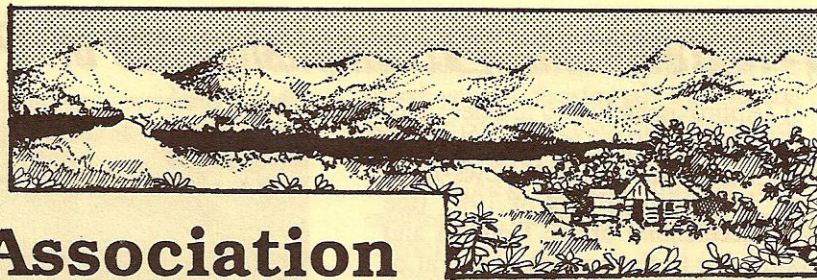


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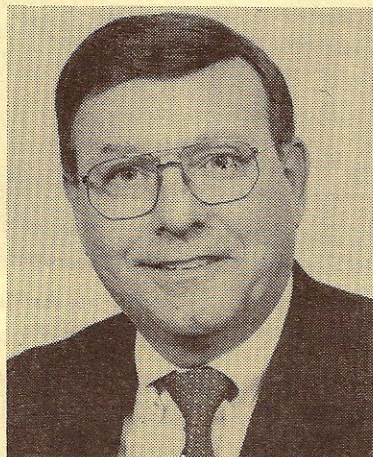
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Preserving Our Appalachian Heritage

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Tom Rusher

District Attorney To Speak On Public Executions

Tom Rusher, District Attorney for the 24th Judicial District, will be the speaker at the Friday, June 17 meeting of the Yancey History Association.

Rusher will speak about "Public Executions in Yancey County." He has devoted 12 years of thorough research to the topic of sentences of death handed down for the crime of murder in Yancey, Madison, Mitchell, Avery and Watauga Counties. He is the author of a yet unpublished book on this subject. A series of articles by Rusher appeared in *Common Times* in 1992.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m., and appropriate to the topic, will be held in the Burnsville Town Hall on the square. This building was formerly the county courthouse. The meeting will be upstairs in the space that served as the courtroom.

A historian by hobby, Rusher will offer an interesting and insightful look at the legal profession and the court system in the 1800s and early 1900s and the changes it underwent during those years.

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MUSEUM/VISITOR CENTER

Yancey County has always been a very special place for those who live here and for those who come here to enjoy our way of life and our hospitality.

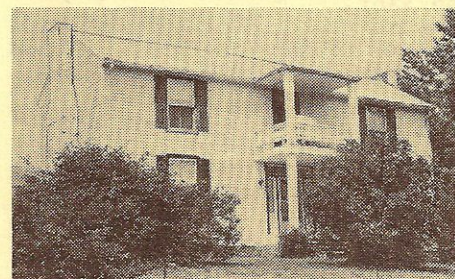
All too often, the qualities that give a community its character and warmth are lost in the hustle and bustle of growth and progress. Yancey has a rich heritage and fascinating history that must be preserved for the education and enjoyment of present and future generations.

Our natural history, scenic and cultural attractions attract thousands of visitors each year. We also have a quality of life people come here to enjoy.

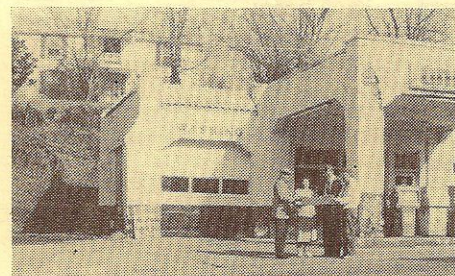
It was with these thoughts in mind that the Yancey History Association and the Yancey County Chamber of Commerce joined together to keep our heritage alive and help direct the quality of growth and progress in our community. That joint project is a Museum/Visitor Center Complex in the heart of downtown Burnsville.

The project had set backs when the economy took a downturn and the state experienced budget problems that stopped anticipated funding. However, things are looking up and the project is once again getting back on track. A \$25,000 grant has been acquired with support from town and county government, and other grants and financial assistance are being pursued.

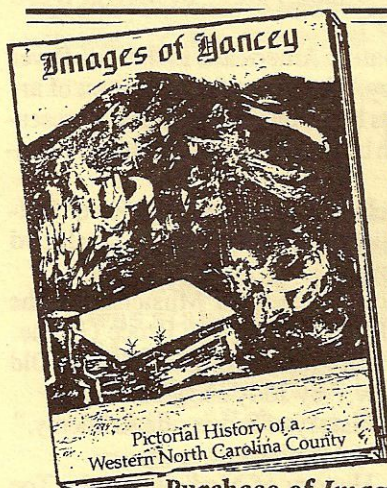
Restoration of the pre-Civil War house as a museum and the old gas station as a visitor center will be a handsome addition to the downtown area.



The house that will become a museum was built circa 1850 by J.W. McElroy, and served as a Civil War headquarters.



The Yancey History Association and the Chamber of Commerce have joined together on the Museum/Visitor Center Project.



Images of Yancey

Second Printing

Available at:

Baker's Everything From A to Z
on Main Street just off town square

Cost is \$37.50

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Purchase of *Images of Yancey* will automatically enroll you as a member of the Yancey History Association, allowing you to be a part of preserving the past for the future

Programs and Accomplishments of Yancey History Association

1. Approximately 150 articles in local newspapers (Yancey Journal, Common Times, and Mitchell News-Journal), beginning in July of 1983 (the Sesquicentennial of the County) and continuing to the present. Several of them are full page length.

2. Publication of News From Yancey: Articles From Area Newspapers, 1840-1900, Sesquicentennial Publication No. 1 (Burnsville: Yancey Graphics, 1983; pp. 83).

3. Publication of A History of the Methodist Church In The Toe River Valley (Burnsville: Celo Press, 1986; pp. 386).

4. Publication of Images of Yancey (Walsworth Publishing Co. 1993), pp. 176.

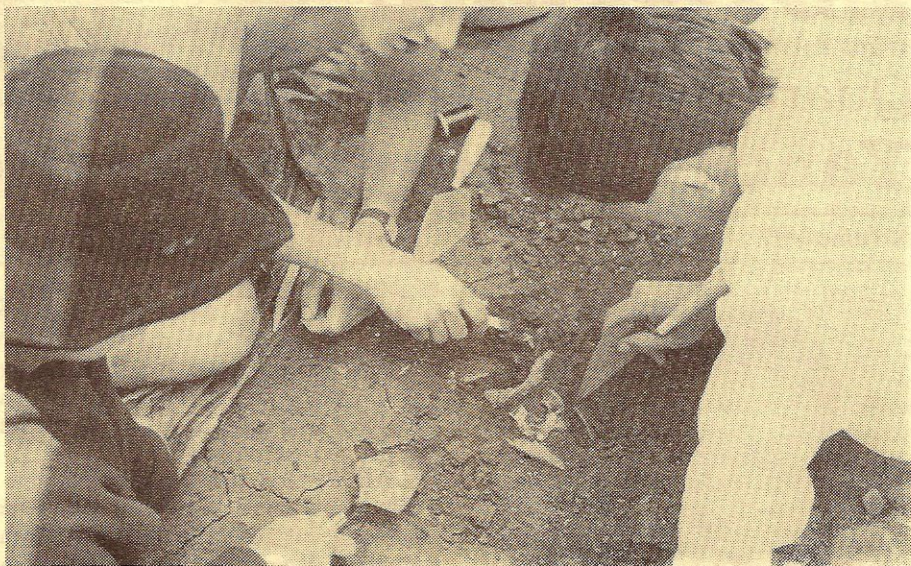
5. A series of presentations, usually one hour in length, at the quarterly meetings of the Association. All are original in content (no rehashing of old data), have been recorded on video tape, and can be made available upon request through the Yancey County Public Library (most are not there at present). Some of the topics and presenters have been:

"The Toe River Valley And The War With Mexico," by Lloyd Bailey.

"The Kirk-Holden War of 1870 (Suppression of the KKK)," by Lloyd Bailey.

"19th Century Presidential Campaigns: Evidence From Yancey," by Lloyd Bailey.

"History of Education in Yancey



Yancey History Association helped fund the archaeological excavations by the Dept. of Archives and History. Many members also volunteered to assist with the dig and catalog artifacts.

County," by Edgar Hunter, Jr. (former Supt. of Schools).

"Native Americans in Yancey County," by David Moore (Field Archaeologist, Department of Archives And History) and John Young of Yancey Co.

"Historic Structures in Yancey County, Part I," by Mitzi Presnell Shook.

"Legal Cases from Yancey that Reached the N.C. Supreme Court," by Garrett Dixon Bailey (J.D.).

"Railroading in Yancey County," by John Beach.

"Historic Structures in Yancey County, Part II," by Mitzi Presnell Shook.

"A History of Medicine in the Toe River Valley, Part I," by Melvin Webb (M.D.).

"Native Americans in the Toe River Valley," featuring the collection of artifacts by Luther Thomas and a presentation by Rogers Clinch (Native American).

"Selected Events In Toe River Valley History, 1700's-1900's," by Lloyd Bailey.

"Folk Music and Musicians in the Toe River Valley," by Bruce Greene.

"Photographic Journey Through Old Yancey," by Jody Higgins.

"A History of Burnsville Academy," by Lloyd Bailey.

"A History of Medicine in the Toe River Valley, Part II," by Melvin Webb (M.D.).

"Mountain People, Places and

Ways," by Michael and Ruth Joslin.

"Migration Routes into the Mountains of N.C.," by Ken Nelson.

"Local Church Minutes in the Toe River Valley," by Dean Taylor, Lloyd Bailey, and James Byrd.

6. Publication of the Society's Newsletter (Estatoee), containing (among other items) documents in relation to the program topics.

7. Acquisition (through the generosity of Mary Louise Wray Conner) of perhaps the finest pre-Civil War house in Yancey County (the McElroy-Moore-Ray House on Academy Street in Burnsville) as the future location of the Rush Wray Museum of Yancey History, funding of an archaeological survey of the site, listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and the acquisition of funds toward restoration of the site to its original appearance (1840's).

8. Partial funding of the archaeological excavations (by the N.C. Department of Archives and History) at the Native American site near Cane River Middle School, in return for which a substantial display will be provided for the Museum.

9. Provision of massive amounts of information to the Department of Archives and History for their production of Center of the Mountain Heartland: A Historical Profile of Yancey County (compiled by Jerry L. Cross; researched by Lloyd R. Bailey, Jerry L. Cross, and David Moore). The first draft of this document (1992) contains 114 pages.

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Estatoee (es-to-toe-e) Also spelled Estootowie in early records. A Cherokee place name, shortened to Estatoe/Estatoah, from which the name Towe or Toe River is derived.

Officers of the Association (1994):

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Public Executions

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During his talk, Rusher will focus on two public executions in Yancey, one in 1847 and the other in 1890. He will trace the laws governing the public viewing of executions and the role that the statutes allowed county commissioners to play in that decision (and what those in Yancey decided to allow).

Documents and a brief bibliography associated with the public execution of Daniel Angel, Jr. and John Wilson follow.

Documentation Of Public Executions In Yancey County

Case of Daniel Angel, Jr, - 1847

The event which led to conviction is reported in Asheville's Highland Messenger newspaper of June 12, 1846, under the heading, "Fatal Affray": "We understand that an affray occurred at the muster ground at John Rice's, on Ivy, in Yancey County, on Saturday last, in which a young man named Roberts was stabbed by Daniel Angel, and died the following Monday. Daniel and John Angel have been lodged in Jail at Burnsville, both having been instrumental in the death of Roberts. It is said deceased was a young man much respected."

The Minute Docket for the Fall Term of Superior Court in Yancey, 1846 (State Vs. Daniel Angel and John Angel) reports that some witnesses stated that Daniel Angel struck without provocation and others that Roberts had struck him first. John Angel was convicted of manslaughter and sentenced to be "branded on the brawn of the left thumb with the letter M." Daniel Angel "Junior" was convicted of murder and sentenced to be "hanged by the neck till he be dead" between the hours of ten and two o'clock on December 4, 1846. Since the Burnsville jail was not sufficient for "close confinement," Daniel Angel was ordered to be taken to that of Buncombe County until the next court in Yancey to which he is to be returned.

The sentence was appealed to the N.C. Supreme Court which upheld it. The decision may be found in 29 NC 27 (1846), available at the office of

local attorneys for those who wish to read it.

A letter from local residents to Mr. Frances, an attorney in Raleigh, dated Jan. 19, 1847, imploring Frances to be of assistance in Angel's case, has been unearthed by Tom Rusher and is reproduced herein. It is difficult to decipher because of poor syntax and spelling, because of lack of punctuation, and because the ink has "bled" through the paper. My best effort to read it is as follows, with conjectured readings in parentheses, clarifications in brackets, some punctuation added, and incomprehensible parts left blank (dashes):

Burnsville, No. Car.
Jany. 12, 1847

Mr. Frances, Esq.
Raleigh, N.C.
Wake Co., N.C.

Mr. Frances:

Sur, I want you to attend to Daniel Angel's case, (in our?) State against him, where in he has ben convicted (?) and found guilty. And was found guilty of the charge and has taken an appeal to the supreme court. We wish you to attend to the case and we will prepare you a fee for your (services?). juror[?] rendered in said suit ---- whar in said State vs. Daniel Angel ----. In this case ---- the said Angel his attorney he first employed in this case, he has haponed to some misfortons and has left the country and has left said Daniel Angel with out any counsel, and being in prison was left with(out) any chance of getting any attorney or any witnesses until the day of trial and the said Angel was obliged to come to trial with out his witnesses or any attorney, on the ac-

count of said [lawyer Thomas] Willson removing [from the case]. And we wish you to fore to make intercession with the court and give said Angel a fair trial on this case whar he was convicted[ed], as not having any opportunity of having his witnesses present at trial.

[Page 2] We the citizens of said county do think it would be _____ to axammon (?) the case whar in said Angel was convicted[ed] and give him a fair trial and if in case _____ is _____, we then there fore leave him to the just God.

The facts are these: that the evidence from A_y Keth [=Keith] (who?) state[d?] to the court and jurors that said D. Angel (Junior?), did _____ the _____ his _____. But we are there fore able to testify to the contrary _____ was not within sixty yards of the place _____ wagons _____ Keith's wagon. We are there fore able to testify to the contrary.

And we are there [fore] able to testify the same by (?) Maret McHone and Wesley Holyfield and others, all good citizens of said county, will testify to the contrary.

We there fore _____ the case _____ with you _____ liberly trusting _____ the hand of God that is able to _____ all from (?) _____ punishment that is not just _____ by the laws of _____ justice of _____ Angel _____ have now _____ in this case.

(Signed:) D. Angel [Sr. ?], Wm. (?) Angel, Alford Briggs, James Angel.

The Minute Docket of the Yancey Court, Spring Term of 1847, notes that the appeal of Daniel Angel, Jr., "being at the bar of the court," has been unsuccessful. He is ordered to the Yancey County jail from which he is to

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Highland Messenger, June 12, 1846

Public Executions

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be taken on Friday, the seventh day of May, 1847, "to the place of public execution for Yancey County and there publicly hanged by the neck until he be dead...between the hours of twelve and two o'clock on that day."

With the passage of time, the executed Daniel Angel (Jr.) was confused with his father, Daniel Angel (Sr.), Yancey County's first sheriff. For a vigorous protest about this mis-identification, see Bonnie Angel's article, "Descendant of Sheriff Sets Record Straight," in *Common Times: Written and Pictorial History of Yancey County* (Burnsville: Yancey Graphics, 1981), p. 10. That article has a different set of details about the situation of the murder (placing it at a party at night and identifying the slain person as a Ray). It is possible that "Little Dan" was involved in more than one violent fracas in his life and they have become confused in Bonnie Angel's mind (unless, of course, an evening dance followed the military drill at the militia mustering ground).

I suspect that Angel's attorney was Thomas Worth Wilson of Burke County (for whom see Article No. 765 in *The Heritage of Burke County*). He likely is the same Thomas Wilson who assisted in the defense of Frances Stewart for the murder of her husband Charles Silver in what is now Mitchell County (then Burke) in 1831. She also was hanged (documents outlining the true facts of that case are to be found in the forthcoming volume *The Heritage of the Toe River Valley*).

I have read somewhere (although I cannot document it at the moment) that a person to be branded was tied by the hand to the railing in front of the jury box and the branding-iron heated red-hot. The iron was held in place by the sheriff for the duration that it took the prisoner to say "God save the court" three times.

Case of John Wilson - 1890

I have not been able to find a newspaper account of the event which led to the death sentence, but there is a full file bearing on the case in the State Archives (Yancey County Criminal Action Papers). A report of the execution itself may be found in the *Asheville Democrat* for Feb. 13, 1890 (repro-

duced in Lloyd Bailey, *News From Yancey*, p. 55). It states that the execution took place on Feb. 7, and was witnessed by "thousands." It affirms that there had been a hanging in the county prior to this one (presumably that of Daniel Angel, Jr. A fuller account may be found in *Common Times: Written and Pictorial History of Yancey County* at pp. 45-46. It identifies the murdered person as Thomas Edge and has the prisoner attribute alcoholic beverage as the cause of this troubles. The condemned man is quoted at length, including his final prayers.

Mrs. Gladys Coletta, a resident of Burnsville, remembers her mother talking about this event in Yancey history: "People and children began to arrive in town at daylight in order to see it. Mother pulled the blinds down over the windows and refused to let the children look out at the crowd. The hanging itself took place on Parnell Hill [the present Summit Street]."

An interview with John Wilson's grandson, George Pinkney Wilson, was conducted in July of 1983 by Roy Hensley and was published in his *Voices From The Mountains* (Burnsville: Yancey Graphics, 1986), pp. 161-163.

JOHN WILSON HANGED!

A Description of the Tragedy as Portrayed by an Eye Witness.

BURNSVILLE, N. C., Feb. 7.—At one o'clock to-day John Wilson was brought from the County Jail by Sheriff Woody and Deputy Sheriff Proffitt, who escorted him to the wagon which was to take him to the place of execution. The scaffold being reached Wilson was led by Sheriff Woody upon the gallows, and after the death warrant was read Rev. W. A. Robinson ascended the scaffold and read a chapter from the Bible which Wilson had carried out with him. Then the prisoner knelt and prayed fervently for himself, his enemies, his family, and the widow and children of the man he had murdered.

The sheriff then, assisted by deputy Proffitt, bound his hands and legs, adjusted the rope and black cap, and precisely at 1.30 the drop fell. Hundreds turned their backs upon the awful scene while thousands gazed intently at the victim suspended motionless at the rope's end. His pulse was still beating at 2.10 but life was extinct at 2.15.

It has been more than two decades since a like occurrence was witnessed in old Yancey, this being the second on the list of hangings in her history.

WALT. RAY.

Asheville Democrat, Feb. 13, 1890

Looking Back.....

SEVEN MURDERS IN FOUR DAYS

Reign of Terror Near a Distillery in Yancey County.

A report has reached the *Gazette* from Yancey county of a reign of terror there. A large distillery began operation recently near Ball Creek and whiskey has been plentiful, and has inflamed the fighting element of the community. The result has been seven murders in four days. Six men were killed outright and one who has a knife wound through his body is dying. These killings occurred in three separate rows in which knives were the usual weapons that brought death.

BROTHERS IN A FATAL FEUD.

News was received in this city yesterday of a tragedy on Jackson's creek in Yancey county day before yesterday. In a drunken brawl James Evans struck his brother John Evans in the back with the keen edge of a falling axe, severing almost completely the back bone. Doctor Austin, the attending physician, says that he has no hope of a recovery. The brothers live near each other and there are different reports as to the cause of the trouble. No arrest has yet been made.

Asheville Daily Gazette, March 11, 1899

A DESPERATE AFFRAY.—We have received from three different sources, accounts of a fierce and mortal combat, in Yancey county on Thursday last, between C. N. Keith, U. S. Deputy Marshal, and a man named Erwin Duyek, in which Keith was killed and Duyek supposed to be mortally wounded. From what we can learn of the affray, it appears that for some time past ill will had existed between the combatants, consequent upon the assistance rendered by Keith, in an official capacity, in the arrest of Duyek some time since, when about to be rescued from an officer by his friends. On Thursday they met in the road near Proffitt's, and Keith informed Duyek that he had a warrant for his arrest. The latter drew a revolver and fired upon Keith, the ball taking effect just below the heart. Keith fell from his horse, and while on the ground Duyek continued to fire at him; when he (Keith) regained his feet he opened fire on his adversary, one ball striking him in the left shoulder, and ranging downward lodged in his breast. After discharging six shots apiece at each other, the two wounded men went in opposite directions to the nearest houses, Keith expiring soon after reaching shelter in the vicinity.

Asheville Pioneer, May 9, 1872

Other 1800s Killings In Yancey

Horrible Murder in Yancy.

A bloody affray occurred at Burnsville, in the adjoining County of Yancy, on Friday night last, between Big Jim Boon and Gen. A. F. Kieth, which resulted in the death of the latter. The circumstances our informants state were about as follows: Kieth had entered a room in a hotel about midnight, and having lighted his pipe seated himself on the side of a bed, when Boon entered the room, and after a few angry words, B. caught K. by the hair and threw him on the floor and with a large knife inflicted some nine or ten stabs in the throat, breast and back; either one of which it was supposed would have proved fatal. He expired in a few minutes after, and was found weltering in his blood.

Boon made his escape and is supposed to have made for Tennessee. A reward of \$100 is offered by the County Court, and the Governor will no doubt, offer \$250 more for his apprehension.

Asheville News, Nov. 3, 1859

Fatal Affray.

There was a dreadful affray at Burnsville last week, resulting in the death of Andrew Banks, and the severe injury of one or two other persons. Banks was stabbed by a man named Reuben Edwards, late on Monday evening, and died early next morning. Edwards was brought to this place and lodged in Jail on Thursday last.

Asheville News, July 30, 1857

Woman Killed.-A woman named Nancy Bailey, wife of J. B. Bailey, of Yancy county, was killed some few days since by Mrs. Pauline Bank, by striking her on the head with a skillet.

Asheville News, August 28, 1862

ANOTHER MURDER IN YANCEY

William Lewis Killed by Jackson Higgins and His Son.

L. H. Smith of Yancey county, is in the city, and gives the news of another tragedy in his county. The scene this time is located in what is known as Egypt, a township lying contiguous to the Tennessee line. On Sunday night a crowd of rowdies assemble at a house and imbibed freely of new apple brandy. Jackson Higgins and his son, who were of the party shot and cut to death William Lewis and made their escape through the rugged mountains that lie about the scene of the tragedy, which is but a short distance from the state line. At last accounts officers were in pursuit of the fugitives, but had not succeeded in arresting them.

Asheville Daily Gazette, Dec. 9, 1897

Bailey Publication - Heritage of the Toe River Valley

Lloyd Bailey's collection on the history and families of Yancey, Mitchell, and Avery counties, *Heritage of the Toe River Valley*, is moving along toward a projected publication date of December 1994

Edited by Dr. Bailey, this volume contains 750 articles, with many of them unique among Heritage books published by other counties.

Some of the unique features in this volume are: an outline of articles in other Heritage volumes regarding families of the Toe River Valley; first

name index, including maiden name of wives; a section on deceased children, some of whom died between census records and thus there is no legal record; all articles entered in computer by single editor, thus extensive cross references have been added and many contradictions removed; some of the articles have extensive annotations by the editor; a section on African Americans, including vital statistics records, slave sale documents, newspaper articles on various misfortunes, etc.

Among the more interesting articles in the volume are:

Formation of Yancey - the text of two petitions (1825 and 1827) and list of signatures for the formation of a new county to be carved from Burke and Buncombe. These petitions have been "buried" in the State Archives until Dr. Bailey uncovered them recently.

First Woman Hanged - three articles concerning Frankie Stewart who murdered her husband, Charles Silver, in 1831, resulting in her being the first white woman executed after statehood for N.C. Documents from the Governor's Letter Book and the appeal to the State Supreme Court reveal that the truth about this case is far different from the legends and folk lore that have come to surround it.

Thomas Wolfe and Yancey - a long article about the famous novelist whose Westall ancestors lived in Yancey. The article identifies many of

the local citizens to whom Wolfe refers only by a pseudonym.

According to Dr. Bailey, a second volume is already in the works and articles for Volume 2 of *Heritage of the Toe River Valley* may be forwarded now to: Lloyd Bailey, 4122, Deepwood Circle, Durham, N.C. 27707.

There is still time to place an order for the first volume of *Heritage of the Toe River Valley* at the pre-publication price. Orders must be received by August 15! Order your copy now, because this promises to be a volume everyone will want to own.

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Order Deadline is August 15

Enter my order for _____ copy (ies) of *Heritage of the Toe River Valley* at \$58.00 pre-publication price per copy (includes tax and postage).

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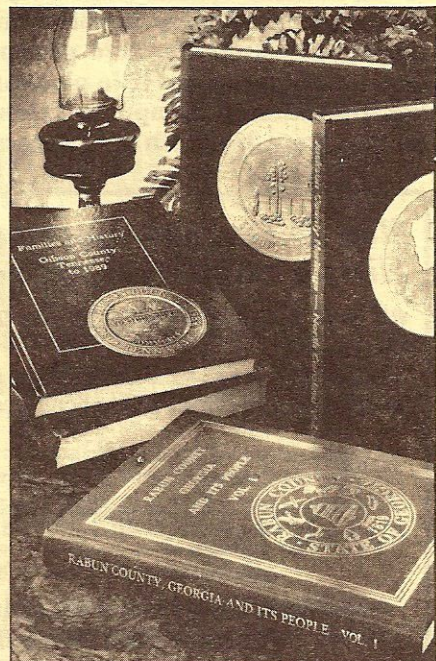
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Enclosed is payment in amount of \$_____, payable to: Lloyd Bailey, Toe Valley Heritage. I understand that publication is projected for Dec. 1994, but unexpected delays are possible.

Send this form and payment to: Lloyd Bailey, 4122 Deepwood Circle, Durham, N.C. 27707.



What Is The Yancey History Association?

With the current issue, *Estatooe* resumes regular publication, continuing from Volume VII, Number 3-4 (October, 1992). The Editor anticipates that it will hereafter be issued four times per year, in conjunction with the meetings of the Yancey History Association. All members of the Association will receive copies of the Newsletter by mail and thus it is important that dues (in the amount of \$5.00 per year) be paid annually. New membership or renewal may be done at any of the meetings or by mail through the Treasurer of the Association.

Meetings of the Association ordinarily are scheduled for the third Saturday of April, June, August, and October, at 7 p.m., and the usual place of meeting will be the Yancey County Public Library.

Following is a brief summary of the organization of the Yancey History from the time it was first conceived in the early 1980s by Rush Wray, Paul Kardulis, Jody Higgins, and others.

The small group met and a Charter was formulated in order to secure tax exempt status.

As the county's Sesquicentennial year (1833-1983) approached, the Board of Commissioners appointed a committee to make plans for recognizing Yancey's 150th birthday. Committee members were Lloyd Bailey, Jody Higgins, Ken Nelson, and Bill Young. The two groups later combined in order to plan for the utilization of an appropriation by the state legislature. Theresa

Coletta served as secretary and ex-officio member. The Commissioners later added Roy Hensley to the group.

In late 1985, a decision was made to recruit members and make the Association more active in preserving local history and culture. An organizational meeting was held in January of 1985 and Lloyd Bailey presented the first program, entitled "The Toe River Valley and the War With Mexico," and prepared the first newsletter for the Association. Many of the original members are still active in the Yancey History Association and the group has accomplished many goals over the years to make sure Yancey's past is preserved for future generations.

Some of those accomplishments are outlined in detail on page 2 of this newsletter. There is still much to do, but the Association feels it has made a good beginning and is ready to recruit new members and revitalize its efforts in the worthwhile

quest of preserving our rich and interesting past.

Future Programs

Subsequent meetings of the Yancey History Association this year are scheduled for Friday, Aug. 19 and Saturday, Oct. 15. Some upcoming programs are:

*Tillie Brooks, author of the soon to be published book, "The Backside of Yesterday. The book contains much about the people of the Toe River Valley and is drawn from her work here when she came in the 1950s as a Methodist church worker.

*Selila Griffith will discuss the integration of Yancey's school system in the early 1960s.

*The work of the WPA in the construction of Yancey school buildings in the 1930s during the Great Depression as well as other projects such as the Blue Ridge Parkway. Anyone who worked on these WPA projects, such as Micaville, Bee Log, Clearmont, Burnsville and Bald Creek schools, and is willing to supply information about this should contact Lloyd Bailey, 4122 Deepwood Circle, Durham, NC 27707, or call him at 919-489-8731.

Minutes Of The Previous YHA Meeting

The Association met on Friday, March 11, 1994, at 7:30 p.m. in the Yancey County Library. Major agenda items were: (1) suggestions for revitalizing the History Association and increasing its membership; (2) the possibility of reprinting *Images of Yancey* (the pictorial history of the county which the Association published in 1993 and which quickly sold out); (3) a report on the status of the Visitors Center Project (remodeling of the old service station below the museum building); and (4) the election of officers

Lloyd Bailey outlined the goals of the Association, reviewed its public programs and publications (which are given below), made suggestions for the regularization of scheduled meetings and distributing the Newsletter to all members, and called for an aggressive campaign to recruit new members. He noted that previous programs (e.g., in the area of law, medicine, education, the military, music, and architecture) have been recorded on video tape and can be made available upon request through the Yancey County Library.

How do I become a member of the Yancey History Association and help support their efforts to preserve our local history and culture?

Enclose \$5 for one year membership and receive the quarterly newsletter and information about meetings, publications, projects.

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