



The CCHS Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society

P.O. Box 1308

Carrollton, GA. 30112

1st Quarter 2024

Stewart Martin, Carrollton's Youngest Mayor

Stewart Martin took the oath of office as Mayor of the City of Carrollton in October 1939. At age 26, Mr. Martin was the youngest mayor to serve the city of Carrollton. He succeeds Tom Luck, who retires after ten years of service.

The Oath was administered by Justice of the Peace, J.W. Stallings. Immediately thereafter Councilmen; J.R. Wynn, Alton Lane, D.L. Carter and J.N. Crider were sworn in as well.

Mr. Martin was best remembered for his many years of serving as Director of Martin-Hightower Funeral Home. This business was located for many years on Center Street.

His father, Cliff Martin worked for Jack Aycock at his Funeral Home on Adamson Square, where The Green Lantern is presently located. Later Cliff Martin would go into business with his brother-in-law, Henry Almon. About 1932 they established Martin-Almon Funeral Home and Martin became the Director.



After graduating from Carrollton High School in 1930, he attended Bowdon College and was a member of the first graduating class of West Georgia College in 1933. Stewart graduated from Emory University in 1935.

Stewart began his career as a teacher at Farmer's High community. After a while Stewart decided to learn the family business.

On Christmas Eve 1940, Stewart married Miss. Agnes Scott. She is the daughter of Otis Tom Scott, Sr. and Bessie Smith Scott.

During WWII Stewart was appointed as Head of the Draft Board in Carroll County. Through the years Stewart would serve the people of Carroll County in many ways in civic, religious and business endeavors. A long time member of Tabernacle Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon for over 40 years.



Photo by Birdsong

Indian Creek Baptist Church

**1280 N. Highway 100
Bowdon, GA. 30108**

Indian Creek Baptist Church was constituted July 18, 1848 being one of the oldest churches in the Carrollton Baptist Association.

The eight charter members were James Stamps, Emily Stamps, Frances Fulton, Margaret Fulton, Mary Stamps, Nancy Vowell, Eason Stamps and Martha Stamps.

Eason Stamps lived to be 103 years old and his daughter, Mrs. Salby Powell was one of the oldest members at 93 years old.

James Stamp was the first Church Clerk and was ordained as the first Deacon.

Other Deacons serving in 1955 were; B.D. Styles, Reese Styles, M.A. Proctor, J.W. Batchelor, Bill Robinson, I. Kent, Roy Joe Warren, Claude Moon, Arnold Morris, Johnnie Famer, and Tommy Entrekin.

Pastors serving the church through 1955 include:

Rev. J.C. Beverly
 Rev. W.M. Daniell
 Rev. J.C. Morris
 Rev. James Barrow
 Rev. W.F. Twedwell
 Rev. G.W. Tumlin
 Rev. G. W. Colquit
 Rev. J.R. T. Brown
 Rev. S.B. Little
 Rev. J.D. H. Robinson
 Rev. J.M Garrett
 Rev. D.W. Knight
 Rev. J. M. Davidson
 Rev. R.M. Lovvorn
 Rev. J.D. Eason
 Rev. W.J. Lovvorn
 Rev. J.R. Cole
 Rev. J.S. Edwards
 Rev. W.M. Barr
 Rev. J.W. King
 Rev. R E. Caldwell
 Rev. O.L. Hall
 Rev. R.W. Johnson
 Rev. H.S. Miller
 Rev. Clyde Thompson

Photo by: R. Blakemore



The Color Purple House Tour



March 16, 2024 10am - 6pm

Moore's Bridge Park
West Entrance
627 Old Newnan Rd, Whitesburg GA 30185

Carroll County extends an invitation to an exclusive tour of Mister's house, the centerpiece of the latest 2023 cinematic remake of *The Color Purple*.



Carroll County is extending an invitation to tour the historic James Moore house in Whitesburg,

James B. Moore

It is thought that the James B. Moore house was built in 1857. Moore came to Georgia in 1834, at the age of 29, with a horse and a pair of saddle bags as his only possessions. He was able to acquire 1,800 acres of prime farm land near the Chattahoochee River and become one of the county's best known citizens.

Moore partnered with Charles Mabry and Horace King, a well-known African-American bridge builder, to construct Moore's Bridge across the Chattahoochee River. The three formed the Arizona Bridge Company, a historic venture with Moore being a one-third owner. The bridge became the main route for travel into the newly opened frontier west of the Chattahoochee River.

Moore's Bridge became a strategically important site during the Civil War. As General Sherman was preparing to attack Atlanta, he sent his cavalry under General Stoneman downstream to locate any crossings on the river. On July 13, 1864 they drove off the Confederates guarding the bridge. The next day a brief battle ensued, the Union troops realized they could not hold the bridge, they burned the wooden bridge so the Confederates could not use it to get behind Sherman as he crossed into Atlanta Upstream.

We invite you to join the County as they showcase history.

Do You Know Me? GA. Power 1932



The office was located on the N.E. Corner on the Square Beside Johnson's Drug Store

Bottom Row		2nd Row		3rd Row		4th Row	
1	J.T. Smith	1		1		1	
2		2	Harvey Jordan	2		2	
3	Luke Lowe	3	Walt Glass	3		3	
4		4		4		4	
5	Mule Worthy	5		5		5	
6	Jim Griffin, Sr. Mgr.	6	Jim Griffin, Jr.	6		6	
7	Bill Gray	7	Bennie Rutherford	7		7	Belva Cole
8	Lewis Camp	8		8		8	Gwen Toney
9		9		9	Wiggins	9	
		10	Tom Luck, Jr.	10		10	
				11	Spud Potate		
Back Row							
1		2		3		4	
5		6					



Picture It: Dixie Street 1956

The Crepe Myrtle Hotel on Dixie Street was taken down to make room for the Carrollton Federal Savings and Loan building in 1956.

Carrollton Federal was first organized as Carrollton Building and Loan Association in October, 1929. The association received a federal charter on October 28, 1935, becoming Carrollton Federal Savings and Loan Association .

The brick building behind the sign operated as an apartment house. Later it was demolished for additional parking space.

A little further down is 120 Dixie Street, the law office of McMahan Perry & Phillips now.

Carroll County Word find

Can you find the Sheriffs associated with Carroll County?

MARTIN	WOOD
DEAN	COBB
LANGELY	GASTON
REEVES	KILGORE
BELL	WEBB
LAMBERT	GAMMON
ROBINSON	MERRILL
TOWNSEND	COLEMAN
GARRETT	BOGGUS
HAGAN	HEWITT
ROSS	BENSON

C	G	A	M	M	O	N	Y	R	O	S	S
O	Z	M	E	R	R	I	L	L	D	D	F
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March

- 12th Bowdon Area Historical Society
- 16th Open House James B. Moore House
- 17th St. Patrick's Day
- 23rd Carroll County Genealogy Society Workshop
ccgsga.org
- 31st EASTER



April

- 6th Carrollton Writers Guild Bookfest
- 9th Bowdon Area Historical Society
Bowdonhistory.com
- 25th Carroll County Genealogy Society Meeting



May

- 12th Mother's Day
- 14th Bowdon Area Historical Society



June

- 11th Bowdon Area Historical Society
- 16th Father's Day

New Additions to the CCHS Collection

- 1938 Carrollton High School Dedication to the Senior Class, by Ben Garrett.
- 1914 Church Records of Mt. Zion Baptist Church Douglas County, by Curtis Spivey
- 1914 Photograph of Mountain View School in Bowdon GA. By James Robinson



Carroll County Historical Society Membership Application

January thru December 2024

Individual Membership \$30.00 per year

Family Membership \$50.00 per year

Date _____

Name _____

Address _____

City/ST / Zip _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

Email address will be used for receiving bulletins, newsletters, and announcements that CCHS will be sending out concerning the Society activities.

Membership Fee Paid _____ In Memory of: _____

Donation _____ Total Paid _____

Donations to the Society will be used to fund preservation projects in Carroll County. All donations are tax Deductible.

Members receive our Monthly Newsletter

Mail To: Carroll County Historical Society

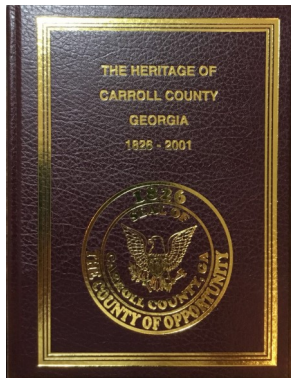
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Online at: <https://www.carrollcountyhistory.org/cchsmf.html>



Your Membership supports the preservation and presentation of Carroll County's history

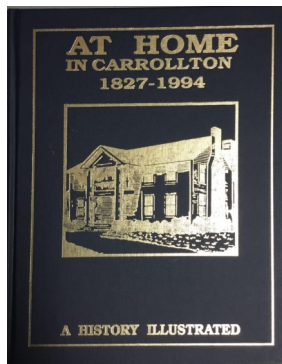


\$50

History is on sale, or Better, the history books are on sale.

The Heritage of Carroll County GA, 1826-2001

Is a 619 page publication of over 1,265 family histories and local county stories. The book begins with the history of Carroll County and each city, and moves to the history of churches and civic clubs of the county. Then the real treasure begins with the family stories of many Carroll Countians. Sale price is \$50 for a limited time.



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At Home In Carrollton 1827-1994 is a 249 page pictorial directory of the history of Carrollton. Highlighting the business, manufacturing, school, church, medical aspects of Carrollton. Over 500 photographs of the buildings and people of Carrollton. Sale price is \$30 for a limited time.

Shipping is \$10 for each mail order.

<https://www.carrollcountyhistory.org/store.html>

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