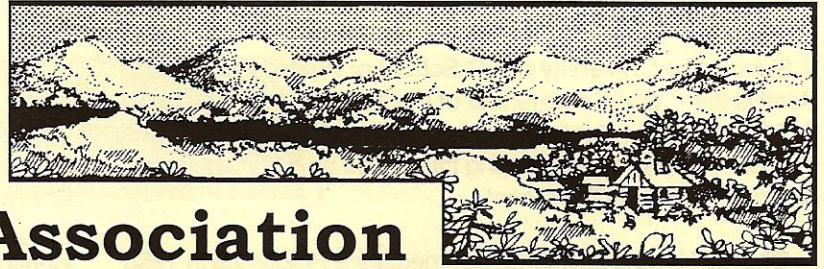


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Introducing the New Board Members

Robert (Bob) Wilson, President, is married to Nelda Peterson, they have three children and five grandchildren. Bob and Nelda live in Burnsville. Bob attended the University of Maryland and studied Studio Art. He also studied at the Corcoran School of Art in Washington, DC.

Bob also owned and operated for 20 years a seafood restaurant in the DC area. He is also an Air Force Veteran of the Korean Conflict and served as an aerial gunner on a B29 logging more than 1,000 hours.

Hobbies: Artist, avid collector of the Golden Days of Radio Memorabilia, softball fan and player, active in the local little theater.

He also was Vice President of the YHA in 2006, Present, President of the Burnsville Little Theater, 1992 - present – director of the Pensacola Community Reunion, and Hall of Honor – Recipient for the Northern Virginia Senior Softball League.

Jake Blood, Vice President, started volunteering this past year working on the YHA web page and spreadsheets. He and his wife are now living in Burnsville. Jake is an Author, October 2003 to present – wrote *The Tet Effect: Intelligence and the Public Perception of War*. He is also a photographer and was a Military Intelligence Officer, US Air Force, July 1974 to October 2003. Jake has also been a professor of Strategy and Intelligence in Washington, DC, August 2001-2003. Those are just a few things that Jake Blood has accomplished.

Education: Master of Science in Strategic Intelligence (National Security Policy), Joint Military Intelligence College, Washington DC, April 1999, 3.9 GPA. Bachelor of the Arts in Political Science and Communications, Wright State University, Dayton, OH, December 1982, 3.7 GPA Summa Cum Laude Completed 27 semester hours in Education courses at Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA, with 4.0 GPA. Received a Virginia Provisional Teaching Certificate in Government.

Stacey Laughrun, Treasurer, is married to Kevin Laughrun with one son Ike. The three live in the Jacks Creek area near Clearmont. Stacey has worked for French Broad EMC for 21 years and has been active with Relay for Life for the past five years.

Stacey's interests are to scrapbook, read, be outdoors and spend time with her family.

Howard Smith "Smitty", Collections Committee Chairperson, is married to Sue Smith lives in the Green Mountain area. He is interested in Historical and Genealogy Research and exploring Civil War Battlefields and Museums. He also volunteers for Archaeological digs. He's also into wildlife studies, farming and chair cane weaving.

Smitty received his B.A., in Business Management at Antioch College, Ohio and went 4 years Post Graduate, Business Management at Antioch University, Los Angeles, California. He did continuing education at Mayland Community College.

Smitty was involved in Human Resources Management for 20 years and did part time TV/Theater Producer/Actor/Writer work. He also did part time PC and Database Administration, Real Estate Property Management and was a US census Enumerator.

Elaine Dellinger, Director and Grants Committee Chairperson, and her husband Charles live in the Cane River Community. She is step-mother to two sons and two grandsons. They are both retired, Charles from US Army Special Forces and local merchant, Elaine with 28 years in Public Health as a district laboratory supervisor and director of Bioterrorism for the tri-county area. She served on the governors task force for food security for about 2 years before taking a medical retirement in 2005. She has three years of college with four years in a scholars program through the NC School of Public Health at Chapel Hill (Leadership in a Time of Crisis).

One of only forty public health employees selected from eight southern states each year for this program. In October of '08 she hopes to complete her normally two year archaeology technician certification program, delayed with her accident. She is also an avid genealogist, outgoing Regent of the Ruth Davidson Chapter NSDAR in Asheville, serves as the District I Director of United Daughters of the Confederacy in WNC, and Member of the Yancey Historic Preservation Commission. Other interests include, sewing, reading and recording cemeteries in Yancey County for the county mapping system.

Scott Lackey, Director, and his wife Judy and three kids Kyle, Katie and Amy live in the Shoal Creek area. Scott is the owner and pharmacist of the Burnsville Pharmacy. He graduated from Mitchell High School in 1982 and received a

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B.S. from the University of NC School of Pharmacy in 1988. Scott is the Camp Commander of the John S. McElroy, Camp 2131 Sons of the Confederate Veterans in Burnsville. Scott's interest is Civil War, reenacting this period as a living historian and cannoneer 2000-present.

Charlie Hensley, Director, married Myra Holcombe in 1963 they have three sons and five grandchildren; enjoys playing Golf, Genealogy, Traveling, and spending time with children and grandchildren.

He attended and played basketball at Brevard Junior College in Brevard, NC, received a B.S. Degree in education from East Tennessee State University, his Graduate work was at Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC; Charlie has a varied career record: Three years with the YMCA in Portsmouth, VA. Taught school and coached basketball in Newport, TN and Burnsville, NC, served as Director of Vocational Education and Federal Programs for 11 years with the Yancey County Schools. He is well remembered from his 22 years at Holcombe Brothers Funeral Home where he retired from in 2002. A member of Burnsville Fire Department for 22 years and Chief for 10 years.

Shirley Bryant, Secretary, has been married for 37 years to Stephen Ray Bryant, together they have one son, Justin. She enjoys collecting antiques and family history. She loves

to read and being outside to enjoy the natural beauty of our area.

She worked as a Yancey County Jury Commissioner and employed many years with W.A.M.Y Community Action, Inc. She was also a Social Worker for the Yancey Head Start Programs. She was also a Youth Counselor and Case Manager in the areas of Employment and Training. She worked various areas of training and education of those with developmental disabilities.

Shirley competed three years at Liberty University, VA. Her major: Multidisciplinary Studies with focuses on Government and Psychology. She received her certification from the Atlanta School of Sleep Medicine and Technology in Clinical Polysomnography and has done extensive work related training running the full gamut of social work and human services.

Phillip Ray, Historian, is married to Janet Treadway Ray, together they have one son Joshua (25 yrs.). They live in the Cane River section but are temporarily residing in Mars Hill while renovating a house to sale. He has worked for Yancey County schools for 27 years and now retired. He's very pleased to have the opportunity to work with the Yancey History Association with a great knowledge and interest in history.

Director Position still open.

Calendar of Events Fall 2007



- March 5-8th:** Spring Cleaning at the Museum and Annex, volunteers are needed each day to help clean the museum and get ready for the new season.
- March 12-15th:** Setting Up the new season of displays (Volunteers needed each day).
- March 16th:** Sunday at 2:30 pm Garden Marker Dedications and Daffodil Garden Tour
Jim Ray Heritage Garden
Winnie Lou Ray Flower Garden
- April 5th:** New Season Open House from 2-4 (Refreshments served) Music Provided.
- May 17th:** 8:00 am Pancake Breakfast (location will be announced)
- June:** a special exhibit on the Golden Days of Radio
- June 7th:** 8:00 - 2:00 Spring Yard Sale (upstairs of the Lloyd Bailey Annex)
- July:** All month veteran's display at the McElroy House
- December 5th & 6th:** Christmas Candlelight tours

Other events will be announced in the upcoming newsletters and local newspapers.

YANCEY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Want To Know More
Call the Museum at 678-9587
Cemetery Committee 682-7524



Upcoming Fundraisers

Spring/Fall Flower Bulb Fundraiser
Home Interiors Fundraiser (Buy Now!!!)
Pancake Breakfast

Annex Project Underway

Several Items are needed; will you help us!

We are excited to see the association is going through a growth phase at present. Again; thanks is due to Dr. Carolyn Cort's building donation. In the early days of having the building we went through many ideas as how best to utilize the space for, display, archive space, genealogy library, conference and meeting room and rental for added income. The board has now settled on three proposed phases in creating the best use of all the space.

The first phase (I) is creating a display area in the lower level of the annex building. The displays will create a time line of Yancey County's history.

Beginning with the Pre-History or Indian inhabitation of our many hills and valleys here within the Cane River valley and it's many tributaries, displaying many artifacts from the Paleo Indian Period (spear and arrow points), to the Late Woodland Period (points and ceramics).

The theme will continue as one walks along the old boardwalk stopping to see details of the early history of our county around 1834. You will continue past shops, school, church, mining and harness shop displays. There will be a tribute to the many soldiers from our area who served in the American Revolution, War of 1812, Indian Removal, Civil War, WWI, WWII and for now will stop during the period of the Vietnam Conflict. Finally we will pay tribute to our name sake Rush Wray with a display centering around the Parkway Playhouse and other artists and musicians from our county.

Phase II will be a renovation of the upstairs south side to form a genealogy library and conference center.

Phase III will be modernizing and upgrading the apartment space as rental use.

Donations have begun to come in for old wood from out buildings and barns for use in the veneer to add to the charm of the days gone by in our area.

At this time we are asking for items that would either be donated as a gift to the association for museum display or as a long term loan for display. We are focusing this drive on obtaining items for the old combination school and church house display. Things such as a teacher's desk and chair, short (4 foot) church pew, bookcase, books form 1840-1940, chalk boards, old lard bucket for a lunch pail. If you have any of these items and wish to share them with the museum and community; please contact: Colette Blankenship, Museum Manager, at 678-9587 or 208-3671.

A Project Committee has been appointed as follows: Charlie Hensley, Jake Blood, Elaine Dellinger, Howard Smith and Phillip Ray, these individuals can also assist you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Board and Open Membership Meeting Dates

- March 20th:** Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm
April: Open membership meeting will be announced due to our Battle of Burnsville
- May 22nd:** Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm
June 19th: Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm
July 17th: Open membership meeting (program time will be announced)
and
- August 21st:** Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm
September 18th: Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm
October 4th: Annually held 1st Saturday 2:00 pm refreshments served (program will be announced)
- November 20th:** Board of Directors meeting 6:30 pm
December: Date and time will be announced for Board Members

Let's Make History In Yancey County

MEMBER APPLICATION

Contributions Categories

\$ _____ I pledge to increase my contribution to the next level of support.

\$ _____ Sponsor (\$50.00) Donor (\$25.00) Member (\$10.00)

\$ _____ Any contribution large or small is welcome.

_____ I am interested in contributing items for use and display in the Museum.

All Gifts to Yancey History Association are tax deductible. Thank You for your support.

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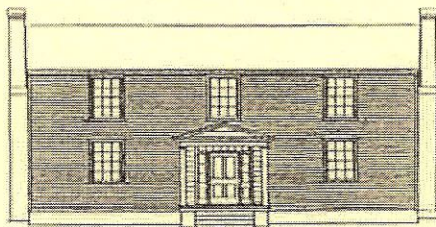
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Burnsville, NC 28714

Name _____

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Phone _____

Email: _____



Proffitt-Cousins Log Cabin Restoration Project

The project has begun, thanks to Steve King a life long resident of the Elk Shoal Community where the cabin is located. Steve has volunteered to dismantle the structure.

We still need volunteers to help in transporting the logs to the museum grounds and then reassembling the cabin. Curtis Allen, a local carpenter, is assisting us in this effort.

We desperately need your monetary donations at this time to help cover cost of a construction supervisor for a couple of weeks and additional building supplies.

Parlor Restoration Project

We are continuing slowly on the front parlor/post office space due to lack of funds. It seems most practical that we do this project right and complete the entire room as we invest the grant and private funds. It should take roughly an additional \$1,200 to complete.

Annex Phase One Project

See the article in this newsletter. So add this to your list of projects to donate to.

In addition to your monetary donations we need many items for the museum and/or the annex project. Including a variety of items from the 1800's through the 1950's. Items such as china, porcelain, stoneware, earthenware; flatware; clothing; quilts and other hand made items; furniture in particular, a dining room set for the main dining room in the museum.

We can use a rope bed, dresser or chest of drawers. We need straight chairs, fabric for draperies and items for the wall. It is hard to make the McElroy house a home without the items we use to decorate with to complete the little details of each room.

We ask that you consider making a monetary contribution to one of the three projects we currently have underway. You can mark the project of your choice on the form at the bottom of this page. Your donations are tax deductible.

RUSH WRAY MUSEUM OF YANCEY COUNTY HISTORY
PO BOX 1088
BURNSVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA 28714
PHONE: 678-9587 or 208-3671

I would like to make a monetary donation in the amount of \$ _____ for the following project:

- _____ Proffitt-Cousins Log Cabin Restoration Project
- _____ Front Parlor Restoration Project
- _____ Annex Phase One Project

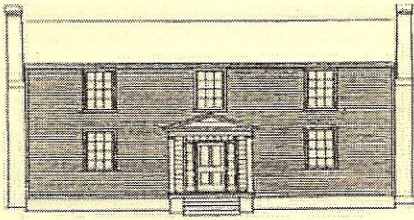
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*Our thanks to the Chamber of Commerce
for supporting our effort in getting the
McElroy House on the NC Civil War Trails!*

MUSEUM HOURS

2007 Schedule

Lloyd Bailey Annex:

January - February

Friday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

March - December

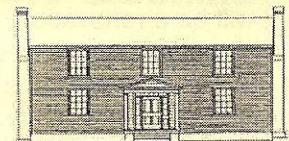
Wednesday-Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Week Closed

Museum Season:

April 1st - October 31st

Wednesday - Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.



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Toe River is derived.

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