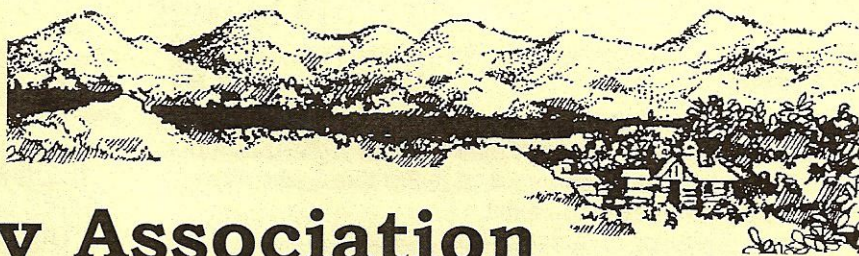


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Summer/Fall 2009

President's Message

Here, at the Rush Wray Museum of Yancey County History, our board members and volunteers are busy preparing for what we feel will continue to be an exciting summer season. The grounds have never looked better thanks to Sara Cochran and Anthony Peterson's hard work. We have also been able to expand our hours of operation from three to four days with the help of Kim Morehead and Katie Rose, our two new interns.

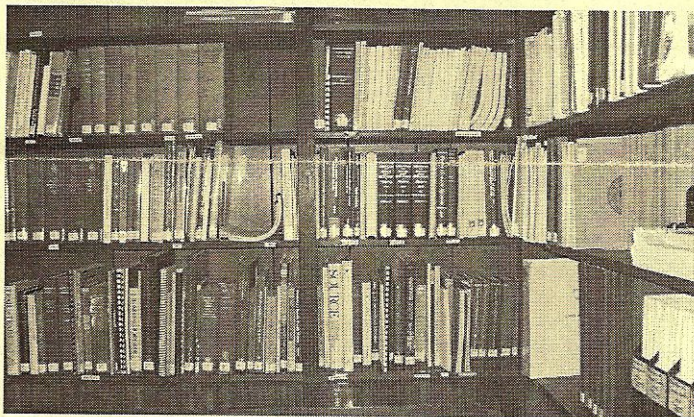
We kicked off the summer season with a vintage wedding gown exhibit which opened on June 23rd, and ran through July 16th. The exhibit featured wedding gowns from 1880 through the 1950's. Our next event was a tribute to the Yancey County veterans of all the wars. It began with a ceremony on July 4th, as we celebrated the opening of our latest permanent display at the Lloyd Bailey Annex. The exhibit features photographs and memorabilia from many local veterans. Show your support for these special men and women by visiting the exhibit.

There are many projects that need our attention in the coming months such as, the parlor floor, tree limbs cut that are touching the roof, plexi-glass window replacement, and finish the Proffit Cabin clean up. All our work is done by volunteers and we are stretched a little thin at this point. We have three vacancies on the board due to health issues in two of the three resignations. If you can spare a few hours for a very worthy cause please call 678-9587. This is your museum so come join us as we try to preserve the history of Yancey County. You'll be glad you did.

Bob Wilson, President
Executive Board of Directors

What's been happening...?

The library has almost completed the logging in of our collection into the Dewy Decimal system with the public library. If you are doing research come visit us. Much thanks to James Byrd, Daniel Barren and the Staff of the Regional Library Office. Please take advantage of the genealogy library; we also have some census and civil war records, along with many family histories, and a vast amount of general reference books. The library continues to grow by individuals making contributions and book donations.



The garden always needs volunteers to weed the flower and heritage garden beds. Call Sara Cochran at 682-9587 if you can give a few hours each month to help.

We now have a formal Orientation Program for all volunteers; including an additional docent orientation for those who only wish to give tours.

NEW! History Corner

We plan to feature a special topic or area each time. We will begin with the basic.

The county was originally part of both Burke and Buncombe Counties so Yancey was established in 1833. It was named for Bartlett Yancey. Burnsville our county seat was named for Captain Otway Burns. Both of these gentlemen were in the legislature of North Carolina, one in the house and the other in the senate. Yancey's county seat was christened in honor of Otway Burns, another native of Yancey County. He was noted naval officer during the war of 1812, and commanded the United States privateer "Snapdragon". In the town named

in his honor stands today a monument erected by the people of Burnsville and Yancey County, commemorating his brave deeds in the second war for American independence.

Lumbering industry brought in at least two railroads, one into the Pensacola the other to the Dave Buck place at the head of Bald Mountain and down into Hunt Dale's forest lands. These have long vanished once the industry faded into history so did the trains.

We need someone willing to provide our newsletter editor with a genealogy or history article each month, if interested please contact the office at 678-9587.

Calendar of Events Fall 2008



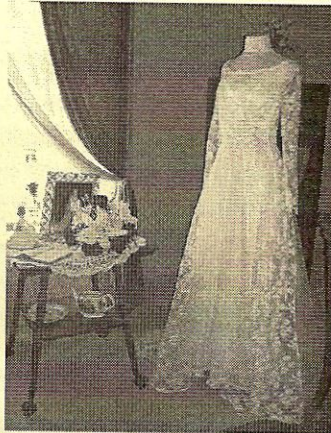
Bridal Gown Exhibit

Sorry! This one is past; however we had a great turn out and will plan to have it again next year. For those who missed it here is a picture from the exhibit.

There was a touch of romance from the past as the McElroy House was decorated throughout for a spring wedding. The dining room also showcased the wedding gown of Mrs. Ethel Riddle, Mrs. Carlo under glass to be preserved by the family. We had two 1920's wedding gowns one with a jacket and veil along with a 20's bridesmaid gown.

The foyer staircase drew your eye on into the dining room and the reception table was ready for their wedding guest to arrive. The parlor had a gown belonging to Mrs. Bob Wilson, the former Nelda Peterson daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Peterson from the mid fifties, along with a Victorian era day gown.

Upstairs we had an early 1960's gown belonging to Mrs.



Charles (Becky) Gillespie, the gown accompanied by the veil and fan made a beautiful display. One other Victorian era day gown along with Victorian gowns from the Rush Wray family were included upstairs.

The tea and bridal gown show was cancelled due to conflicts in scheduling.

"The Golden Days of Radio" return with us now to those thrilling days of yesteryear as the YHA presents a tribute to the old time radio with a collection of antique radios, Radio memorabilia, clips of your favorite shows and a simulated broadcast of a radio show from that era. Performed by the Burnsville Little Theater.

The Radio Show will be in September. Watch for announcements in the local paper on exact time and date.

Late August-September. - Veteran's Exhibit courtesy of Bob Wilson will be up for the entire month in the annex and museum.

THE 2009 ANNUAL MEETING will be on **Thursday October 8th** beginning with a **sit down Dinner and Program** (Speaker to be announced) at 6:00 with the board meeting immediately following at 7:15. If you plan to attend the dinner and program we need to know the number attending by October 1st in order to prepare the menu. Members are encouraged to attend and to volunteer for the upcoming year.

Note: Open Meeting scheduled for July had to be cancelled due to lack of a quorum.

Help us out with the following list of needs:

- Small office desk 42 inches max. (at the top of our needs list!)
- Lockable file cabinet
- Vacuum cleaner or shop vac new or in good working condition
- Projector to go with our laptop computer
- Coffee maker for conference room
- Oil lamps for museum
- Dishes with dates prior to 1950 for display in museum
- Feather (tick) mattress
- Provide a gallon of Paint for museum inside, we have a specific color chart for the museum's era.

These things can be new or used. However we do not need desktop computers.

Smokehouse update:

HELP! Volunteers are needed to chink the log joints! Call if you can help from 2 hours or all day. A couple yards of red clay dirt is also needed for the mortar mixture. Any help is appreciated.

Proffitt-Cousins 1860's Log Cabin

The cabin is now on the museum grounds, plans to reconstruct the cabin will begin by the end of the year.

Your Help is needed!

We need to fill these vacancies, if you know of anyone interested in local or family history and have a few hours or more to volunteer please pass this along to them. Orientation is on Wednesdays and a packet can be mailed out to you in advance to help speed up the orientation session.

It's Time to Give Thanks

The following is a partial list of donations and donors so far this year.

Wade Miller for his generous donations of 120 soldiers photos. He, his wife and others was instrumental in gathering and framing photographs.

Monetary gifts received from:

\$100 donated in Memory of Norma Westall by her sons, and husband. This money was applied to redo walkways at McElroy house.

\$100 gift from Mr. and Mrs. Walter Savage
Ray Vance Miller

\$300 gift from Charlotte Derrough

Items donated for display include:

Received Shadow Box and WWII memorabilia from Luther Bailey.

Many of the volunteers regularly donate items for everyday use in the annex or museum, along with many hours of their time. For each of these things listed and not listed we give thanks!

Genealogy Corner...

Our Genealogy Library is open Wednesday - Saturday through October. A genealogist is usually on duty or available by phone.

Please address inquiries to either Linda Cox, Vivian Bradley or Elaine Dellinger at the annex# 678-9587. (See the section highlighting recent events), if you are interested in attending periodic genealogy meetings or classes.

*NEW! Updated Yancey County Cemetery Two-Book Set *

(Will make a nice Christmas Gift) containing some 569 cemeteries in Yancey.

The cost of the set is \$64 dollars (includes tax). Postage is an additional \$7 dollars. You may reserve a copy by sending your check made payable to: Yancey History Association, 3 Academy Street, Burnsville, NC 28714; Ph 828-678-9587; or by stopping by the office which is open Wednesday-Saturday from 10-4.

The book orders are filled within 3 weeks typically, you will receive a call from the office once your books are ready to be picked up. We do not have extra copies available for sale, so please place your pre-published order soon. Pre-published orders will be honored through October 2009, after that the books will be available in limited number in the gift shop at a cost of \$69 dollars per set tax with \$7.00 for shipping per set not included.

The new book is improved by dividing the cemeteries into county townships with a current township map to aid you in locating the sites along with alphabetical indexing by Cemetery Name. Since there are near 20,000 names at this time there is no individual deceased persons index. Maybe in the future this can be compiled.

Please note: The former cemetery book set released this spring is no longer available. However a supplemental volume # 3 is available for those who purchased the first set, at a cost of \$19 includes tax, shipping is extra at \$5.00 per book. This volume contains the 140 cemeteries that are newly updated in the NEW set.

2nd and Final Notice

If you are past due two or more years you may soon receive a phone call from a volunteer or board member asking for support. We truly count on your membership and support; last year we took in less than \$800 in dues, so you do the math, we are steadily losing members each year for one reason or another. We understand the budget of every home is tight, but our history is precious and worth investing a few dollars in each year. Consider volunteering your time if you can not lend financial support either one is greatly needed.

Dues run from January 1 - December 31, they are \$10 for individuals, \$25 for family, \$50 for businesses or sponsors.

BY-LAWS CHANGE

The motion was made and seconded at the annual meeting so the following statement was added to the by-laws following the October Annual meeting in 2008. It now reads as follows:



"Each board member will be expected to attend all meetings of the board if they miss three consecutive meetings the board will reserve the right to ask them to step down from the position for the good of the board".

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL If your mailing label has **08** in the upper right hand corner, then your membership has expired and it is time to renew. If your label has **09** then you are paid currently! Yeah!

We wish to thank the following Sponsors who have helped make this issue of the newsletter possible. We sincerely hope you will take advantage of their services in the coming days.

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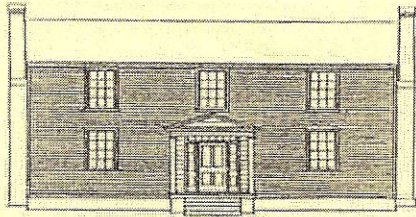
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We say goodbyes to the following:

Kim Morehead (Part Time Staff) lives on Bill Allen Branch Road. She is interested in anything that has to do with computers, learning new facts.

Katie Rose (Summer Intern) will be attending Western Carolina University majoring in Social Science.

Betty Parker and Ernest Treadway have both stepped down from the board due to health problems.

WE NEED YOUR HELP VOLUNTEER TODAY

2 to 6 hours a week. Please Help!

1. A volunteer to serve as the membership chairperson and keep the membership lists up to date and submit articles for newsletter along with ideas on ways to have an effective membership drive each year. (1-2 days per month)
2. A volunteer to maintain the Jim Ray heritage (herb) garden. (1-2 days per month)
3. Serve as a Docent and give tours 3-6 hours per week as needed.

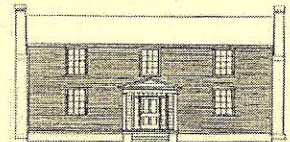
Introducing those New Faces (NEW! Volunteers)

- Linda Cox is married to Ronnie they live on Woodstock Drive. She is interested in history, reading, geneology as well as being active in her church.
- Barbara Smith lives on South Toe. She is interested in history, Geneology, and laughing.
- Charles Gillespie more info to come.
- Clarence Randolph is from Burnsville. He is married to Nancy Randolph. He is interested in collecting arrowheads.
- Vivian Bradley has just joined us as a volunteer for the annex and museum she is very interested in family history.

Give these folks a big hand!



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