



The CCUS Newsletter

Carroll County Historical Society

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May 2022

Decoration Day

In most Southern communities the month of May brings Decoration Day. A day set aside at the local church to give tribute to members who have passed away during the previous year. It is also a time when previous members and families come back to clean the family cemetery plot and place new flowers to honor their ancestors.

There are a number of churches in Carroll County and neighboring Ranburne Alabama that have a set day for this tradition. First Sunday, second Sunday, or third Sunday, the original “house divided” if the family came from different churches.

The Ancient Greeks were among the first to designate land at the edge of their cities for burying the dead. The word “cemetery” is Greek for “sleeping chamber”.

In America, after 1831, cemeteries were adjunct to the church or designated city plots. There were some “Family Plots” on the large plantations. More recently the Memory Garden concept developed for aesthetically pleasing views and to defray maintenance cost.

These burial parks encouraged people to enjoy the beautiful views by strolling and picnicking there. This influenced the public’s desire for more detailed gravestones and monuments.

You can learn more about your ancestors by visiting the cemetery. There may be insignias or markers providing insight as to who these people were. Military markers may include the Branch, rank and dates of service or the War they served during.

Special care should be given in cleaning the gravestones. Before proceeding, it is important that you do your research before undertaking a cleaning project. The Facebook group **Friends of the City Cemetery** in Villa Rica is a great resource. They have special projects through the year you can join that will guide you in your own project.

There are many variables to consider before you begin a cleaning project. The age of the gravestone and material it is made of will determine how to proceed. You do not want to do harm intending to do good.

The Cemetery Conservators for United Standards (CCUS) has a website where you can connect with experts and learn some best practices.

www.cemeteryconservatorsunitedstandards.org



Military Marker

Photos by Robert Blakemore



Sarcophagus, Greek for burial chest or box tomb, may hold the coffin above ground. More recently the coffin is below ground.



This is an Angel & Cross, gravestone. Usually carved from limestone.



Woodmen of the World gravestone



The large flat slab covering the grave is called a grave ledger.



Many family plots are surrounded by a gate or marble border.



A slant gravestone sits upright on its base, and is wider at the bottom with a flat or rounded top.

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Meeting May 26th

6:00 P.M.

Neva Lomason Library on Rome St.

CCHS is developing a Historic Profile of all the churches in Carroll County. The list below is some of the Baptist Churches. We invite you to share information you may have.

CCHS is also developing a Historic Profile of all the churches in Carroll County. The list below is some of the longtime businesses. We invite you to share information you may have.

Church Name	Year Organized	Business Name	Year Organized
Abilene Baptist Church	1875	Times-Georgian Newspaper	1871
Antioch Baptist Church	1903	C.M. Tanner Grocery Company	1893
Bethel Baptist Church	1854	Tisinger Law Office	1922
Bethesda Baptist Church	1846	Martin Hightower Funeral Home	1928
Beulah Baptist Church	1882	Tanner Memorial Hospital	1931
Bowdon Baptist (Eden)	1860	Sewell Manufacturing	1933
Central Baptist Church	1960	The Villa Rician Newspaper	1935
Flat Rock Baptist Church	1881	WLBB Radio Station	1946
Glenloch Baptist Church	1899	Anderson's Florist	1947
Harmony Baptist Church	1916	Almon Funeral Home	1950
Indian Creek Baptist Church	1848	McLain's Jewelry	1952
Kansas Baptist Church	1897	Carroll County Chamber of Commerce	1955
Macedonia Baptist Church	1847	Southwire	1955
Mars Hill Baptist Church	1898	Price Florist	1958
Mount Pleasant Baptist Church	1874	All Phase Electric	1959
Mountain View Baptist Church	1913	Walker Cadillac	1959
New Brooklyn Baptist Church	1931	Lankford's Florist	1962
New Lebanon Baptist Church	1870	The Squire Shop	1963
Oak Grove Baptist Church	1877	Aubrey Silvey Enterprises	1971
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church	1849	Systems & Methods	1971
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church	1894	Carrollton Ear Nose & Throat	1979
Pleasant View Baptist Church	1876	SportsPlex (The Racquet Club)	1979
Providence Baptist Church	1847	Mt Zion Automotive & Muffler	1980
Roopville Baptist Church	1883	Gordon's Paint	1981
Salem Baptist Church	1883	Revelation The Hair Place	1984
Sandy Grove Baptist Church	1886	The Medicine Shoppe	1985
Tabernacle Baptist Church	1899	Barnes Store	1988
Temple Baptist Church	1884	Southern Dental	1990
Tyus Baptist Church	1901	Nichols Printing	1992
Unity Baptist Church	1955	Perpetual Motion Bicycles	1995



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- 10th Bowdon Historical Society
- 19th Villa Rica Historical Society
- 24th Georgia Primary Please Vote
- 26th Carroll County Historical Society Meeting
- 30th Memorial Day

**Carroll County Historical Society
Membership Application 2022**

Individual Membership
Family Membership

\$30 per year
\$50 per year

Date: _____

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell Phone:** _____

*** E-mail Address:** _____

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