



# The CCHS *Newsletter*

Carroll County Historical Society

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APRIL 2015

## Lynne Miller to Speak at April 21st Meeting

**Tuesday, April 21st, at 6:30 PM at Stallings Community Center Lions Parks Room**

Ms. Lynne Miller will be talking about the National Register of Historic Places program established to coordinate and support public and private efforts to identify, evaluate, and protect our historic and archeological resources. Properties listed in the Register include districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects that are significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture. Her presentation will highlight several of the National Register-listed districts and properties in Carrollton and Carroll County. Also, she will tell us how to get a historic property listed on the National Register.

Lynne Miller is the City of Carrollton's City Planner, where she serves the City's Historic Preservation Commission, Planning Commission, and Board of Development Appeals. She is currently updating the City's Unified Development Code, Hazard Mitigation Plan, and twenty-year Comprehensive Plan. She conducts special studies and prepares reports for these plans, and secures and manages related grants for historic preservation, recreation and police work.

Ms. Miller has over 30 years of planning experience, having worked directly for city government, regional government, and the architect/engineer community. She has served as Planning Director and Historic Preservation Planner with the Chattahoochee-Flint Regional Development Center in Franklin GA, serving the five counties of Carroll, Coweta, Heard, Meriwether and Troup. There, she drafted plans, such as the Chattahoochee-Flint African American Heritage Tourism Plan and City of Grantville Long-Term Plan for Historic Public Buildings, and has secured and managed over 100 grants and loans for projects in the areas of preservation, recreation, environment, community and industrial development.

She received her undergraduate degree from Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan, with additional studies at the College of St. Rose in Albany, New York and Georgia Tech. She is certified with American Institute of Certified Planners, and has been recognized by the Historic Preservation Division of Georgia DNR for her outstanding contributions to historic preservation in Georgia.

*Light Refreshments will be served.  
The public is cordially invited.*

## Carroll County Historical Society Conducts Carrollton City Cemetery Tour

On March 24, 2015, Drs. Peter Worthy and Jack Crews presented a walking tour of the Carrollton City Cemetery to an art study group. The program not only covered facts, symbolism, and legends, but the importance cemeteries have played in recording local history of towns across America. Approximately 22 were in attendance. What started out as a simple walk-through tour and program, quickly turned into an awareness of the "treasure" located in downtown Carrollton. Because of the enthusiasm of the presenters, several members of this group are now anticipating ways to help contribute to the preservation of this important part of our history.

If your group would like to take a guided tour of the Carrollton City Cemetery, please contact Dr. Peter Worthy or Dr. Jack Crews for information.



These recent photographs illustrate both the beauty and grandeur as well as the urgent need for preservation efforts to assure that our treasure is not lost forever to vandals and deterioration.

## Carroll County Genealogical Society Meeting

The Carroll County Genealogical Society will meet on Thursday, April 23 at 6:00 pm at the Neva Lomason Library. Fredric Finch of Villa Rica will present the program on the Powell Chapel Community Cemetery. This old cemetery on Flat Rock Rd. holds the remains of some of the earliest settlers of Carroll County. It dates back to the 1850s, when Mary Boyd was buried there in 1858. Mr. Finch will have copies of his cemetery book available for purchase for \$10. Visitors are welcome.

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## Sons of Confederate Veterans Meeting

McDaniel Curtis Camp #165 of the Sons of Confederate Veterans will hold a Confederate Memorial Day ceremony on Saturday, April 25 at 2:00 pm at the Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park. Sam Pyle will be the speaker. There will be a musket salute and laying of the wreath. Everyone is welcome.

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## Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park Association USO Variety Show

The Carroll County Veterans Memorial Park Association is having a USO-style Variety Show on Saturday, April 25 from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at AMVETS Post 99, located at 816 Old Bremen Rd, Carrollton. You will enjoy many performers--music, dancing, and comedy. Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served. Seats are limited. No smoking allowed. Individual tickets are \$25 or you may reserve a table for 8 for \$300. For tickets, call Ron Knowles at 404-747-9785 or email your reservations to [carrollcountyvetsmemorialpark@gmail.com](mailto:carrollcountyvetsmemorialpark@gmail.com). All proceeds will directly support our beautiful Veterans Park.

## Artifacts from the CCHS Archives

These photographs are from the Smith Studio Collection.

Over time, there were 4 photographers located upstairs in the old "Beall Bldg." (Gallery Row Coffee Shop) on Carrollton's Adamson Square. William C. "Bill" Smith bought out the Boynton Studios in March of 1946 and later moved to his current location. The daughter Susan Smith Ramsey, a photographer herself, is still in business across the street from the Dairy Queen in Carrollton on West Center St. and South Park St. This collection of old photographs is available for viewing at CCHS.

Please help us identify these photos and send your answers to our Archives chairman Gwyn Chesnut at [Chesnut185@aol.com](mailto:Chesnut185@aol.com) or call 770-834-3081.



**The First Radio Station in West Georgia  
WLBB, AM 1330**

The first radio station in the West Georgia area was AM station WLBB, 1330 on the dial. The station began broadcasting in late 1946 from the top floor of the old Peoples Bank Building on Adamson Square when that building was 4 stories tall. Announcer James "Boots" Dunaway went on to have a long career with radio station WSB, AM 750 in Atlanta and has been inducted in the Georgia Radio Hall of Fame.

This photo shows the station which moved into a new brick building on the old Bremen Road in 1952. Tom Vassey in the pickup truck became station manager in 1951 when he replaced Thomas Carr. Hiram Bray is kneeling. Do you know the man standing by the truck?

WLBB is still on the air, along with six other stations in the West Georgia and East Alabama area is now owned by Gradick Communication.



**Everyone Listens to the Radio**

Photo of the WLBB broadcast studio. Do you recognize the announcer in this photo?

In the early years, WLBB's programming consisted mainly of local news, rural farm reports, and country church services; however the station was well known for local musicians who played country, bluegrass, and gospel music live on the air. From the beginning, one of the station's long running programs was "Flowers and Music". It was a half hour of semi-classical music presented by the Cottage Hill Florist and Greenhouses on Sundays at 2:00 pm.

**Mark your calendar now for our October 20 general meeting to hear the program, "Cottage Hill - Farm to Flowers" by Gwyn Chesnut on her family's business- Cottage Hill Florist and Greenhouses.**



## Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation Annual Gala Held at Fox



On March 21, 2015, CCHS Past President Gwyn Chesnut and Archives co-chairman Carter Clay attended the Georgia Trust Annual Gala at the Fox Theater in downtown Atlanta where the red carpet was rolled out for the guests. This event was a major fund raiser for the Trust which oversees Main Street city programs, architecture of the façade for historic buildings in Georgia cities, funds to help restore historic structures placed on its list of “Places in Peril” and the restoration and upkeep of the Hay House in Macon and Rhodes Hall in Atlanta. The Georgia Trust also oversees placement of historic places and properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The Georgia Trust Gala at the Fox Theater was really a special evening. Most of you know how special the Fox Theater is to Atlanta. We were in Atlanta the night of the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary showing of “Gone With The Wind” and since then have supported the efforts undertaken to “Save the Fox”.

The Trust Gala honored and recognized the group of Atlanta citizens under whose leadership efforts helped “Save the Fox”. Entertainment was provided on the main stage by the Atlanta Boys Choir, Atlanta Opera, and Atlanta Ballet. Afterwards the Egyptian and Grand Ballrooms were opened up with hors d'oeuvres and a 30 minute guided tour were also given of the Fox Theater’s backstage area and we got to walk out on the main stage and see why performers say Atlanta’s Fox Theater stage is one of the most special places to perform with its Arabian motif and starlit sky.

Our Carroll County Historical Society is a member of the Georgia Trust and all of our members are eligible to attend events like the Annual Georgia Trust gala and bi-annual Rambles (tours of Main Street cities across Georgia each Spring and Fall. We will list these events in upcoming newsletters or you can find events on the Georgia Trust website <http://www.georgiatrust.org/>. Contact one of the CCHS officers if you are interested in attending a Georgia Trust event so you can use our society’s membership to attend or best yet you can become an individual member of the Georgia Trust for Historic Preservation and help support efforts to save Georgia’s historic treasured places.

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**The Georgia Trust Spring Ramble is set for April 17-19, 2015, in Athens, one of the state's loveliest cities boasting beautiful homes and a vibrant downtown, and Lexington, settled in the mid 1790's and considered to be one of the finest examples of a 19th century county seat in Georgia. and the site of the first Georgia Trust Ramble. Call 404-885-7812 for information.**

## Message from President Dr. Jack Crews

I trust everyone is having a great spring. We have a lot of exciting opportunities for the Society and will be reporting on them as they development.

April is especially a poignant time in American History. It is on the 9th of April that the most tragic era in our nation's history mercifully came to a close. General Robert E. Lee surrendered the tattered remnant of the Army of Northern Virginia at Appomattox, Va. General Joe Johnson held out for a short time in North Carolina, but for all practical purposes the slaughter was over. There was still much suffering to be done, but at least the killing ceased and the repulsive specter of Americans killing Americans went away.

The horrors of the "Reconstruction" were still to come, but slowly, slowly, and surely the breach healed. The process was completed by the advent of WW II.

I hope all of you will find time to visit the Library during the month of April to see their fine Civil War display.

I look forward to seeing you at our April Historical Society meeting on the third Tuesday night.

## Time to Renew Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership for 2015, please see the enclosed Application Form or visit the CCHS Web-site at <http://www.carrollcountyhistory.org>

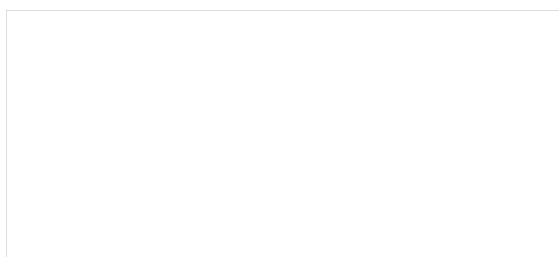
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION 2015**

**Individual Membership**  
**Family Membership**

**\$20 per year**  
**\$30 per year**

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