



# The CCHS Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society

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## Brooks—Cown Families of Temple GA.

Dr. James Fletcher Brooks was one of the first doctors in Temple Georgia. He would travel by horse to visit patients. Dr. J.F. Brooks also operated one of the first drug stores in Temple, Brooks and Rowe Drugstore.

Dr. James F. Brooks was born April 23, 1853 in Carroll County to William Brooks III and Catherine Matilda Clontz. William Brooks, III was a Methodist minister and preached at Asbury Methodist Church off Rainey Road across from Asbury Cemetery. Rev. Brooks also preached at Concord Methodist Church at Hickory Level, which is the oldest church in Carroll County.

James's siblings include twin girls, Mary I. Brooks, (1834); Sarah E. Brooks, (1834); Catherine M. Brooks, (1837); Janie E. Brooks, (1839); John Wesley Brooks, (1841); William J. Brooks, (1843); Luger F. Brooks, (1847); and Thomas S. Brooks, (1850).

After the death of Dr. J.F. Brooks' first wife Ida Ann Rowe, he married Gaudie L. Bayne, daughter of Judge H.V. Bayne of Atlanta. The Brooks lived in a house at the corner of Tallapoosa St. and Montgomery St. in Temple.

James and Ida had a son, William Lewis Brooks and a daughter, Ida Fletcher Brooks.



Dr. James Fletcher Brooks. Photo from the Cown-Brooks collection. Photographer: Anglin Randall, Atlanta



Mrs. James "Ida" Brooks. Photo from the Cown-Brooks collection. Photographer: Anglin Randall, Atlanta

Ida R. Brooks passed away February 16, 1889, two weeks after giving birth to their daughter Ida F. Brooks who only lived one day.

Dr. J.F. Brooks graduated from the Atlanta Medical College in 1879 and practiced in Temple Georgia.

Dr. Brooks contributed much toward the early development of Temple. He donated the land to build the Temple United Methodist Church in 1884.

Dr. Brooks died July 31, 1893. William Lewis was 12 years old at his father's death. Uncle John Wesley Brooks would be appointed the legal guardian of William Lewis Brooks.

## John Wesley Brooks

John Wesley Brooks married Cynthia Elvira Allen, daughter of Alcimus Harris Allen of Hickory Level community.

They had six children: Mary Jane Brooks, Margaret Katie Lee Brooks, William Harris Brooks, Mary Lee Brooks, Vivian Magdalene Brooks, Virginia Harris Brooks, John Fletcher Brooks, Annie Luda Brooks and Mattie Lucy Brooks.

Samuel Mark Cown was the first County Agent in the State of Georgia. His appointment was to Carroll County in 1906 where he met and married Mattie Lucy Brooks. He visited farmers with his horse and buggy. He was the father of John Mark Cown, William B. Cown and Samuel Wesley Cown.



Mattie Lucy Brooks was born February 6, 1889 in Carroll County and died September 21, 1976 in Temple GA.

Most of the Brooks family is buried in the Asbury Cemetery in Temple.

Miss. Brooks married Samuel Mark Cown of Walton County GA. in 1915. They had three children: John Mark Cown (1917-1998), William Brock Cown (1922-1989) and Samuel Wesley Cown (1927-1927)

John M. Cown served in the U.S. Air Force, Marine Scout Bombing Squadron, One Fifty-One, Marine Aircraft Group Thirteen Fourth Marine Bare Defense Aircraft Wing Uvea Island, Wallis Island and in Canada during WWII. He was employed by Graybar Electric for 36 1/2 as a Production Service manager.



William Brock Cown, a Captain in U.S. Army and graduated from Georgia Technical College. Mr. Cown served as a Research Engineer at Georgia Tech Experiment Station.

# Genealogy Expo

**Presented by**  
**Carroll County Genealogical Society**

Neva Lomason Library March 25th The Expo will begin at 10:00 a.m. ending at 1:00p.m.

There is no charge and is open to the public.

We encourage you to pre-register to [ccgsga76@gmail.com](mailto:ccgsga76@gmail.com) for seating



## Finding Your Ancestors

Because you are here, they were there, somewhere. This course will guide you in finding your ancestors and how to document your findings.

## How to Organize Your Genealogy Information

Learn how to organize your genealogy information to find anything quick and easily. Techniques for paper and digital files.



## Online Internet Search Resources

"What's Out There and How do I use it?"

Live Demonstrations as you follow along.

Computer Lab at Neva Lomason Library

## Hands on Research

Guides you as you flip through Genealogy books searching for your Ancestors. Resources in the Local History Room.



Local Family History Books



Villa Rica Area Historical Society, Inc is hoping to raise \$5,000.00 for the treatment of termites that has consumed the Lott Meeting Hall and our beloved Wicks Tavern Ca. 1830, Wicks was used as a Stagecoach/Tavern in 1830 for the gold miners in the area of Hixtown. This building is the oldest commercial structure in West Georgia and the last remaining structure of Hixtown. The Lott Meeting Hall was built to help raise the funds for the Wicks Tavern and its museum.

<http://fundly.com/wicks-tavern-and-its-gracious-givers>

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**14h Bowdon Area Historical Society**

**17th St. Patrick's Day**

**25th Genealogy Expo CCGS**

**28th CCHS Meeting**

**The next Carroll County Historical Society Meeting will be March 28 at 6:00pm**

### Scanning Project Update

Eight students from the University of West Georgia will be onsite to help CCHS scan photos and documents.

This year's BIG Event will be held on April 15th from 12 pm to 3 pm.

This a great opportunity for CCHS to have most of the collection converted to a digital format.

We need your help to prepare the documents for scanning and sort through the photographs and pull out the duplicates.

One hour or all day, your assistance is needed.

If you would like to assist in the project please email: [history@rablakemore.com](mailto:history@rablakemore.com)





## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

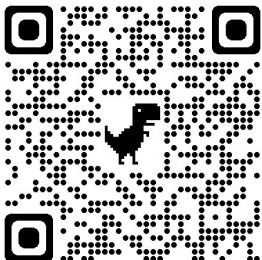
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