



The CHS *Newsletter*

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**FALL FIELD TRIP TO MOORE'S BRIDGE PARK**

**Saturday, October 2  
Meet at the site at 10:00 A.M.**

The Carroll County Historical Society is hoping for a beautiful fall Saturday for its exploration of Moore's Bridge Park, a 485 acre site near Whitesburg which just may be the most historic site in our county. With Creek Indian history, early Carroll settlements, Carroll's only Civil War battle, covered bridge history, the site is truly multi-faceted. County historian Doug Mabry will be our tour guide. This outing will be fun and educational, so bring your family!

James D. Moore's pre-Civil War house still stands and is a focal point for the park. Moore partnered with Charles Mabry and the well-known African-American bridge builder Horace King to construct the covered bridge which spanned the Chattahoochee River here. Union troops burned this first bridge, and the second bridge, also covered, was built after the war. It stood until 1917 when the present iron one was built. The Moore house was built around 1857, possibly by Horace King.

The Society has available copies of two books which give more information on Moore's Bridge: *Bridging Deep South Rivers*, \$28.00, a study of Horace King and his bridges, and *Sherman's Horsemen*, \$22.00, which contains among others an account of the battle at Moore's Bridge. These books will be available on the day of the field trip; if you would like to purchase one or both beforehand, please call **Judy Schulenburg, 770-832-6724, or Janice Ivester, 770-836-1941.**

**DIRECTIONS:** Travel to Whitesburg on Highway 16, go straight through the roundabout toward Newnan. Pass Marchman Road on the left, then turn left on Old Newnan Road - it angles off to the left. There is plenty of parking at the site, but if you would like to carpool, please arrange your own.



**James D. Moore's Pre-Civil War Home- ca. 1857**



James D. Moore partnered with Charles Mabry and Horace King to build the Moore Bridge on the Chattahoochee River.

## ***HISTORIC LONGVIEW STREET***

**At the City Council's next meeting, the council will consider a rezoning request for the corner of Longview and South streets to allow construction of a graveled parking lot adjacent to the restaurant next door on South Street. Some of the residents of both streets are uniting to oppose this rezoning. If you are interested, please watch for the next city council meeting and attend to show your disapproval. For more details, email Marla Gill Dugan at [mgd826@yahoo.com](mailto:mgd826@yahoo.com).**



Entrance to Residential Longview Street



Future Gravel Parking Lot?

### ***THE CREPE MYRTLE HOTEL AND LASH LARUE***

When we moved into the Redwine House on Dixie Street ten years ago, neighbor John Burson told us that our narrow staircase was from the old Crepe Myrtle Hotel up the street, cut down to fit the space. Before the 1960s, the Redwine staircase was outside on the back porch (imagine going outside to get to the upstairs!) A memory surfaced, long forgotten but now bright as new. "Well," thought I, "I've been up these stairs before."

It was about 1949, and my best friend Shirley and I, about nine, were walking home from school down Dixie Street. At the Crepe Myrtle Hotel, we remembered that Lash LaRue, the famous and handsome movie star cowboy, was in town to perform live onstage at the Carroll Theatre on Saturday morning. Shirley double-dog-dared me to go inside to get his autograph. Now, you just don't take a double-dog-dare lightly. I threw my books down on the sidewalk for her to guard, and walked boldly into the hotel lobby. At the clerk's desk, I had a moment's hesitation, but linking my fingers together and twisting from side to side nervously as little girls do, I said, "Can I please have Mr. LaRue's room number?" Surprisingly, he gave it to me. I went up those wide old creaky stairs to a hall full of closed doors. Finding the right one, I knocked timidly. It was opened about a foot, revealing a man's face with a cigarette dangling from underneath a handle-bar mustache. "Could I please have Mr. LaRue's autograph?" I asked timidly. He glared at me for a second, removed the cigarette with the V of two fingers, and said, "BEAT IT, KID."

I beat it. Ran all the way down the stairs, out the door, barely spoke to Shirley, grabbed my books and ran toward home.

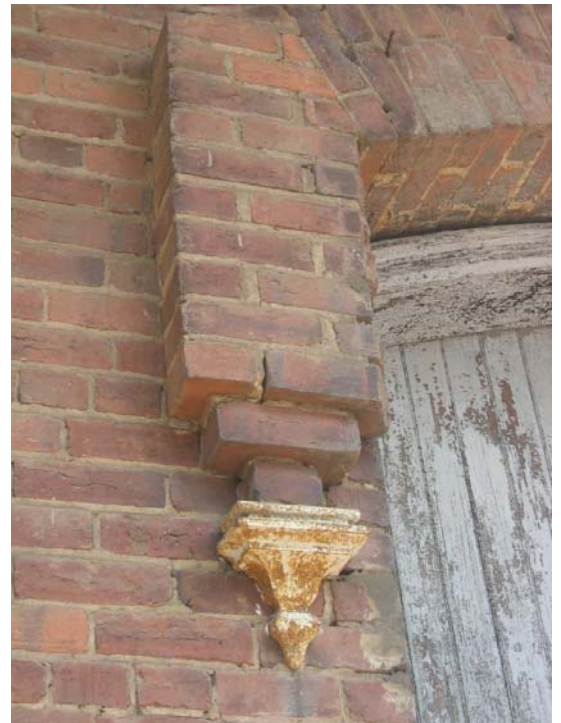
Today every time I go up or down our old creaky staircase, I say to myself, "Beat it, kid."

Janice Jackson Ivester

(Do you have a short story about Carrollton or Carroll County? Send it to the CCHS Newsletter, or my e-mail: [harold@hi-s.com](mailto:harold@hi-s.com).)



*Isn't the depot looking great?*



ARCHITECTURAL DETAILS  
OF  
THE CARROLLTON DEPOT

**NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING**

November 4th, 2010 Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
The Neva Lomason Library

**The Society will hold its next general meeting on November 4th at 6:30 p.m. at the Library.**



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