenneth Storey, who also created the 50th Anniversary banners (see page 40). This prodigious volume received the Outstanding Publication Award from the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation in 2010 and is now out of print.

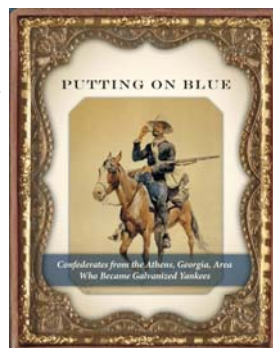


Charlotte Thomas Marshall and Dr. George O. Marshall, Jr., donated thousands of hours researching and editing AHS books. (Photo courtesy of Charlotte Marshall.)

Charlotte Thomas Marshall and her late husband, George O. Marshall, Jr., have been instrumental in meeting several of the Society's original purposes over the past sixty years. Both served as president, as well as in several other offices and on the board. They have donated thousands of hours researching, compiling, writing, and editing books published by the Society. During Charlotte's time as treasurer, she secured 501(c)3 non-profit status for the Society and her keen marketing acumen and dedicated commitment to

delivering quality products has resulted in funds that still sustain the activities of the Society to this day.

In 2018, Dr. Al Hester donated copies of his 2015 paperback book, *Putting on Blue: Confederates from the Athens, Georgia, Area Who Became Galvanized Yankees*, to the Society. This volume recounts the little known stories of Confederate prisoners of war who became Union soldiers to protect United States expansion into the western states. It has 118



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pages, including illustrations, a bibliography, and an index, and is available from the Society.

Other Activities

In 1988, under the presidency of Charlotte Thomas Marshall, the Society launched the *Susan Frances Barrow Tate Fund* for the benefit of the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library at the University of Georgia. The fund has received almost \$60,000 (as of December 2019) as many interested people continue to make special annual contributions.

The Augustus Longstreet Hull Award

The Hull Award was established by AHS in 2014, proposed by board member Michael Kitchens. It is named in honor of Augustus Longstreet Hull, who in compiling the memories of his father Dr. Henry Hull and documenting Athens's history through its first century, preserved much of the early history of our city in the book *Annals of Athens, Georgia, 1801-1901*. The award is intended to publicly recognize and honor those individuals whose long and extraordinary service to AHS and the community at large has significantly impacted the study and recording of Athens history, and that of the surrounding area. The hope is the award will generate interest in Athens history by the general public, as well as show appreciation to the accomplishments of those receiving the award.



The inaugural award was presented to descendants of Augustus Longstreet Hull at the January 2015 AHS meeting. Photo courtesy of Michael Kitchens.

Recipients of the award to date are:

- 2015 Augustus Longstreet Hull (accepted by his descendants)
- 2016 Patricia Irvin Cooper (accepted by her daughter, Alice)
- 2017 Mary Bondurant Warren
- 2018 Charlotte Thomas Marshall
- 2019 Gary L. Doster

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Into the Future

The officers, board, and members of Athens Historical Society are committed to building more connections to our past so that future generations will be just as committed and interested in preserving the history of the “Classic City” – Athens, and Northeast Georgia.



Biographical Sketches of the Founders of Athens Historical Society, October 1959

compiled by Theresa M. Flynn



John Wyatt Bonner, Jr. (1917-2005) was born in Gray, Georgia, and served in Iceland during World War II. He obtained a degree in library science from Emory University, and his masters from the University of Michigan. He worked in the Congressional Library at the Maryland Hall of Records, and was head of Special Collections at UGA Library. He was the author of the *Bibliography of Georgia Authors, 1949-1965*, and was a charter member of the Callaway Historical Foundation. He later served on the board of the Kershaw County (SC) Historical Society and Historic Camden (SC), the latter of which named their library in his honor.⁷

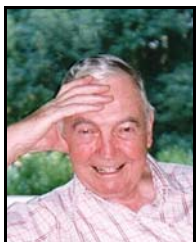


Lucy Emma Clark (1908-1991) was born in Gay, Meriwether County, Georgia, and graduated from UGA. She taught at a variety of levels in schools of Williamson (Pike County), Woodland (Talbot County), and in the Athens City Schools System. She established the Clark-Tidwell Scholarship for Meriwether County students at Gordon State College in Barnesville, Georgia, in 1986, and served on the state committee that selected textbooks. She was also active in

⁷ Obituary for John Wyatt Bonner, Jr., *Atlanta Constitution*, May 5, 2005, p. E11. From the archives of Newspapers.com. Photo of John W. Bonner, Jr., MS 3705, Georgia Photographic File collection, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries.

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Daughters of the Confederacy (UDC) and Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).⁸



Dr. Kenneth Coleman (1916-1999) was born in Devereaux, Hancock County, Georgia, and received degrees from UGA and his Ph.D. from the University of Wisconsin. He served in Europe during WWII, and joined the history faculty in Athens in 1955. He wrote *A History of Georgia*, among many other works. He was a member of and served as curator for the Georgia Historical Society, and received the Georgia Humanities Award from Governor Zell Miller.⁹



Lt. Col. Richard N. (Dick) Fickett III (1905-1998) was born in Fulton County, Georgia, graduated from Georgia Tech, and came to Athens in 1928. He was a veteran of the attack on Pearl Harbor in WWII. He was a member of the Athens Rock and Mineral Club, Cubmaster for Pack #19, and a member of Atlanta's West End Old Times Club.¹⁰



Robert E. (Bobby) Gibson (1928-2017) was reared in Athens, and was a “Double Dawg” at UGA, earning both his undergraduate and law degrees there. He was a partner with Erwin, Epting, Gibson, and McLeod, and a Fellow of the American College of Mortgage Attorneys. He served as president of the

⁸ Death notice for Lucy Emma Clark, *Atlanta Constitution*, 12 December 1991, p. 108, Newspapers.com. Photograph courtesy of the *Athens Banner-Herald* in Georgia Biographical Files, MS 3692, Folder 49, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries.

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Oconee Hill Cemetery Board of Trustees for many years, and was active with Emmanuel Episcopal Church.¹¹



Harry Hodgson, Sr. (1874-1971) was born in Athens and received his BA degree from UGA. He worked as a journalist for the *Atlanta Constitution* and *New York Evening Telegram* until 1897, when he returned to Athens to work in the family cotton firm. Active in local businesses, he was a founder of Empire State Chemical Company, director of Commercial Bank of Athens, chairman of the Athens General Hospital, served as a trustee at UGA, and was a member of the First Baptist Church. He was president of both the National Cotton Seed Products Association and the Southern Fertilizer Association.¹²



William Porter Kellam (1905-1993) was born in Guilford, North Carolina, and studied to be a teacher at Duke University and Emory University. Kellam later became a librarian, and came to UGA in 1950 as Library Director, where he oversaw construction of the Main Library on North Campus. He oversaw intense growth of the UGA library system during his time in office, especially in special collections. He served as president of the Southeastern Library Association and Phi Kappa Phi, was chairman of the board of the United States Book Exchange, and was an active member of the Athens Rotary Club.¹³

¹¹ Obituary for Robert E. (Bobby) Gibson, *Athens Banner-Herald*, November 22, 2017, Legacy.com. Photo courtesy of Sylvia Gibson via Suzanne Bennett.

¹² Obituary for Harry Hodgson, *Atlanta Constitution*, September 22, 1971, p. 31, Newspapers.com. Portrait of Harry Hodgson from the University of Georgia Portrait Room Images collection, MS 248, OS folder 10B, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries.

¹³ W. Porter Kellam Library Enrichment Fund, last modified February 22, 2016, <http://www5.galib.uga.edu/development/endow/kellamfund.html>. Photograph of W. Porter Kellam, University of Georgia *Pandora*, 1959, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries.

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Sarah E. Maret (1907-1986) was born in Lavonia, Georgia, and studied at Wesleyan College. She came to Athens in 1950 from the Cherokee Regional Library System to be Director of the Athens Regional Library System, overseeing its expansion to include Madison County and the building of the Dougherty Street building. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Athens Pilot Club, and Business Girls Club.

She served in many divisions of the Georgia Library Association, on the State Certification Board, and was a frequent speaker on the importance of libraries within communities to provide free information and the open flow of ideas.¹⁴



Marion West Marshall (1928-1964) was born in Athens, and graduated with a journalism degree from UGA in 1949, then worked as an editor in what is now the Georgia Center for Continuing Education. Several members of her family were charter members of revitalized AHS. She was serving as editor for *Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Volume I*, at the time of her death. She was the first wife of Dr.

George O. Marshall, Jr., a professor in the UGA English Department for many years.¹⁵



Dr. John Erwin Talmadge III (1899-1978) was born in Athens at the home of his namesake grandfather, and was stationed in New York during World War I. He credited his mother's side of the family for emphasizing the importance of education. He was an English professor at the University of

¹⁴ Death notice for Sarah E. Maret, *Atlanta Constitution*, September 15, 1986, p. 52, Newspapers.com. *Georgia Libraries Association Handbook Appendices*, 2018. *Wesleyan Alumnae Magazine*, March 1954. Accessed via Archives.org. Her speeches were covered in multiple newspapers throughout Georgia, Florida, and South Carolina on GenealogyBank.com. Photograph of Sarah Maret courtesy of Athens Regional Library Archives, Heritage Room, Athens-Clarke County Library.

¹⁵ Photo of Marion West Marshall with *Columbus Enquirer* staff, n.d, private collection. Courtesy of Charlotte Thomas Marshall.

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Georgia and wrote biographies of Georgia authors Corra Harris and Rebecca Latimer Felton.¹⁶



Susan Frances (Sue Fan) Barrow Tate (1908-2003) was born in Athens, graduated from the Lucy Cobb Institute and the University of Georgia with bachelor and masters degrees. Her grandfather, Chancellor David Crenshaw Barrow, was a founding member of the 1899 society. Her great-grandparents were the first owners of the Taylor-Grady House, and her grandfather helped found the National Bank of Athens. She was a librarian in Special Collections at the UGA Library (now Hargrett Rare Books and Manuscript Collection) from 1954 until 1976.¹⁷ Her husband, William Tate, was the Dean of Men at UGA for many years.

¹⁶ "Growing Up in Georgia and Tennessee: The Letters of John E. Talmadge and William Wallace Davidson," parts one and two, *The Georgia Review*, Vol. 27, Nos. 1 and 2, pp. 5-32 and pp. 194-219. Portrait of John E. Talmadge III, Georgia Photograph File collection, MS 3705, Carton 9, Folder 84, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries.

¹⁷ Obituary for Susan Frances Barrow Tate, *Macon Telegraph*, July 29, 2003, Genealogybank.com. Photograph courtesy of *Athens Banner-Herald*, "Mrs. Tate Speaks to Newcomers," September 16, 1970, Georgia Biographical Files, MS 3692, Carton 79, Folder 52, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, University of Georgia Libraries.

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Charter Members of the Athens Historical Society

List compiled by R.N. Fickett III, January 1963

Founders of the 1959 Society are marked with an asterisk ().*

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| Abney, Beth Mobley (Mrs. George M.) | DeRenne, Augusta Gallie (Mrs. Wymberley W.) |
| Abney, George M. | Doster, Miss Helen |
| Barrow, James | Dubose, Minnie Thomas (Mrs. Bolling S., Sr.) |
| Barrow, Phyllis Jenkins (Mrs. James) | Elijah Clark Chapter, NSDAR (Mrs. T.J. Moran, Regent) |
| Bedgood, Melba May McGowan (Mrs. William Randall, Sr.) | * Fickett, Richard N., III |
| Betts, Miss Allea | * Gibson, Robert E. (Bobby) |
| Bishop, Dorothy Prickett (Mrs. Julius F.) | Gunn, Uly S. |
| Bondurant, Miss Birdie (Mrs. Emil J. Clower) | Harris, Leila May Hull (Mrs. Hunter) |
| * Bonner, John W., Jr. | Hartman, Ruby McGowan (Mrs. Willard M.) |
| Brandon, Frances Hoff (Mrs. Benjamin S.) | Head, Mrs. Sylvia Gailey |
| Brockman, Charles J., Jr. | Hodgson, Edward R., Sr. |
| Brumby, Miss Anne Wallis | * Hodgson, Harry, Sr. |
| Brumby, Miss Mary Harris | Hynds, Ernie C. |
| Butler, M. Tyus | James, Muriel Phillips (Mrs. William T.) |
| Campbell, Loraine Proctor (Mrs. J. Phil, Sr.) | Jenkins, Ruth Parker (Mrs. John Wilkinson) |
| Carithers, Eula Witcher (Mrs. James Yancey) | Jones, Corry Fowler (Mrs. Wilbur N.) |
| * Clark, Miss Lucy | Jones, Wilbur N. |
| * Coleman, Kenneth | * Kellam, W. Porter |
| Collier, Elaine (Mrs. Richard Neal) | Lampkin, Miss Lucy P. |
| Collier, Grace E. Hardigree (Mrs. Joseph L.) | Leshner, Miss Madge |
| Collier, Joseph L. | McWhorter, Helen Everett (Mrs. Howard) |
| Cook, Maude Burson (Mrs. John Emory) | McWhorter, Howard H. |
| Cory, Wallace | * Maret, Miss Sarah E. |
| Coulter, Dr. E. Merton | * Marshall, Marion West (Mrs. George O., Jr.) |
| Davis, Ruby Lester (Mrs. Dorsey) | Milner, Agnes White (Mrs. Thomas H., Jr.) |
| Davidson, Miss Ida | Milner, Thomas H., Jr. |
| DeRenne, Wymberley Wormsloe | Mize, Miss Jessie Jewell |

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Montgomery, Dr. Horace
 Montgomery, Gladys Anderson
 (Mrs. Horace)
 Moran, Cary Clark (Mrs. Thomas
 J.)
 Moran, Thomas J.
 Murdoch, Richard
 Newton, Miss Charlotte
 Newton, Miss Virginia
 Nicholson, Lucy Frances Woodall
 (Mrs. Madison Gartrell)
 Orr, Sarah Treanor (Mrs. Craig)
 Owens, Hubert B.
 Parks, Dr. Edd Winfield
 Parks, Aileen Wells (Mrs. Edd
 W.)
 Pittman, Mrs. Eula B. Oliver
 Prunty, Eugenia Wyatt
 (Mrs. Merle, Jr.)
 Prunty, Dr. Merle, Jr.
 Ray, Eugenie Dearing Lawrence
 (Mrs. William Tyler)
 Redwine, Morgan R., Jr.
 Reid, Frances West (Mrs. Henry)
 Ritchie, Edith Adams (Mrs.
 Horace Bonar, Sr.)
 Roberts, Owen Mortimer, Jr.
 Smith, C. Jay, Jr.
 Smith, Daisy Andrews
 (Mrs. C. Jay, Jr.)
 Smith, J. Douglas
 Smith, Milton B.

Stephens, Eugenia Doughtie (Mrs.
 Ralph H.)
 Stephens, Grace Winston
 (Mrs. Robert G.)
 Stephens, Ralph H.
 Stephens, Robert G.
 * Talmadge, John Erwin
 Talmadge, Miriam Coffin (Mrs.
 John E.)
 * Tate, Susan Frances Barrow (Mrs.
 William)
 Tate, William
 Teasley, Miss Julia
 Thompson, Jack C.
 Thompson, Susan F. Pike (Mrs.
 Jack C.)
 Thompson, Miss Rose
 Tolnas, Gladys Lowther (Mrs.
 Olaf J.)
 Tresp, Dr. Lothar L.
 Tresp, Lucy Nickerson (Mrs.
 Lothar L.)
 Walker, Dr. Lester C., Jr.
 Warren, Mary Bondurant
 Watson, Mrs. Margaret
 West, Ruby Robison (Mrs. Henry
 Haynes)
 Wier, Mary Ellen Bird (Mrs. Joel
 A., Jr.)
 Wier, Miss Mary Lou

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1959 Charter Members Who Are Still Living

compiled by Patricia McAlexander

Only three charter members of the 1959 Athens Historical Society are still living today. All three – women who were born in Athens and graduated from the University of Georgia (two in 1951, one in 1966) – have been active in the Athens community during the adult years they lived here.



Elaine Collier Neal

Elaine joined the newly forming Athens Historical Society with her parents in 1959 while a student at Athens High School. Her parents were active in the Society until their deaths. Her father, Joe L. Collier, who had written many historical articles in local newspapers, served as treasurer of AHS for several years and as president in 1965. Her mother, Grace Hardigree Collier, served as AHS corresponding secretary and contributed an article on Scull Shoals in the first volume of *Papers of the Athens Historical Society*.

As a “Family” member of AHS during these years, Elaine graduated *cum laude* from the University of Georgia in 1966 with a bachelor’s degree in Education specializing in American history, then continued her studies as a National Defense Scholar in the Geography Department, earning a master’s degree in 1969.

Elaine married her high school sweetheart, Richard Gladstone Neal, Jr., on June 9, 1968, and moved to Maryland and then Virginia with her husband, who was serving in the United States military. For about thirty years the Neals lived in Reston, Fairfax County.

In 1998, they returned to the Athens area. Elaine continued her family’s tradition, returning to interests in local history. Again an active member of the Athens Historical Society, she served on AHS Board from 2007 through 2009, and helped to prepare the Society’s 50th anniversary posters depicting highlights of the Society’s history that were displayed at the reception at the Taylor-Grady House.

Elaine has been involved with numerous other projects relating to local history. She co-authored with Mary Hoit Abbe the book *Greene County, Georgia, Tax Digests, Pre-1800*, assisted in the publishing of *Winterville, Georgia, A Classic Railroad Town* with Mary Quinn and

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Emma Foley, has written several articles for the *Georgia Genealogical Society Quarterly*, and served as co-editor and contributor to the Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society's newsletter. She assisted Dan N. Crumpton in compiling his two volumes of Wilkes County land records and is presently in the process of publishing posthumously his two volumes on the land records of the original Franklin County.



Banners depicting 50 years of Society activities were designed by Kenneth Storey from items selected by Elaine Collier Neal, and displayed at the 50th Anniversary celebration at the Taylor-Grady House in October 2009.

Elaine also has assisted in establishing local historical markers. Her most satisfying, she says, are two United Daughters of the Confederacy stone markers – one at the Eagle Tavern in Watkinsville in honor of Jacob Klutz and George Jarrell and one at the Huff Cemetery in Oconee County in honor of the Pilgrim family. Both markers commemorate the suffering of civilians in the custody of Union troops during the Civil War. These projects were completed while she was president of the Laura Rutherford Chapter No. 88 of the United Daughters of the Confederacy in 2012-2014.

Through the University of Georgia Foundation, Elaine has supported UGA's geographical as well as historical programs. In addition, she has funded graduate internships, supported chairs in honor of Dr. Merle C. Prunty and Dr. Louis DeVorse, and donated many historic documents and antique maps of Georgia to the University's Special Collections Library.

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Elaine's husband Richard died in February 2013. Since then she has remained involved with historic projects. She is currently registrar for the General John Baytop Scott Chapter, National Society United Daughters of 1812. Her most recent activities include exciting pioneer work in the use of tree-ring technology, or dendrochronology, to date old houses. She is assisting Dr. Mark Reinberger of UGA's College of Environment and Design as he and Michael Worthington, associate of the British Oxford Tree-Ring Laboratory in Maryland, examine ten structures in Northeast Georgia to determine the oldest structure. This work, described in a research paper in 2018 at the Southeast Chapter of the Society of Architectural Historians (SESAH), will be published in a forthcoming issue of *The Journal of the Vernacular Architecture Forum*.



Lucy Nickerson Tresp

Born in Athens, Georgia, on March 13, 1931, Lucy Nickerson attended Lucy Cobb Elementary School and Chase Street and Childs Street schools. Following three years away in Augusta while her father served in the army in World War II, she returned to Athens, graduating from Athens High in 1947. She then attended the University of Georgia, graduating with a BA in English in 1951. That August, she married Lothar Tresp, a Fulbright student from Germany, and over the following six years taught high school in Atlanta and Birmingham,

In 1957, Lucy returned to Athens when Lothar took a position in the UGA history department. Their daughter, Lucy Anna Tresp, was born in 1958, and Lucy became a full-time faculty wife and mother. She and Lothar joined the newly organizing Athens Historical Society the following year. Over the following years, Lucy was also an active member of many other Athens organizations, including the University Woman's Club (serving as president), the Junior League, Emmanuel Episcopal Church (on the Altar Guild), and the Wednesday Study Club.

Over the years, Lucy and Lothar enjoyed many trips to Europe for conferences and to visit his family. Their daughter married John McKay Sheftall in 1981 and moved to Columbus, Georgia. In 2015, Lucy and Lothar moved to Columbus to be near their daughter and three grandchildren. Lothar died in January 2019. Lucy continues to

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live in Columbus at Spring Harbor, a “wonderful” retirement community. She maintains her membership in AHS.



Mary Bondurant Warren

Mary Bondurant Warren's 1951 UGA degree was in physics and her early employment was as a scientific researcher and technical editor. However, her forebears had been in Athens for four generations, and Mary had grown up hearing stories of her ancestors and their involvement in the community. So perhaps it wasn't too surprising that, when she, her husband, Jim, and their children moved back to Athens in

1957, she turned her time and talents to history.

She became a charter member of the Athens Historical Society, serving as its president in 1962, 1997, and 1998. One of her early projects for the Society was editing and publishing the first volume of *Papers of the Athens Historical Society*. That early undertaking helped to launch Mary into a career that has made her perhaps the premier publisher of books about genealogy and history in Georgia and other southeastern states.

Mary started writing about Athens history in 1959 with a series of articles titled “Lives and Legends” for a local newspaper. Based on research in libraries, the Georgia Department of Archives and History, and courthouse records, they told stories of prominent Athenians and life in Athens during the Civil War era.

In 1964, she began the weekly column *Family Puzzlers* in the *Athens Banner-Herald* that answered genealogical questions from people seeking information on ancestors in the Athens area. The column evolved into a weekly genealogical magazine. Filled with research articles, queries, Bible records, book reviews, meeting notices and other information, she published *Family Puzzlers* for more than thirty-four years; it was the only such magazine in the country. Her five children often helped her in assembly-line fashion with many of her genealogical publications.

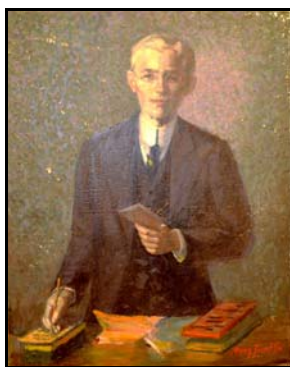
Mary turned her research skills into a staggering bibliography of over 200 publications of genealogical source records from Georgia, the Carolinas, Virginia, and Great Britain. Her first book was the transcription of tombstones in Athens's historic Jackson Street Cemetery compiled in 1964.

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In 1978, Mary edited and indexed an updated edition of Augustus Longstreet Hull's seminal history of early Athens, *Annals of Athens, Georgia*, which she later issued as a third edition with a new and improved index in 2014. She is one of nine Athens historians who wrote chapters published in the widely praised 2015 book *The Tangible Past in Athens, Georgia*.

In addition to her research and writing, Mary has long been active in the Athens community. She was chair of the Clarke County Civil War Centennial Committee from 1961-1965. She was a member of the Athens Junior Assembly and chair of its Heart Clinic. A strong supporter of the Athens-Clarke County Library, she has donated hundreds of genealogical books, reels of microfilm, family files, and other documents to the library's Heritage Room, and to the University of Georgia's Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

Mary has also done extensive research into the life and artistic works of Mary Jett Franklin, an Athens artist who spent much of her professional life in Europe and North Africa. Three paintings that Franklin donated to the College of Agriculture in 1922 for its women's dormitory have been conserved and exhibited by the Georgia Museum of Art. Mary gave a program about Franklin for AHS in 2016, in conjunction with the showing of those paintings. See the 2017 *Athens Historian* for more about Mary Jett Franklin and her paintings.



*Portrait of "Mr. Ted"
Mell by Mary Jett
Franklin*

And she initiated the 2018 AHS project of conserving Mary Jett Franklin's portrait of Edward Baker Mell, or "Mr. Ted" as everyone called him, the beloved principal of Athens High School from 1909 to 1943. The portrait now hangs in Clarke Central High School's Mell Auditorium.

You never know what new research project will come her way in the future!

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Antiques and Antiquities **The Athens Historical Society Exhibit of 1963**

by Elaine Collier Neal

In October 1963, the Athens Historical Society received a certificate of commendation from the American Association for State and Local History for “its vigorous program of collecting materials of local history and using them to foster appreciation of the local tradition.”¹ This award was for the Society’s innovative exhibit of



antiques (over 100 years old) at the Georgia Museum of Art on North Campus in March 1963, a display that showed twentieth-century Georgians just how their eighteenth- and nineteenth-century ancestors lived, worked, and built.

The idea for the exhibit was originated by Mary Bondurant Warren, AHS president in 1962, when Alfred Holbrook, founder of the Georgia Museum of Art, took her to the museum to show her a collection of quilts he had received on loan from another museum to be shown in Athens. When Mary explained to him that Athens had many more such beautiful items in its attics and parlors, he asked if they could fill a room; she said yes. Thus the idea of an AHS exhibition was born. Enthusiastically endorsed not only by the Society’s members, but by citizens from all over the area, the project grew in scope to fill the entire ground floor of the museum. Mary served as chair of the committee, preparing a detailed list of items to choose from. Word of the project spread so quickly that many more treasures were offered than there was space to display them!

The exhibition committee members worked out plans to utilize the space by dividing it into “rooms” to delineate time periods in Athens’s history or to group similar items together. When Mary became ill and was unable to oversee the set up of the exhibition, Joe Collier and his

¹ “Athens Historical Society Is Voted National Award – Outstanding Service,” *Athens Banner-Herald*, October 9, 1963. AHS Papers, MS 2306, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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wife Grace, and other AHS members filled the breach. Joe rode with the truck and two men from Athens Lumber Company to pick up the items and carefully pack them for transport to the museum. Grace made an inventory of all arriving items, their condition, and their owners. Labels were prepared to identify the items in the various displays.²

One of the larger room areas covered one end of the hall and illustrated an early pioneer cabin typical of the Athens area, designed by Joe and Grace Collier. The items displayed in the cabin were placed as they would have been seen from the doorway of the cabin, across from the fireplace. In addition to hand-pieced quilts and woven coverlets on the rope-strung bed in the corner, there were a large spinning wheel and a smaller flax wheel, a trestle table,



The fireplace and hearth was built with handmade bricks by Joe Collier. Other items in the cabin display were cast iron cooking pots and andirons, and a candle mold, with a gun, powder horn, and a leather possibilities bag hanging above the mantel. Photo taken by Joseph L. Collier, courtesy of Elaine Collier Neal.

and a tall corner cupboard that still had the odor of smoked bacon in it. A braided rug was on the floor. To create the fireplace and hearth, Joe dry-laid old handmade brick and added an old wooden mantel. Candle holders were placed on the mantel, and a long rifle, powder horn, and leather hunting bag mounted above it. Cast iron cooking pots and spiders, and other utensils were placed on the hearth ready to prepare

² "Antique Show Opens Friday," *The Oconee Enterprise*, February 28, 1963 mentions an 1810 baby cradle that had been inherited by Jack Fambrough of Watkinsville. He also loaned an 1804 ladder-back chair with a seat woven of white oak splits that had been made into a rocking chair in later years. AHS Papers, MS 2306, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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the next meal. Early carpenter tools, a froe and maul for making shingles, and a set of twenty-seven molding planes for making fine furniture were displayed nearby.

The other room displays were equally impressive, arrayed with family heirlooms, furniture, portraits, and clothing borrowed from many local citizens to create period settings. An example of a fine Athens home had a banquet table that could seat twenty-four, a silver tea service made by Asaph K. Childs, an Athens silversmith; an elegant four-poster bed; a drop-leaf table with elaborately carved legs; and a shaving table that once belonged to a veteran of the Revolutionary War.³ Smaller displays about churches, the law, garden clubs and education in private schools like Grove School and Lucy Cobb Institute added to the overall picture of life in Athens in the 1800s.



The cannonball rope-strung bed with a quilt and shuck mattress stood in the corner of the pioneer cabin. The braided rag rug and spinning wheel showed the industry of the woman of the house. Photo taken by Joseph L. Collier, courtesy of Elaine Collier Neal.

The Civil War display gathered by members of the local Laura B. Rutherford Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy featured Confederate stamps and money, guns, swords, uniforms, flags, and pictures of General Robert E. Lee and General Stonewall Jackson.

The auxiliary of the Crawford W. Long Medical Society prepared a display of early medical instruments, saddle bags used by the doctor on horseback, medical books, and the medicine box that once belonged to Dr. Long,

³ "Space Age Bug You? Athens Reversing Clock" by AHS member Mary Hutcherson was published in the *Atlanta Journal* March 4, 1963 with details of various areas of the exhibition. AHS Papers, MS 2306, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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who pioneered the use of ether in surgery.

The *Athens Banner-Herald* announced that the exhibition “changes the [Museum of Art] from one dominated by paintings to one marked by crafts and furnishings. The entire ground floor, galleries and lobby are turned over to the Athens Historical Society.”⁴ A photo of the spinning wheels, braided rug, and coverlets appeared in the *Banner-Herald* on March 22 with the announcement that the Georgia Museum of Art would hold an open house Sunday, March 24, “to give Athenians and visitors an opportunity to see the treasured possessions of many Athens citizens. Many hundreds of children from the Clarke County School system have visited the museum to see the exhibit.”⁵

For three weeks, Athenians and Georgians in the Athens area had the opportunity to step back in time and surround themselves with these mementoes of Georgia’s past. By the time it closed on March 27, 1963, the exhibit set attendance records for the museum.

Such an exhibit has never again been duplicated in Athens. It was, however, the foundation for the 2001 *Athens Treasures: A Bicentennial Celebration by the Athens Historical Society* exhibition at the new Georgia Museum of Art, co-sponsored by AHS, celebrating the bicentennial of the establishment of Clarke County. Many of the pieces from the 1963 event were loaned by their twenty-first century owners, proud to be a part of this celebration of Athens-area arts and crafts.

⁴ “Antiques Exhibit Open on Campus,” *Athens Banner-Herald*, March 10, 1963. AHS Papers, MS 2306, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

⁵ “Historic Athens Exhibit,” *Athens Banner-Herald*, March 22, 1963. “Antiques on Display,” *Athens Banner-Herald*, March 21, 1963. AHS Papers, MS 2306, Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library.

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Chronology of Athens Historical Society 1959-2019

Programs and activities of the Society from the first meeting in January 1960 through 1978 were outlined in "The First Twenty Years: A Brief History of the Athens Historical Society" by Susan Frances Barrow Tate, published in the Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Volume II, pages 99-110. Subsequent events have been compiled from materials in the Athens Historical Society Papers (MS 2306) and the Joseph Lewis Collier Family Papers (MS3662) in the Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library, Special Collections Building, UGA Campus, Athens, Georgia.

1959 Organizational Meeting, October 29, 1959

1960 President: John Erwin Talmadge

Jan. Mary Givens Bryan, Director, Georgia Department of Archives and History – "Records and Their Care"

Mar. Edd Winfield Parks – "The Literary Career of Richard Malcolm Johnston"

Apr. The Society, in cooperation with the Georgia Historical Society, the University of Georgia and Athens Garden Clubs sponsored a three-day historical seminar and series of tours in Athens, Lexington, and Washington, Georgia. Speakers were:

Phyllis J. Barrow – "Old Gardens of Athens"

Margaret Davis Cate – "Fanny Kemble"

E. Merton Coulter – "The Story of the Tree That Owned Itself"

Walter C. Hartridge – "The Search for the Burial Place of Button Gwinnett"

Lilla M. Hawes – "Athenians and Savannahians: 100 Years of Exchange, 1800 -1900" [*Papers, vol. I*]

Susan B. Tate – "A Picture of Athens in 1860"

Lester C. Walker, Jr. – "Classic Athens Architecture"

May Driving tour to Gov. George Gilmer's home and Goose Pond, Oglethorpe County, with picnic supper at Echols' Mill.

Oct. Horace Montgomery – "When Howell Cobb and Daniel Webster Heard Jenny Lind Sing" (Letters from Cobb to his wife).

1961 President: Kenneth Coleman

Jan. Marion Montgomery – "Historical Background of Georgia Fiction"

Mar. Olive H. Shadgett – "The Republican Party in Athens and Clarke County After the War" [*Papers, vol. I*]

Apr. Round Table – "Secession in Athens, 1860-1861" This two-day meeting beginning on Apr. 28 commemorated the 100th anniversary of the day the first group of Athens men left to fight for the Confederacy. Friday speakers were:

Horace Montgomery – "Howell Cobb"

William B. McCash – "Thomas R. R. Cobb"

Ernest Hynds – "Unionist Sentiment in Athens"

John Wyatt Bonner, Jr. – "What Actually Happened in Athens"

Saturday: tour of Liberty Hall, home of Alexander H. Stephens, in Crawfordville.

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- James Rabun – “Alexander H. Stephens and Secession”
 Robert G. Stephens, great-nephew of A.H. Stephens – Alexander H. Stephens and His Life”
 May Richard N. (Dick) Fickett III – “The Early History of the Oconee Hill Cemetery”
 Oct. Merle Prunty – “Plantations –Why I Like Them”

1962 President: Mary Bondurant Warren

Athens of Old tourist guide with driving tour of 40 marked historic places within the city, prepared by AHS, published by the Athens Chamber of Commerce and given to tourists and newcomers to Athens

Preservation of Jackson Street Cemetery, and transcription of extant grave markers, as compared with the 1932-1933 UDC survey [published in 1966 by Mary Bondurant Warren, Heritage Papers]

- Jan. A. R. Kelly – “Cherokees in North Georgia”
 Mar. Janet Standard – “Wilkes County, Its History and Its People”
 May “The History, Preservation and Beautification of the Jackson Street Cemetery” Speakers: Richard (Dick) N. Fickett III, Clemens de Ballou, Duncan Callicott
 Oct. John F. Stegeman – “Athens Men in the Civil War”
 Dec. Dorothy Elder – “The Old Eagle Tavern in Watkinsville” (Special Meeting).

1963 President: Richard N. (Dick) Fickett III

Exhibit of Athens-area *Antiques and Antiquities* at the Georgia Museum of Art, March 1-27, 1963. Coordinated by Mary Bondurant Warren and Joe and Grace Collier. AHS received a Certificate of Commendation for “its vigorous program of collecting materials of local history and using them to foster appreciation of the local tradition” from the American Association for State and Local History. [*Athens Banner-Herald*, October 9, 1963, n.p.]

- Jan. Henry D. Green – “Early Georgia Furniture” slide presentation
 Mar. “History of Chicopee Manufacturing Company, Formerly the Confederate Armory” Speakers: Hal Gilbert, Doma Watson, Marvin Doster. Tour of Chicopee building.
 May J. Clyde Mixon – “History of the Georgia Railroad”
 Dedication of the historical marker at the Camak House.
 Oct. William Tate – “Early Life on the University of Georgia Campus”
 Field trip to pioneer Baptist churches, Beaverdam in Oglethorpe County, and Lystra in Madison County

1964 President: John W. Bonner, Jr.

Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Volume I, 1964. Editors: Marion West Marshall and Mary Bondurant Warren

- Jan. Mary Gregory Jewett, Director of the Georgia Historical Commission – “History of the Georgia Historical Commission”
 Mar. E. Merton Coulter – “When Winnie Davis Visited Athens”
 Apr. Exhibit of photographs and watercolor of historic scenes and places in Old Athens at Georgia Museum of Art (*Athens Banner-Herald*, 7 Apr 1964)
 Civil War Centennial Remembrance, UGA Chapel April 9-10

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- May Kenneth Coleman – “Life in Confederate Athens”
 Oct. Spencer B. King, Jr. – “The Quick and the Dead” (Confederate soldiers’ letters)
- 1965** President: Joseph L. (Joe) Collier
 Jan. Phyllis Jenkins Barrow – “History of Lucy Cobb”
 Frances West Reid – “Recording 5,000 Oconee Hill Cemetery Markers”
 Mar. Chalmers Vinson – “Methods Used in Elections in Southern U.S. about 150 Years Ago”
 May John W. Bonner – “Joys and Sorrows of Research” or “How to do Research in Family and Local History”
 Oct. E. Merton Coulter – “The Athens Dispensary”
- 1966** President: George O. Marshall, Jr.
 Jan. Carroll Hart, Director of Georgia Department of Archives and History – “The Past Shall Live”
 Mar. Bus trip to the new State Archives building in Downtown Atlanta.
 May Elizabeth Etheridge – “The Strange Hunger – History of Pellagra in the South”
 Oct. Horace H. Cunningham – “Aspects of Confederate Medicine”
- 1967** President: Lucy Clark
 Jan. Rembert K. Patrick – “Collecting Sources of Southern History”
 Mar. Phinizy Spalding – “Oglethorpe and the Carolinians”
 May John E. Talmadge – “Corra Harris: Circuit Rider’s Wife”
 Oct. George O. Marshall, Jr. – “Henry W. Grady: 80 Years After”
- 1968** President: Richard N. (Dick) Fickett III
 Jan. Kenneth Coleman – “Mary Ann Cobb, Confederate Lady”
 Mar. James White Morton III – “History of the Department of Archives”
 May Dr. E. Merton Coulter – “William Montague Browne”
 Oct. Elizabeth Newsom – “History of Washington County”
- 1969** President: Callie McWhirter
 Sylvanus Morris, *Strolls About Athens During the Early Seventies*. 1969. Facsimile reprint with index and brief biographical sketch. The original *Strolls* appeared serially in the *Athens Banner* and was first published in book form in 1912. Editor: Callie McWhirter.
 Jan. Ben Epps, Jr., Evelyn Epps Galt and Zumpt Huff – “Ben Epps and the Beginnings of Aviation in Georgia”
 Mar. Franklin Garrett – “Founding of the Atlanta Historical Society and Its Subsequent Development”
 May Dr. Kenneth Coleman – “Collecting Colonial Georgia Materials in London”
 Oct. Olive H. Shadgett – “The Republican Party in Georgia, Candidates and Campaigns in the 19th Century”
- 1970** President: Dr. Phinizy Spalding
 Jan. Dr. Carl Vipperman – “Nathan Hoyt and His House”

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- Mar. Dr. Ralph Draughon – “Benjamin Cudworth Yancey, Jr”
- May Charlotte Thomas Marshall – “Robert Taylor and His Relatives and Descendants.”
- Oct. Stanton Forbes – “Lucy M. Stanton, Artist” with color slides

1971 President: Dean William Tate

Oconee Hill Cemetery; Tombstone Inscriptions for the Part of Cemetery West of Oconee River and Index to Record of Interments. 1971. Editor: Charlotte Thomas Marshall (A greatly annotated edition of this survey was prepared by Charlotte Thomas Marshall and released in 2009.)

- Jan. Jackson Bennett – “History of the Dahlonge Mint and Georgia Gold” Joint meeting with the Athens Coin Club.
- Mar. William Tate – “The University of Georgia, 1920-1924”
- May Dr. Julian Cave – “History of the Early Churches in the Athens Area”
- Oct. William Tate – “Canoe Trip Down the Oconee and the Altamaha”

1972 President: Dr. Carl Vipperman

- Jan. Round Table honoring “Four University of Georgia History Professors: Dr. J. H. T. McPherson, Dr. E. M. Coulter, Mr. W. O. Payne, Dr. Robert P. Brooks.” Speakers: Dr. Albert Saye, Dr. Kenneth Coleman, Dean William Tate.
- Mar. Dr. Carl Vipperman – “Wilson Lumpkin and the Cherokee Removal”
- May Dr. Shelton Sanford – “Reminiscences of Athens”
- Nov. William Nathaniel Banks – “George Cooke and His Work” slide presentation

1973 President: Colquitt P. Brackett

- Jan. Dr. Rosa Lee Walston – “Georgians, Children of Pride”
- Mar. Carroll Hart – “Documenting the Life of a City and Preserving Its Records”
- May Dr. Joseph B. Mahan – “The Development of Westville” near Lumpkin, Georgia
- Oct. Dr. A.R. Kelly – “Early Indians of Georgia “ Athens Boy Scouts performed Indian dances in costume.

1974 President: Anna Pryor Cobb

Map of the City of Athens, Georgia. 1974. Editor: Patricia Irvin Cooper. Prepared for the Athens Historical Society, Athens, Georgia, by Cartographic Service, University of Georgia. December 1974. Drawn from the original map by W. W. Thomas, October 1874, at approximately one half original scale.

- Jan. Martha Eskew – “Athens History Village”
- Mar. Kenneth Coleman –Projections of the Bicentennial of the Nation
- May Beth Davis – “Reactions of a Rebel in a Yankee Doodle Town” slide presentation
- Oct. C. P. and Ann Brackett – “Athens at the Turn of the Century” slide presentation

1975 President: Ralph Draughon, Jr.

- Jan. Patricia Cooper – “Athens in 1810” slide presentation
- Mar. Barboura Raesly – “The Richard B. Russell Papers”

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May Ralph Draughon – “Thomas R. R. Cobb, Lawyer and Confederate Leader”
 Oct. No Program. Discussion and Suggestions for Bicentennial Projects

1976 President: David Foley

AHS sponsored a drawing contest of buildings, locations or other historical landmarks; categories for judging were middle and high school, university students and all other residents of Athens and Clarke County. Prize for each category to be a savings bond, winners announced July 4th. Judges were Susan Frances Barrow Tate, Lester Walker and Ralph Stephens. [*Athens Banner-Herald*, April 22, 1976]

Jan. Beth Abney – “George Cooke” [*Papers, vol. II*]
 Stanton Forbes – “Lucy Stanton and Her Work”
 Mar. Ernest Hynds – “Antebellum Athens”
 May Francis Daves – “Cherokee Woman”
 Oct. John E. Talmadge – “A Trip to the Outer Hebrides”

1977 President: Kenneth Coleman

Jan. Cindy Russell – “For Generations to Come” (Movie about the American Revolution).
 Mar. Robert G. Stephens – “My Impressions of Congress”
 May John and Janet Stegeman – “The Life of Caty Greene, Wife of a Revolutionary General”
 Oct. Joint Meeting in Athens with the Georgia Historical Society, in cooperation with the State Botanical Garden. Seminar and Tour. Speakers were:
 Friday: Panel Discussion: “Historians and Genealogists, What They Have to Say to Each Other” with Mary Bondurant Warren, Kenneth Thomas, David Foley, John Sheftall, Stephen Gurr.
 Saturday: Kenneth Coleman – “Georgia’s Constitution of 1777”
 Michael Woodward – “E. Merton Coulter and the Writing of Biography”
 Louis DeVorse – “Industrial Sites, Clarke County, Georgia”
 John Linley – “Domestic and Industrial Architecture at Georgia Factory, Whitehall” slide presentation
 Dean Rusk – “North Georgia: Then and Now”
 Tour of Old Whitehall Mill Sites on the Oconee River

1978 President: Robert Rhodes Crout, January–June; Ellen L. Sumner, July–December.

Jan. “A History of Georgia” A discussion of the book by Kenneth Coleman, General Editor and contributor, and the five other contributors: Phinizy Spalding, F. Nash Boney, Charles E. Wynes, William F. Holmes, Numan V. Bartley
 Mar. Denise Ashworth and James Ward – “Historical Treasures: Little Known Architectural Jewels of Athens” slide presentation
 July William Tate – “Materials on History of the University of Georgia”
 Oct. Paul Nagel – “Fresh Winds Across Familiar Scenes”

1979 President: Ralph H. Stephens

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Papers of the Athens Historical Society, Volume II, 1979. Editorial Committee: Patricia Irvin Cooper, chairman, Charlotte Thomas Marshall, Hubert McAlexander, Susan B. Tate. [*Athens Banner-Herald/The Daily News*, January 1, 1980, n.p.]

- Jan. J. Kirk Moore, Memory Lane Antiques – “Country Furniture and Decorative Arts in the South” with examples of Georgia furniture to be displayed
- Mar. E. Merton Coulter – “The Life of Abraham Baldwin, Founder of the University of Georgia”
- May James K. Reap, North East Georgia Planning & Development Commission – “Antebellum Architecture in Piedmont Georgia” including houses placed on the National Register, the A.P. Dearing House, the Hamilton House and the Traylor House in Athens
- Oct. Tommie Elaine Shaddock – “The History of the Demosthenian Literary Society”

1980

- President: Beth M. Abney
- Jan. Dean Rusk – “The Life of Georgia Governor John Forsyth”
- Mar. David Ogletree – “The Impact of the Wesleys on Georgia”
- May John Ransom Lewis, Jr., Poet Laureate of Georgia – “The Poet as Historian”
- July E. Merton Coulter’s 90th Birthday celebration
- Oct. Phinizy Spalding – “Getting It Together in Cobbham” with slides
- Nov. Bus trip to the Tullie Smith House, Atlanta Historical Society

1981

- President: Beth M. Abney
- Jan. Glen McAninch – “Saving Our Past” Preserving Photographs and Audiovisual Materials”
- Mar. John P. Bondurant II – “Dr. Will Moss,” joint meeting with Crawford Long Medical Society and its auxiliary
- May Thomas Dyer – “Copperhill, TN: An Environmental History” with slide presentation
- Oct. Patricia Cooper – “Old Athens Cemetery Coalition: Achievements Thus Far, Plans for the Future”
- Oct. Bus trip to Elberton, Georgia, visiting the Christmas Tree House, a walking tour of the historic district, the new granite museum, Governor Heard’s grave at Heardmont and “Stonehenge”

1982

- President: M. Tyus Butler
- Jan. Panel of James Reap, Joe Burnett, Larry Blount and Katherine B. Boardman – “Practical Application of Historic Preservation” examining the Morton Theatre, Michael Brothers store, the Colonial Hotel (across from Arch, former location of the Varsity downtown)
- Mar. F. Nash Boney – “Glimpses of the University of Georgia Over Two Centuries” slide presentation
- Apr. Hosting Elberton Historical Society with walking and bus tour of Athens sites, lunch at Virgil’s Uptown
- May Richard F. Pawson, curator of the Navy School Museum – “Origins and History of the Navy School”
- Oct. Kenneth Coleman – “Athenians in the *Dictionary of Georgia Biography*”

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- 1983** President: Tommie LaCavera
 Jan. Robert G. Stephens, Jr. – “An Incident of Friendship” about a letter to Alexander H. Stephens from Abraham Lincoln
 Mar. Vesta Gordon, Assistant Director, Special Collections, UGA – “The Relevance of the University’s Special Collections to the Aims of Local Historical Societies and Possibilities of Fruitful Interaction”
 May Robert G. Stephens, Jr. – (title and subject lost)
 Oct. Kenneth Coleman – “Developing the *Dictionary of Georgia Bibliography*”
- 1984** President: W. Hugh Agee
 Dedication of historical marker honoring Dr. William Lorenzo Moss, who developed a system of blood typing.
 Jan. Porter Kellam, Director *Emeritus* of the University Libraries – (title and subject have been lost)
 Mar. Robert Willingham, Jr. – “Books and Rare Books, Trash and Treasure”
 May “Current Historical Publishing in Georgia” – panel of Paul Zimmer of UGA Press; Thomas Dyer, editor of the *Georgia Historical Quarterly*; and Jane Agee, editor of the *Georgia Journal*
 Oct. Marion Rice – “Appreciating the Landscape”
 Louis DeVorse, Jr. – “Piedmont Georgia: The Landscape as Legacy”
- 1985** President: Robert Willingham, Jr.
 Jan. (Information for this program could not be located)
 Mar. Robert G. Stephens, Jr. – “Mary W. Chesnut”
 May F. Nash Boney – “200 Years of Growth & Service of the University of Georgia” slide presentation
 Oct. Joint meeting with Georgia Historical Society in Athens
 Nov. Rus Duncan, UGA History Department – “The Black King of the Georgia Coast”
- 1986** President: Robert Willingham, Jr.
 Jan. Melvin B. Hill, Jr., Director, Carl Vinson Institute of Government, UGA – “The Carl Vinson Institute of Government”
 Mar. Patricia Cooper – “The Old Athens Cemetery”
 Apr. Bus tour of Washington-Wilkes County, Georgia, with visits to Callaway Plantation, Gilmer House, Mary Willis Library, Robert Toombs House, and churches
 May Fred Schwengel, President of the U.S. Capitol Historical Society – “Restoration of the Old Senate Chamber and Statuary Hall”
 Oct. Madeline Reamy, Executive Director of Joel Chandler Harris Association – “Joel Chandler Harris and the Wren’s Nest” slide presentation
- 1987** President: Jane M. Agee
 Ronald Bogue. *The Presence of the Past: Historic Houses of Athens, Georgia*. 23-minute color videocassette. Committee: Jane Agee, chair, Hugh Agee, Ron Bogue, Mary Chance, Mary Anne Hodgson, Milton Leathers, Hubert McAlexander, and Ruth Webb; pick-up committee Svea Bogue, Pat McAlexander, Birdie Bondurant Clower, Merle Messer, and Ruth Webb. Script written by Ron

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Bogue, who also narrated the video. Produced with a matching grant of \$3,000 from J. Michael Rogers.

Charlotte Thomas Marshall. *Historic Houses of Athens*. 76 pp., illustrations, index. 1987. (Companion to *Presence of the Past* video)

- Jan. Robert G. Stephens, Jr. – “The 200th Anniversary of the Signing of the Constitution”
- Mar. Rick Aguar – Video presentation of samples of Aguar’s work
- May Judy Hall – “Geer Plantation of Enfield” slide presentation
- Oct. Panel discussion with Susan Frances Barrow Tate, Mary Stark Bowers, John P. Bondurant II, and John F. Stegeman, “Personal Reminiscences of Athens”
- Nov. Premier of *The Presence of the Past* video at the Upson House on Prince Avenue in Athens

1988 President: Charlotte Thomas Marshall

Susan Frances Barrow Tate Fund established to benefit Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library of the University of Georgia – almost \$60,000 has been contributed as of December 2019.

Susan Frances Barrow Tate. *Remembering Athens*, a collection of Mrs. Tate’s memoirs edited by George O. Marshall and Charlotte Thomas Marshall.

- Jan. Screening of *The Presence of the Past* video after potluck supper in the Common Room at Emmanuel Episcopal Church
- Mar. Charlotte Thomas Marshall – “New Light on Old Athens”
- May Hubert McAlexander – “Piedmont Georgians on the Mississippi Frontier”
- Oct. Milton Leathers III, John P. Bondurant II, Owen M. Roberts, Jr., and Roy Scoggins – “Reminiscences of Old Athens Businesses” including the Southern Mutual Insurance Company, R. L. Moss Manufacturing Company, Athens Lumber Company, L. M. Leathers & Sons, Jewish businesses, and cotton brokerages
- Nov. 80th birthday celebration of Susan Frances Barrow Tate at Hargrett Rare Book and Manuscript Library in UGA Main Library; unveiling of Susan Frances Barrow Tate Fund drive.

1989 President: Ronald L. Bogue

Ron Bogue – “Vanishing Athens Project” – gathering historic photographs of Athens area in connection with Georgia Department of Archives and History
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- Jan. John Parnell Bondurant II – “The Methodist Church: Its Roots Run Deep”
- Mar. Michael Thurmond – “A Story Untold: Black Men and Women in Athens History”
- May Susan Frances Barrow Tate – “David Crenshaw Barrow, Chancellor of UGA” (Mrs. Tate’s grandfather)
- Oct. George O. Marshall, Jr. – “Athens During World War II” panel discussion with James Barrow, Phyllis Jenkins Barrow, David Firor, and Dorothy Firor.

1990 President: Tommie Elaine Shattuck

- Jan. Max E. White – “Georgia’s Pre-History and her Indian Tribes”, followed by signing event for *Georgia’s Indian Heritage*
- Mar. Carolyn P. Edge – “Early Georgia Builders”

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- May James Carter – “Preservation-Renovation” followed by tour of Old Presbyterian Manse, Athens, Georgia
- July Ellis Merton Coulter’s 100th birthday commemoration
- Oct. Ron Bogue – “The Vanishing Athens Project” slide presentation of photos from albums in the community
- 1991** President: Lee Anne Seawell
- Jan. Gary L. Doster – “Georgia’s Currency”
- Mar. James H. Tate, VP of Corporate Communications, Atlanta Gas Light Company – “Keeper of the Flame” The Story of Atlanta Gas Light Company, 1856-1985”
- May Phiniza Spalding – “The History of Lucy Cobb Institute and the Seney-Stovall Chapel”
- Oct. Morgan R. Redwine, Jr. – “Dead in Dixie, Planted in Clarke: Cemeteries of Clarke County”
- 1992** President: Goodloe Y. Erwin
- Bus trip to dedicate two historical markers for the Battle of Crampton’s Gap in Maryland, with stops at Harper’s Ferry, the Shenandoah Valley, Sharpsburg, Fredericksburg, and Petersburg, Virginia, and Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- Jan. Randy Reid – “Howell Cobb as a Slave Owner”
- Mar. John F. Stegeman – “Athenians at the Battle of Crampton’s Gap”
- May Jack Thomas – “Strolls Along the Boulevard” with slides taken by Morgan R. Redwine, Jr.
- Sept. Dedication of historical markers honoring the Mell Rifles and Troup Light Artillery of Cobb’s Legion, and Cobb’s Brigade, McLaw’s Division, C.S.A., Dr. Goodloe Yancey Erwin, chair
- Oct. Millard Grimes – “Newspapers in Transition”
- 1993** President: Goodloe Y. Erwin
- Jan. Video of the dedication of the historical markers at the Battle of Crampton’s Gap, filmed and edited by Stan Sheram
- Mar. William G. Moffat – “Indian Trails and Early Roads of Middle Georgia”
- May Timothy J. Reese – Dedication of historical marker to Jefferson Mirabeau Lamar in Oconee Hill Cemetery, Athens
- Charlotte Thomas Marshall – Guided Oconee Hill Cemetery Walk
- Oct. Gary L. Doster – “Vanished Athens Revisited: 1905-1920 Postcards” slide presentation
- 1994** President: Goodloe Y. Erwin
- Athens and Clarke County Cemeteries Survey Project to document all known cemeteries in Clarke County; Dr. Goodloe Erwin chair
- Jan. Dr. C. Stephen Gurr – “Early Automobiling in Georgia”
- Mar. Milton Leathers III and Timothy J. Reese – Dedication of historical marker to John Basil Lamar, Rose Hill Cemetery, Macon, Georgia
- William G. Moffat – Bus Tour of Civil War Sites
- May Michael J. Gagnon – “Born on the Cusp: Community and Industry in Athens, 1820-1870”

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- July Co-sponsored with GMOA, exhibit of 11 watercolors by Jean Nevitt Flanigen in 1945, "Scenes of Paris" at Athens Regional Library. Flanigen was an illustrator serving in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps during World War II.
- Oct. "The Normandy Invasion" – Panel discussion with Robert E. Clute, James N. Hartford Jr., Sam M. Talmadge, and Lamar T. Wansley
- 1995** President: Robert G. Stephens
- Jan. Hubert H. McAlexander – review of "The Promise of the New South" by Ed Ayers
- Mar. Andy Arnbal, author of *The Barrell-Land Dance Hall Rangers* – An account of his experiences as a Ranger in the North African, Sicilian and Italian invasions during World War II
- May Judy Hall – "Restoration of the Geer Plantation in Greene County, Georgia" slide presentation
- Oct. (Presenter's name and subject have been lost) – Background of Barrow County, celebrating gift of Hulme Kennebrew's papers to UGA Libraries
- 1996** President: Tommie LaCavera
Athens Historian. Vol. 1, October 1996. 40 pp., paperback. Editor: Marie Hodgson Koenig
- Jan. Robert G. Stephens – "The Nuremberg Trials"
- Mar. Lisa Vogel – "Saving Athens' Outdoor Sculpture"
- May Goodloe Y. Erwin – Dedication of World War II Memorial Marker, Memorial Park [*Athens Historian*, vol. 1, 1996]
- Oct. W. Todd Groce, Georgia Historical Society – "Collecting and Preserving Old Letters and Documents"
- 1997** President: Mary Bondurant Warren
Athens Historian. Vol. 2, October 1997. 40 pp., paperback. Editor: Marie Hodgson Koenig
- Jan. Gayther L. Plummer – "Athens Weather Watchers Through the Years" [*Athens Historian*, vol. 3, 1998]
- Mar. A. Jeff Lewis – "Plants of Historical Interest to Georgians"
- May F. Nash Boney – "Confederate Georgia"
- Oct. Family of Ben Epps – "Ben Epps, Athens's First Flier"
 Charlotte Thomas Marshall – Guided Tour of Oconee Hill Cemetery
- 1998** President: Mary Bondurant Warren
Athens-Clarke County, Georgia, Cemeteries. Compilation of known cemeteries within the modern boundaries of Clarke County, published with a grant from the R.J. Taylor, Jr., Foundation. Editor: Eve B. Weeks
Athens Historian. Vol. 3, October 1997. 52 pp., paperback. Editor: Marie Hodgson Koenig
- Jan. Charles Hudson – "Knights of Spain, Warriors of the Sun: Hernando de Soto & the South's Ancient Chiefdoms"
- Mar. Stan Webb & Don Parr, '64 Breastworks Preservation Group – Plans for the Breastworks Preservation Park

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- May Louis DeVorsey – “Bartram’s Buffalo Lick” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 4, 1999]
 Oct. Robert Cohen – “Letters to Eleanor Roosevelt”

1999 President: Marion J. Rice (40th anniversary)
Athens Historian. Vol. 4, October 1997. 56 pp., paperback. Editor: Marie Hodgson Koenig

- Jan. James C. Cobb – “The Southern Identity at the Millennium”
 Mar. Stephen Gurr – “The Personal Equation: A Biography of Steadman Vincent Sanford”
 May Thomas Dyer – “Secret Yankees: The Union Circle in Confederate Atlanta”
 Oct. “40 Years & Still Going Strong” AHS 40th Anniversary Antique Show & Tell at the Athens Regional Library auditorium

2000 President: Wilson Elder
Athens Historian. Vol. 5, October 2000. 80 pp., paperback, five-year cumulative index. Editor: Henry Ramsey

- Clarke County Probate Project to sort loose probate papers into archival folders, prepare finding aid of estates
 Jan. Kathryn Gray-White – “Georgia’s Lost Communities”
 Mar. Carl Vipperman, – “The Power to Destroy: Federal Taxes & the Origins of the Civil War” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 8, 2003]
 May Margaret Moore – “Malthus Ward and the Salem Community” [*Athens Historian*, vol.6, 2002]
 Oct. Ron Evans, Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation – “Can You Place This?” slide presentation from reprint of Albin Hajos’ 1901 *Photogravure of Athens*

2001 President: W. Thomas Wilfong
Athens Treasures: A Bicentennial Celebration by the Athens Historical Society, in conjunction with the Georgia Museum of Art, January 27 through March 18, 2001

- Athens Historian. Vol. 6*, October 2001. 66 pp., paperback, index. Editor: Henry Ramsey
 Oral History Project, co-sponsored by AHS, the Heritage Room of the Athens-Clarke County Library, and the Athens Area Educators Association.
 Jan. “Athens Treasures: A Bicentennial Celebration” – AHS/GMOA Exhibition
 Mar. Michael Price – “Such Are the Changes of Life: The Literary Response on the Georgia Homefront to the Civil War”
 May Virginia Nazara – “Sowing the Seeds of History”
 Oct. Michael Thurmond – “Black History in Georgia”

2002 President: John W. Timmons, Jr.
Athens Historian. Vol. 7, October 2002. 75 pp., paperback, index. Editor: Henry Ramsey

- Gary L. Doster. *A Postcard History of Athens, Georgia*. 164 pp., xii, hard cover, dust wrapper, illustrations, bibliography, index. 2002. Received the Outstanding Publication Award from the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation in 2003.

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- Jan. Steven S. Bush – “The Congregation Children of Israel - The Jews in Athens” followed by a tour of the Congregation Children of Israel synagogue [*Athens Historian*, vol. 7, 2002]
- Mar. Lester D. Stephens – “The LeConte Brothers” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 7, 2002]
- May Chantel Dunham & Milton Leathers – “Treasures of the University of Georgia Libraries”
- Oct. Dan Magill – “Athletics in Athens” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 8, 2003]

2003 President: Verner F. Chaffin

Athens Historian. Vol. 8, October 2003. 58 pp., paperback, index. Editor: Henry Ramsey

- Jan. Rayburn S. Moore – “The Athens Connections of Poet Paul Hamilton Hayne (1830 -1886)” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 8, 2003]
- Mar. James P. Hendrix, Jr. – “Meriwether Lewis’ Georgia Days”
- May Goodloe Yancey Erwin – “The Longstreets of Gainesville, Georgia”
- Oct. Dale Couch – “French Influences in the Lower South Atlantic Region”

2004 President: Betty Alice Fowler

Athens Historian. Vol. 9, October 2004. 58 pp., paperback, index. Editor: Henry Ramsey

- Jan. Rufus Adair – “Brick Walls and Serendipity: Tracking Dr. Henry Jackson and a Sense of History”
- Mar. Elisabeth Hughes – “The New Georgia Encyclopedia”
- May Frank Christian – “An Inside Look at the Masters Golf Tournament”
- Oct. Wendell Faulkner – “Fire Companies in Athens of Old” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 9, 2004]

2005 President: Betty Alice Fowler

Athens Historian. Vol. 10, October 2005. 60 pp., paperback, index. Editor: Jenny W. Best

- Jan. John S. Whitehead – “Completing the Union: Alaska, Hawaii and the Battle for Statehood”
- Mar. Goodloe Y. Erwin – “Stoneman’s Raid” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 10, 2005]
- May Dan Magill – “The Stegeman Family of Athens” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 10, 2005]
- Oct. Ernest C. Hynds – “175 Years Young and Still Growing: The Story of First Baptist Church, Athens, 1830-2005” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 10, 2005]

2006 President: Jenny W. Best

Athens Historian. Vol. 11, October 2006. 64 pp., paperback, index. Editor: Jenny W. Best

- Jan. Charlotte Thomas Marshall – “What a Victorian Tombstone Reveals Beyond the Inscription” slide presentation
- Mar. Milton Leathers – “Abraham Baldwin, Georgia’s Connecticut Yankee” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 11, 2006]
- May Don Nelson – “The History of Newspapers in Athens” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 11, 2006]

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- Oct. John Waters – “Fred J. Orr, Architect *Extraordinaire*”
- 2007** President: Mary Anne Hoit Abbe
Athens Historian. Vol. 12, October 2007. 64 pp., paperback, index. Editor: Jenny W. Best
- Jan. Sam Thomas – “The Return of the T.R.R. Cobb House” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 12, 2007]
- Mar. Tom Gresham – “Valley of Kings: Native Tribes of the Oconee River Valley”
 R.E.M. display at the Athens-Clarke County Library
- June Judy Long and Anne Segrest Freeze – “Lost (but Not Forgotten) Flavors of Athens: An Edible Education of the Classic City” slide presentation
- Oct. “R.E.M. in Perspective: An Athens History” – A panel discussion with Blair Dorminey, Tony Fletcher, Mark Methe (Wuxtry Records), Paul Butchart, Curtis Crowe (Pylon), John Keane, Kathleen O’Brien Layson, Maureen McLaughlin, Dan Wall (Wuxtry Records), Frank White, Jared Bailey, Tim Johnson, Gwen O’Looney, Dexter Weaver, Smith Wilson and Milton Leathers
- 2008** President: Mary Anne Hoit Abbe
- Jan. Charles Knox – “A Trip to ‘The Bottom:’ Across Dougherty and Back in Time”
- Mar. Meeting cancelled
- May Blair Dorminey, Mary Ellen Brooks, F. Nash Boney, Ken Thomas, and Emory Thomas – “Charles Brockman and the Amazing Disappearing Desk of Georgia Governor Joseph E. Brown”
- Oct. “Dean William Tate: His Life and Times” – A panel presentation with Blair Dorminey, George O. Marshall, Jr., Dan Magill, Milton Leathers, Steven A. Brown, and others
- 2009** President: A. Blair Dorminey (50th anniversary)
 Charlotte Thomas Marshall. *Oconee Hill Cemetery of Athens, Georgia, Vol. I*. 620 pp., hard cover, dust wrapper, illustrations, bibliography, index, 2009, reprinted 2010. Received the Outstanding Publication Award from the Athens-Clarke Heritage Foundation in 2010.
- Jan. Steven Scurry – “The University, Athens, and Georgia’s Hidden War”
- Mar. Fred Birchmore – “Tales of a Happy Wanderer”
- May “World War II in Athens: On the Home Front” – panel discussion with Show & Tell, including panelists Upshaw Bentley, Susan Smith Cavanagh, Nelle Price Epps, Milton Hill, Thelma Hurley, Marie Hodgson Koenig, George Marshall, Sarah Carlton Proctor, Morgan R. Redwine, Bill Simpson, Mary Bondurant Warren, and others
- Oct. 50th Anniversary Program, Reception & Release of *Oconee Hill Cemetery* book at the Taylor-Grady House
- 2010** President: A. Blair Dorminey
- Jan. “Looking Back Over 50 Years” Show & Tell

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- Mar. Al Hester – “‘The Great Matter at Heart’ - Enlightening Ex-Slaves of Athens” followed by a panel discussion about the Knox Institute and Athens High & Industrial School at Hill Chapel Baptist Church
- June Janine Duncan – “Old Athens/Jackson Street Cemetery: History and Preservation”
- Sept. Mary W. Quinn – “A Walking Tour of Historic Winterville”
- Nov. Thomas Riis and Jill Read – “The Morton Theatre: A Centennial Retrospective”

2011 President: James K. Reap

- Jan. Al Hester – “An Enduring Legacy: Madison Davis and Alfred Richardson”
- Mar. Nancy K. MacLean – “The Athens, Georgia, Ku Klux Klan of the 1920s: What Can It Tell Us about the Era and America?”
- May Steven Scurry – “Stones and Scorpions for Fish and Chips: Peacekeepers on the Oconee and Civil Rebellion in Georgia”
- Oct. Andrew Clyde – “Chicopee and the Cook & Brother Armory”

2012 President: James K. Reap

New logo and webpage developed for AHS - www.athenshistorical.org

- Jan. Ashley Callahan – “Georgia Bellflowers: The Furniture of Henry Eugene Thomas”
- Mar. “Tour of Russell Special Collections Building” with Ruta Abolins, Chuck Barber, and Jill Severn
- May H. Grady Thrasher III – “The World’s Smallest Airport” film screening
- Oct. John Inscocoe – “Understanding the Civil War Since the Centennial” followed by book signing of *The Civil War in Georgia*

2013 President: James K. Reap

Athens Historian, Vol. 13, 2013. Paperback, no index. Edited by Jason Hasty

- Feb. Michael Gagnon – “Transition to an Industrial South” followed by book signing for *Transition to an Industrial South: Athens, Georgia, 1830-1870*
 - Apr. Ramble to Madison-Morgan Historical Society, Heritage Hall, Madison, Georgia
 - Sept. Alfred Vick – “Cherokee Traditional Land Use and Ethnoecology”
 - Oct. Larry B. Dendy – “Through The Arch: An Illustrated Guide to the University of Georgia Campus”
- Dedication of historical marker for UGA’s first botanical garden

2014 President: Ashley Simpson

Athens Historian. Vol. 14, 2014. Paperback, index. Editor: Jason Hasty

- Jan. John Waters – “The 75th Anniversary of the Founders Memorial Garden”
- Feb. Michael Kitchens – “Lost Antebellum Homes of Georgia” followed by signing of *Ghosts of Grandeur: Georgia’s Lost Antebellum Homes and Plantations*
- Mar. Ramble to historic sites of Wilkes, Warren and Taliaferro Counties with Bill Moffatt
- May Philip Juras – “Painting Bartram’s Georgia” followed by book signing of *Southern Frontier: Landscapes Inspired by Bartram’s Travels*

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- Oct. Emma Foley and Mary Quinn – “Winterville, A Classic Railroad Town” followed by book signing of *Winterville, Georgia: A Classic Railroad Town*

2015 President: Ashley Simpson

Al Hester. *Putting on Blue: Confederates from the Athens, Georgia Area Who Became Galvanized Yankees*. 2015. Paperback, 118 pages, illustrations, bibliography, index. [Donated to AHS by the author.]

Athens Historian. Vol. 15, 2015. Paperback, index. Editor: James K. Reap

Inception of the Augustus Longstreet Hull Award to recognize commitment to the preservation of Athens history, suggested by board member Michael Kitchens.

- Jan. Augustus Longstreet Hull Award to Augustus Longstreet Hull, accepted by descendants
- Mar. Mary Linnemann and Steven Brown – “Athens by Leaps and Bounds: The Development of Athens Shown in Historic Maps (1793-1946)” in the Hargrett Library
- May Augustus Longstreet Hull Award to Patricia Irvin Cooper, accepted by her daughter Alice Cooper
- June Tom Michael – “Flower Power: How Moina Michael’s Poppies Raised Millions for Veterans”
- Oct. Keith B. Plummer – *Soul of Athens: A History of the Morton Theatre* documentary screening and discussion
- Nov. Ramble to Beech Haven, Athens, Georgia

2016 President: Ashley Simpson January-October; Janet Patterson October-January

Ronald Bogue. *The Presence of the Past: Historic Houses of Athens, Georgia*. 23-minute color DVD edition of the original 1987 videocassette. 2016.

Athens Historian. Vol. 16, 2016. 72 pp., paperback, index. Editors: Larry B. Dendy, Theresa M. Flynn, Patricia McAlexander

- Jan. Al Hester – “Putting on Blue” followed by book signing of *Putting on Blue: Confederates from Athens, Georgia Who Became Galvanized Yankees*
- Mar. Gary Doster – “The Georgia Rail Road Depot on Carr’s Hill” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 16, 2016]
- June Dan Aldridge – “To Lasso the Clouds” followed by book signing for *To Lasso the Clouds: The Beginning of Aviation in Georgia* [*Athens Historian*, vol. 17, 2017]
- Aug. Mary Bondurant Warren – “Meet Mary Jett Franklin Athens Artiste Extraordinaire” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 17, 2017]
- Oct. Scott Nesbit and Audrey Thomas – “UGA and Slavery” [*Athens Historian*, vol. 16, 2016]
- Nov. Ramble to Richard B. Russell Home in Winder, Georgia

2017 President: Michael Kitchens

Athens Historian. Vol. 17, 2017. 82 pp., paperback, index. Editors: Larry B. Dendy, Theresa M. Flynn, Patricia McAlexander

- Jan. Augustus Longstreet Hull Award to Mary Bondurant Warren
- Mar. Elizabeth Allison Whitlock and Steven Brown – “Ramble in the Ruins, the Romantic Ruins of the Georgia Brick Company”

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- June Ramble to site of Georgia Brick Company at the Sandy Creek Nature Center
Vince Dooley and Sam Thomas – “The Civil War Correspondence of William Gaston Deloney” followed by book signing of *The Legion’s Fighting Bulldog*
- Oct. Stephen Berry – “CSI Dixie: The View from the American South’s County Coroner’s Offices, 1800-1900”

2018 President: Michael Kitchens

Conservation of portrait of Edward Baker Mell painted by Athens artist Mary Jett Franklin about 1910; displayed in the Mell Auditorium at Clarke Central High School.

Athens Historian. Vol. 18, 2018. 72 pp., paperback, index. Editors: Larry B. Dendy, Theresa M. Flynn, Patricia McAlexander

- Jan. Augustus Longstreet Hull Award to Charlotte Thomas Marshall
- Apr. Steven Brown and Elizabeth Allison Whitlock – “Yesterday’s Vision: The Athens City Master Plan of 1925”
- July James Lineberger – “Antebellum Architecture in Athens”
- Oct. Michael Thurmond – “*A Story Untold: Black Men and Women in Athens History* – the 40th Anniversary”
Ramble to Historic Jefferson, Georgia

2019 President: Sam Thomas

Athens Historian. Vol. 19, 2019. 80 pp., paperback, index. Editors: Larry B. Dendy, Theresa M. Flynn, Patricia McAlexander

- Jan. Augustus Longstreet Hull Award to Gary L. Doster
- June Michael Thurmond – *A Story Untold: Black Men and Women in Athens History*, release of 3rd edition followed by book signing
- Aug. Maxine Easom and Patsy Arnold – “Across the River: The People, Places and Cultures of East Athens, Georgia” followed by book signing
- Oct. Jonathan Scott – “Winterville, Clarke County’s ‘Other’ Town”

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Hester, Al. *Putting on Blue: Confederates from the Athens, Georgia Area Who Became Galvanized Yankees*. 2015. Paperback, 118 pages, illustrations, bibliography, index. [gift of author]

Marshall, Charlotte Thomas, ed. *Oconee Hill Cemetery: Tombstone Transcriptions for that Part of the Cemetery West of the Oconee River*. 149 pp., paperback, map, indexes. 1971.

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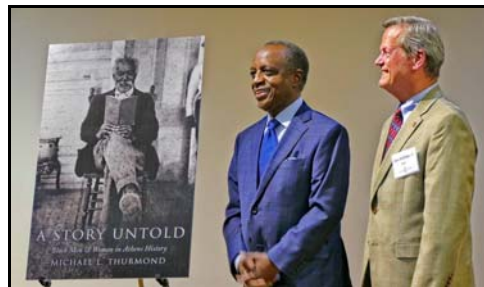
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