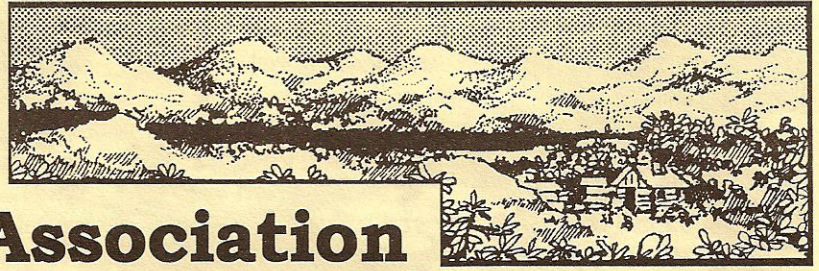


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The Museum of Yancey County History Spring Events 2002

March 23rd - Annual Meeting & Program

The Yancey History Association will meet at the Burnsville Masonic Lodge, Saturday at 7:00 PM. The featured speaker will be folklorist, storyteller and cultural treasure Charlotte Ross. She will be speaking on one of her special areas of interest the chestnut tree, bring to life the fascinating culture and lifestyle that once revolved around this remarkable plant. Ms. Ross, who has collected over 4,000 Appalachian tales, weaves together legends, oral history, and family stories into captivating stories that bring to life the culture of the Mountain South. She has served as director of the Appalachian Regional Collection at Appalachian State University, President of the Council on Appalachian Women, and currently serves on the Board of the North Carolina Storytelling Guild.

Prior to the program there will be a brief membership meeting. The meeting's business will include the annual report and the election of officers. All members are encouraged to attend.

April 27th and 28th - Fourth Annual "Battle of Burnsville"

The "Living Historians" from the Southern Appalachian Historical Interpreters Association will set up a Home Guard style camp for the weekend. Tours of the McElroy House and the Home Guard encampment will given at 10:00 and 11:30 AM & 1:00 and 2:30 PM on Saturday and again at 11:00AM & 1:00PM on Sunday. Tours will include; the story of the "Battle of Burnsville", troop and weapons drills, informative talks on flags and life on the battle front as well as the home front. Exhibits, in the McElroy House, will include; the Home Guard headquarters and the Museums collection of Civil War era guns, clothing and artifacts.

Events of special interest during the weekend will include campfire songs and storytelling Saturday evening after dark and a field Church Service at 10:00AM on Sunday. Admission is \$3.00, with \$2.00 for each additional family or group member. Children under age 10 are free.

May 18th - Exhibit Dedication

The History Association will be dedicating two new exhibitions.

- > The NCDOT Transportation Enclosure at the Visitor Center.
- > The Jim Ray Memorial Heritage Garden.

The Transportation Exhibit features a 1922 Dodge Roadster similar to the one Dr. Carson McCourry used to make his house calls. The maps and artifacts on display will lead visitors thru time, from the pathways of the regions first Aboriginal visitors to the current planning of Yancey County's first four lane highway.

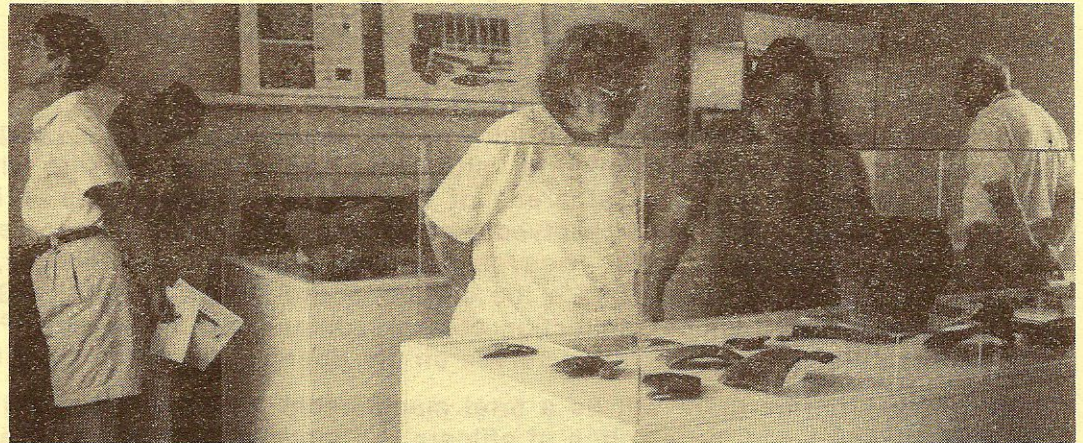
The Heritage Garden will be a work in progress developed by the Yancey County 4-H and the newly formed Cultural Resource Commission. Plantings in the large fenced area, adjacent to the McElroy House Kitchen, will include heritage vegetables and flowers as well as plants and shrubs indigenous to our area.

The dedication will be held at the Visitor Center at 11:00AM followed by a guided tour of the Museum. The Noon Museum opening to the public will be followed by traditional music under the Maple Tree at 12:30. Guided tours of the Museum will continue through the afternoon.



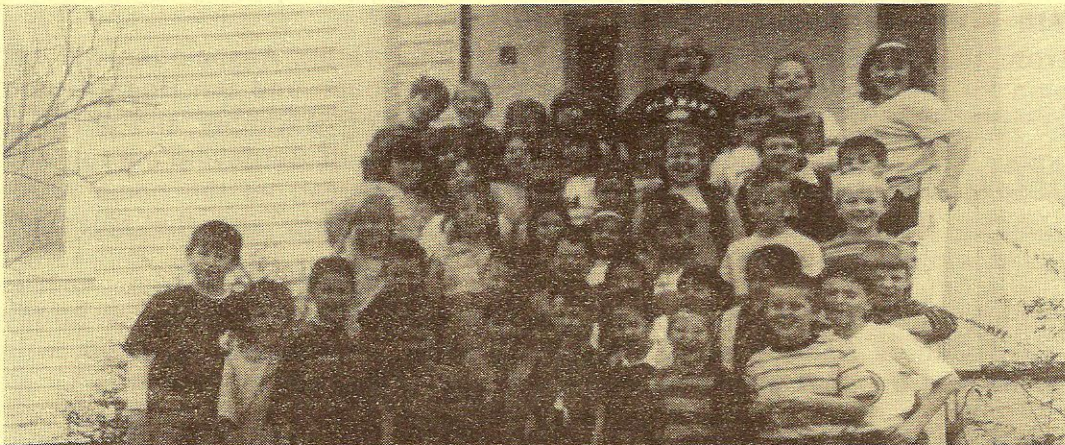
Ladies Day at the McElroy House

Volunteers from the Southern Appalachian Historical Interpreters Association spend the day sharing knowledge with each other and visitors.



Museum Visitors

Learn about the Native Americans of Western North Carolina and the Pioneers who settled Yancey County.



School Days at the Museum

Bee Log Elementary Students visit the McElroy House. The History Museum offers teachers an excellent educational tool.

Standing Exhibits

Artifacts from the **Cane River Archeological Site**, circa A.D. 1400

Three to five thousand year old **Native American Soap Stone Bowls**.

The **Busnville Hospital** and local Doctors who brought it to life.

The **Time Wall of Newspapers** in the old kitchen.

American Veterans and Civil War, the W.N.C. Home Guard Headquarters.

The **Capt. Moore Family Master Bedroom**, circa 1900.

New In 2002

Sharing History through Technology. An audio visual guide to the Museum.

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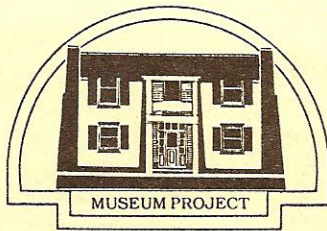
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Museum Hours

April & October

Wednesday 10:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

May through September

Tuesday & Wednesday 10:00 - 4 p.m.

Saturday 12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Admission \$1.00

Upcoming Events and Exhibits

The "Living Historians" will be at the Museum
the third Saturday of each month

The return of the "C.C.C."

Civilian Conservation Corp. exhibit in May

Call the Museum for details (828) 682-3671