



The CCHS Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society

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Aug.-Oct. 2023

Mount Zion Seminary, Mount Zion GA.

The Mount Zion Seminary opened its doors December 6, 1880, and was the forerunner of the modern Mount Zion Schools, making them the oldest schools in continuous operation in Carroll County.

Dr. Hicks Martin moved to the Mount Zion area in 1852, coming from Cherokee County. Dr. Hicks Martin was a Methodist minister and a medical doctor. Before 1852, Mount Zion was a rural area ripe for development. Martin founded the Mount Zion United Methodist Church, which effectively gave the area a name.

Rev. James Mitchell, a pugnacious Irishman, took over the Mount Zion church in 1877. President Lincoln appointed Rev. Martin as Commissioner of Emigration in 1862. Over the next few years President Lincoln softened his support of forced immigration and his support of Rev. Mitchell. Embroiled in a fierce argument with the government, Mitchell's funding was cut off and he headed south.

Rev. Martin noticed there were no schools in the area, so he convinced church leaders to establish boarding schools which would become Mount Zion Seminary. The first two years students received a basic education and in the last two years the courses changed to preparing the students for the ministry.

The Fall term of Carroll County Superior Court granted a charter to Mount Zion Seminary Association. It was a joint stock option association with a Board of Trustees. Joseph Entrekin and Rev. William Culpepper Walker each paid \$200 to fund the Association, and others according to their ability to pay.

Carroll County Historical Society Meeting

Sept. 26th

at the Neva Lomason

Library 6:00 PM

Program

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LIVE



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The original stockholders were Joseph Entrekin President, S. J. Entrekin, H.A. Entrekin, Eli Entrekin, J.A. Entrekin, L. G. Entrekin, W. M. Ashmore (Bowdon), W.G. Jordan, Daniel McBurnett, James P. McKissack, Issac Price, William Walker, Hicks Martin, M.D., M.C. Trimble, and Rev. James Mitchell.

Professor J.E. Deacon was the first president, and in its first

quarter of a century it had a dozen different Principals. The most famous was Professor Rhonald Johnston. Professor Johnston was born in Scotland and graduated from the University of Edinburgh.

Scores of teachers were taught at the Seminary and many preachers were trained there as well as other professionals. Mr. Joseph Entrekin gave the land and Howard A. Pitts cleared the land where the Seminary was built which is the site of the Elementary School on Hwy 113.

Serving as Mount Zion Presidents were: E.F. Entrekin with Assistant Belle Thimble, J.D. Deacon with assistant D. D. Entrekin, J.F. Palmer with Assistant Addie Thimble, Rhonald E. Johnston, R.H. Robb, J.F. Palmer, W.T. Morris, W.D. Stevenson, R.C. Bramlett, W. T. Morris, Perry Weston with Assistant Mose Weston, Alvis Craig, Foss Smith, J.L. Robb, R.H. Robb, H.A. Phillips, James Coleman, J. I. Robb, W. Williford, F.L. Bradley who died in WWI in France, Lee. S. Thimble, P. L. Schneider, W.H. Howard and Assistant Estella Searles Howard, and Estella Searles Howard and Dean of Students Frank Argelandre.



Fuller Hall - Boys Dormitory 1882-1937



Mt. Zion Seminary Academic Building 1935

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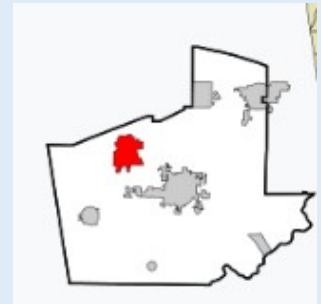


- Sep. 26 Carroll County Historical Society**
- Sep. 30 CCGS Genealogy Workshop**
- Oct. 6 Carrollton Writers Guild Workshop**
- Oct. 10 Bowdon Area Historical Society**
- Oct. 26 Carroll County Genealogical Society**

Mount Zion Georgia Timeline

- 1827 Settlers moved into the Mount Zion Area but most moved on to Alabama, Mississippi, and Texas.
- 1852 First permanent settler was Hicks Martin and his family.
- 1865 Mount Zion Methodist Episcopal Church was founded. Started as a Brush Arbor and log building.
- 1878 Name officially changed to Mount Zion after the church. First known as Turkey Creek Mills.
- 1889 Mt. Zion Methodist Episcopal Church built a sanctuary.
- 1876 Rev. James Mitchell met with 25 other preachers and laymen and chartered the Mount Zion Seminary.
- 1880 Mount Zion Seminary begins operation.
- 1910 Bowdon Railroad route goes through Mt. Zion from Bowdon Junction. The company built a station in Mt. Zion for the benefit of area citizens.
- 1912 Georgia General Assembly incorporates Mount Zion City.
- 1937 Mount Zion Cemetery merges with Carroll County School System.
- 1974 The schools were divided into a high school and middle school.

As of the census of 2000, there were 1,275 people, 434 households, and 351 families residing in the city. The population density was 130.7 inhabitants per square mile. There were 467 housing units at an average density of 47.9 per square mile. The racial makeup of the city was 94.12% White, 3.76% African American, 0.24% Native American, 0.94% Asian, 0.24% from other races, and 0.71% from two or more races. Hispanic or Latino of any race were 0.31% of the population.



First Mt. Zion City Hall built in 1907 as seminary library

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Carroll County Genealogical Society
Carroll County, Georgia

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“The Bottom of the Barrel”

What to do When You Hit a Brick Wall

“Secrets to Georgia Research”

Discover Where the Information is Located



Genealogy Workshop

September 30, 2023 9:00AM to 12:00 PM

Carroll County Veteran’s Building

1790 Stripling Chapel Road

Carrollton, GA 30117

R.S.V.P. to ccgsa76@gmail.com

To reserve seating and handouts

Open to the public

Free Admission

Light Refreshments





The Carrollton Writers Guild and Carroll County Historical Society Present:

Collecting and Crafting Oral Histories
10 am – 12 pm
Collect family and community-based oral history projects, discuss ideas for oral history projects and participate in a focused workshop using a food-related family memory/story.

Collecting and Crafting Memoir Projects
1:30 pm-3:30 pm
Learn about *Mystoriography*, a creative research and writing method where the researcher/writer and the lived-in “worlds” of the author are the subject of investigation.

October 7, 2023
Carrollton Center for the Arts
For more information: Carrolltonwritersguild.org
To register: carrolltonwritersguild@gmail.com
Preregistration required by Sept 17th



Presented by:
Dr. Rebecca Kennerly
Emerita, Georgia Southern University

If you have been thinking about writing your family history, you are in luck. This upcoming workshop will guide you in the steps to take for a successful project.

The morning session will teach the steps to envision, plan, and collect family and community-based oral history projects.

Attendees will receive an overall understanding of how to organize, implement, and successfully produce a well-organized, ethical, family and community-based oral history project.

The afternoon session will teach about *Mystoriography*, a creative research and writing method where the researcher/writer and the lived-in “worlds” of the author are the subject of the investigation. If you would like to attend, please register by emailing:

carrolltonwritersguild@gmail.com A \$10.00 donation is requested for each session.



Carroll County Historical Society Membership Application

January thru December 2023

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.

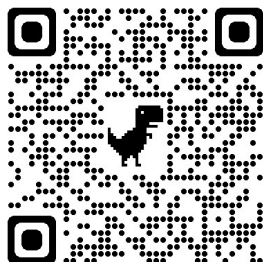
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