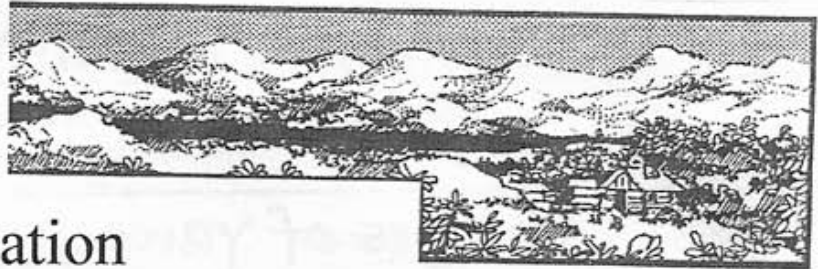


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*In Branson's Directory of 1868, Dr. O.M. Lewis was mentioned as a physician in the Burnsville area along with William Horton, Thomas Houston and B.B. Whittington. In the next issues of the newsletter, Betty T. Parker will be highlighting early physicians in the county. Beginning with the materials featured in **Toe River Valley History, Vol. I**, edited by Lloyd Bailey. Dr. Lewis' family tree is as follows:*

William Jones Lewis (1792-1853) born in what was Buncombe Co. near what is now Hendersonville. He moved to what would become Yancey around 1826, possibly in anticipation of the county's formation, and established himself as a merchant. He then married Celia Wilson around 1829. He was noted as a, "very generous man, free hearted and liberal towards his friends. He endorsed notes for his friends to large amounts and had them to pay, which finally broke him up in his old age."

He served as Deputy Clerk as early as 1837, for which a bond of \$10,000.00 was required, and also as Justice of the Peace (Magistrate) in 1842.

Celia Wilson, his wife, is mentioned in the Yancey County will of her father, Edward Wilson, an early settler of Yancey County. He left her a negro girl named Jane. He mentions Celia's children as Rufus, Oscar, Louisa Woodfin and Mary.

Descendants of W. J. Lewis, in Yancey County have stated that they are descended from Col. Fielding Lewis who married the sister of George Washington. The evidence above does not support this claim. They were, instead, 3rd cousins once removed. (For further genealogy of the family, see article 470 in the TRVH, Vol. I.)

What we do know is that William J. and

wife Cecelia had the following children: (1) Rufus Henry, b. 1830 (2) Louisa Morning, b. 1832, m. John Woodfin, (3) Oscar Marville . (4) Mary Eliza, m. S.S. Grant in Yancey County in 1865.

Dr. O.M. Lewis was b. 12/25/1833 and died 10/21/1903. He was a physician, and served as a Confederate Surgeon. His hobby was photography. He married Frances Rhea, b. 11/21/1838 - 7/22/1903. Oscar M. is buried in Burnsville Academy Hill Cemetery

The doctor and his wife were the parents of: (1) William D., (2) Mary Cecelia (m. John M Lyon of Texas). John Lyon was an early newspaper publisher in Burnsville. (3) Harriett Elizabeth, m. Riley Proffit. (4) Ida Louise (5) Oscar Reah "Oss", newspaper publisher in Burnsville, (6) Dora L., m. George Anglin, buried in Academy Hill Cemetery in Burnsville. (7) Georgeanna G. and (8) Charles Grant who, unfortunately died as an infant by falling of the porch and drowning in a horse trough.



This would have been the type of conveyance that the doctor would have used while visiting his many patients in Yancey County.

RUSH WRAY MUSEUM HOURS

Year Round

Wed., Thus., Friday & Saturday

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

(Holiday & Special Events to be announced)

828-678-9587

Email: yhmuseum@frontier.com

Our new website will be coming soon!

DON'T MISS OUT!

OCTOBER 15 WILL BE THE DEADLINE FOR ORDERING THIS BRAND NEW BOOK

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A follow-up to the immensely popular Images of Yancey
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FEATURES OF THE BOOK:

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:

The Book Committee of the Yancey History Association cordially invites you to assist in the publication of this pictorial history of Yancey County. It will make a great gift for all occasions. Please be prepared to describe the people places or things in each of your photographs.

- Between now and July 6th the committee will be set up ready to scan your photographs upstairs in the Lloyd Bailey Annex of the history association located at 3 Academy Street between the hours of 10 and 2 each Wednesday.
- Watch your local paper for times and dates when we are possibly coming to a location in your neighborhood during this time.
- The originals are simply scanned into our computer (each session taking between 30 minutes to 1½ hours depending on how many photos you bring, you return home with your originals. You may call ahead to set up an appointment.

Call for specifics on photograph scan settings if you wish to make your copy at home and either mail in or email. Contact either Bob Wilson 828-682-2609 or Mike Shelton 828-659-1379 for instructions.

HOW TO ORDER:

- Walsworth Publishing Co., noted for its publication of pictorial histories, has set a deadline of October 15, 2011 for ordering copies. ONLY those who order and pay by this deadline are assured of obtaining copies.
- Anticipated delivery date - Spring 2012.



Dora M. Edwards and Riley E. Shelton

SUGGESTED IDEAS:

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| • Native Americans | • Historic Structures/Old Homes |
| • Early Settlements | • Organizations/Clubs |
| • Black Americans | • The Arts: Music, Drama, Painting |
| • Civil War Period | • Newspapers/Publications |
| • Churches/Schools | • Legal Matters/Interesting Cases |
| • Agriculture/Farm Life | • Medical Offices/Hospitals |
| • Postal Service | • Scenic/Historic Spots |
| • Floods/Fires | • Railroads/Highways |
| • Rivers/Swinging Bridges | • Other |
| • Early Industries/Crist Mills/Rug Business | |

Selection of approximately 400 photographs to be used in Images of Yancey Volume II will be made by the Book Committee.

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YHA CALENDAR FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE YEAR.

Month of September:

September 24th: YHA has joined with the Old Timey group to present the Old Timey Day Fall Festival. This event will be held on the Town Square and feature antique cars and tractors, a Farmers' Market, booths of crafts and demonstration, food vendors, kids' gamers and much more. YHA will have a booth where you can buy history books, gift items, ice cold water and purchase a raffle ticket for a free membership to YHA. Tickets can also be purchased for a wagon ride from the Square up to the McElroy House and a tour. See you there!



In the Rush Wray Museum there is also a display of Blue Ridge Pottery which is a product of our area and was produced over in Erwin, Tn. Many of our local artists worked on the pottery painting the colorful designs in their homes. YHA has a collection of this pottery and both Hammond Antiques and Dixie Styles Antiques will be adding to our collection for this event. (An article will appear in the next issue of our newsletter, giving a history of the pottery.)

Month of October

Beginning the 1st of October through the 29th of October the community can purchase beautiful bulbs supplied by Van Bourgondien Nurseries. These are the same bulbs that grace early spring in the gardens of the McElroy House. You may contact the YHA office for information about these bulbs or stop in during our office hours to purchase them for delivery in early winter.



The 12th of October will be the YHA Annual General Meeting to be held in the new Library's Community Room beginning at 6:30pm. There will be light refreshments served, followed by a short business meeting, an election of officers and a program of local interest. The meeting will conclude by 9:00pm.

Month of November



In conjunction with the Burnsville Chamber of Commerce, YHA will be holding a Burnsville After Hours event as well as our annual Candlelight Tour of the McElroy House, on Friday, November 11th. The tour will be conducted by docents dressed in period costumes and light refreshments will be available following the tours. The following day, Saturday the 12th there will be a high tea presented at 2:00 pm.

All Members - Please check your mailing label, found on the back of this newsletter for the year that your membership needs to be renewed. January 2012 is the date for renewals. You may clip this application out and send it to the YHA office at the address listed on the application.

Yancey County History Association Membership Form

Join the Yancey County Historical Society and participate in a powerful network of individuals and businesses that share our commitment to preserve, promote and interpret Yancey County history.

Members receive:

- Four newsletters/year
- 10% discount at the Ce-Nan Gift Shop
- Free Museum admission
- Free use of the Genealogy library
- Annual Meeting & Program
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With a \$250 or greater membership

Please indicate your level of membership by circling:

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VOLUNTERS NEEDED!

Come join the fun of working with others with similar goals in mind. There are number of positions to be filled and we work with your skills to make your volunteering as rewarding as possible. Call the office 678-9587 and leave your name and number and we will get back with you as quickly as possible.



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