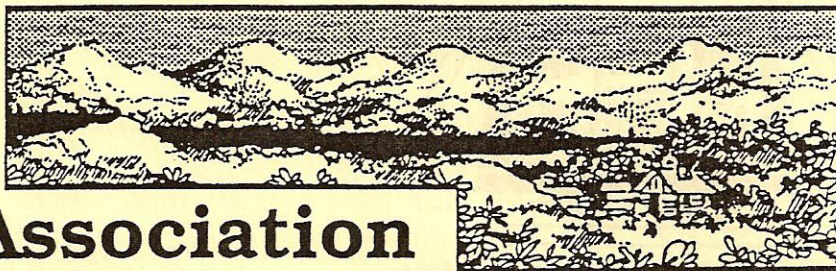


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WE NEED YOUR HELP !

Are you interested in taking a step back in time? Would you like to experience what life in Yancey County was really like in the mid-1800's? This is just one of the enjoyable experiences you can be part of this year at the Yancey History Museum.

The History Association has set this year's event schedule and **we need your help** in preparing and operating the Museum. Please take a moment right now and decide what you can do to help.

Then contact us by calling 682-3671 and leaving

Your name

Your phone number

What You are interested in doing to help.

If you would like to talk to the Director please call on Wednesdays between 10:00 and 5:00 or you can E-mail Jim at <craftpride@ioa.com>.

We need your help with any of the following :

- > Cleaning Display Cases
- > Setting Up Displays
- > Weeding and Improving the Grounds
- > Painting
- > Mopping and Vacuuming
- > Wallpapering
- > Hauling off Construction Debris
- > Accepting Donations
- > Cataloging Donations
- > Writing Thank You Notes to Donors
- > Greeting Visitors
- > Guiding Visitors through the Museum

Volunteer Days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday. We are looking forward to another interesting season at the Museum, and it will be more fun if you come out and join us!

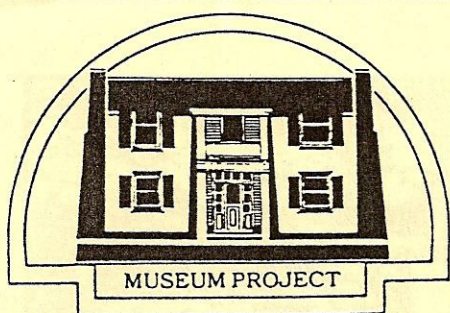
NEW BOARD ELECTED

At the special meeting that was held on April 3rd the positions of Association President and Treasurer were filled. Dr. Keith Johnson is now the President and Denise Young will be our Treasurer. Shelba Thomas has accepted a second term as Secretary with Tim Babb and Lloyd Bailey serving as Board members.

For those of you who may not know Keith and Jennie Johnson they were last years most valuable volunteers. Those of us who have worked with Keith know that he will be a fine leader. Keith is also a true southerner and knows more about barbecue than Colonel Sanders knew about chicken.

Most of you probably know Denise Young. Her husband John was president a few years back which should give her good insight into the operations of the History Association. We are lucky to have both of these members on our leadership team.

Retiring from the Board are Norma Westall and John Doyle. Norma served as Secretary and then as a Board member for two years. John has been on the Board since the beginning of the Museum / Visitor Center Project and has served as President for the past two years. Both have been invaluable to the Association and deserve both a big thank you and a rest.



Yancey History Association

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The McElroy House

Home of the Rush Wray Museum of Yancey County History
Event Schedule 2000

Museum Hours: Wednesday's 10AM - 5PM & Saturday's 1 - 5 PM. April 29th - September 30th.

April 29th and 30th

The "Living Historians" from the 58th North Carolina Troops Preservation Society will set up both a Campaign and Winter Quarters style camp for the weekend. Demonstrations will include; troop drills, weapons, flags, life on the battle front as well as the home front, and fireside songs and talks. Exhibits, in the McElroy House, will include; the Home Guard headquarters and mapping office, and an extensive collection of Civil War era guns, clothing and artifacts. The event will conclude with a field Church Service on Sunday. Admission is \$3.00, with \$2.00 for each additional family or group member. Children under age 10 are free.

May 27th

New Local Displays and Exhibitions will be the highlight of the month. The featured exhibit will be "Thomas Wolfe and his Yancey County Connection" This extensively researched exhibit is being provided by Perry Dean Young who has also furnished the "Frankie Silvers" exhibit that has attracted so much attention. The local displays will include collections provided by area collectors who are providing a private view of Yancey County.

June 24th

The traditional music of Red Wilson, on fiddle, Bruce Greene, on banjo, and Rob Levin, on guitar will delight Museum patrons with mountain songs and stories. Matching funds for this event comes from a Grass Roots Grant provided through the Toe River Arts Council. Admission is \$3.00.

July 29th

The opening of on loan Exhibitions and Displays will begin and run for one month. The History Association is currently working with other regional Museums to secure, on temporary loan, Exhibits of Regional importance and Displays of articles and artifacts that have left Yancey County.

August 26th

Traditional Food & Craft Demonstrations ranging from apple butter and honey to wheel thrown pottery and candle making will fill the McElroy House and grounds.

September 28th - 30th

" A FINAL FAREWELL & FOND FAREWELL " The first One Act Play, set in May of 1865, finds John Wesley McElroy preparing to make his final departure from the home that he built in the early 1840's. The second One Act Play will Follow an intermission. William Martin Moore's character will come to life sharing the story of his colorful life on the last day he spent in the house May 1899. Friday and Saturday performances at 8:00 pm and Sunday at 2:00 pm. Admission is \$5.00.