

American Indian artifacts (one of the best exhibits found in Western North Carolina aside from the Cherokee Museum) featuring artifacts of the Paleo, Archaic and Woodland periods as found in the valleys from Cane River in the West through to Brush Creek in the Northeastern part of the county and all points between. The lower level is handicap accessible.



*Hall of Honor Exhibit*

**ANNEX BUILDING**

The lower level houses the association office, genealogy library, Ce-Nan Museum Gift Shop, Medical Display, Veteran’s Hall of Honor, Mineral Display and other changing and permanent exhibits. The second level houses our archival storage and conference room.



*Transport Exhibit at Chamber of Commerce Building*



*Reconstructed Proffitt-Cousins cabin on the grounds*

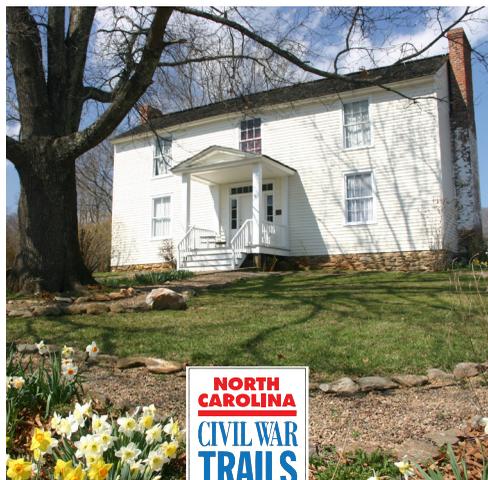


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## COME AND EXPERIENCE THE PAST

Open: Wednesday - Saturday 10 AM until 4 PM. Annex open year round  
Museum open April to October (Closed November to March) Adult Tours \$3, Special Exhibits \$5  
Tickets and Tours available at the Shop on Academy Street.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

*The Yancey History Association's mission is to preserve, protect and display our culture, history and heritage through archival collections, promotion of education, oral history, genealogical record and living history.*

### ABOUT US

The association was formed in 1979 and by 1989 had purchased the property on which the "McElroy House" museum and the 1920's gas station "Chamber of Commerce-Visitors Center" are located.

The dedication of the house as the Rush Wray Museum came in 1999 when the house was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 2004 the house became part of the North Carolina Civil War Trails and finally in 2005 the office building next door along with the parking lot was donated to the association and now houses our genealogy library, veteran's Hall of Honor" and other exhibits as well as archival and meetings spaces.

Museum of Yancey County History and Genealogy Library we offer the community a place in which the history, culture and heritage of this mountain community comes alive through our living history programs providing visitors with the opportunity to experience history first hand.



Daily life is demonstrated by docents in period dress carrying out daily activities such as tating, quilting, weaving, and chair caning, as well as gardening to name just a few.

The Yancey History Association has events and programs throughout the year. A full list of upcoming programs can be found on our website.



*Daily Life*



### RUSH WRAY MUSEUM

You will step back in time as you enter the McElroy House. The Georgian style home built in the 1840's by local businessman John Wesley McElroy has seven fireplaces and an L wing to the back of the home. Much of the house

appears as it would have in the mid-1800. Our goals of portraying are met through our artifacts from the frontier era until the 1950's and a bit later.

As the parent organization to the Rush Wray

The first floor houses our pre-history exhibit of: