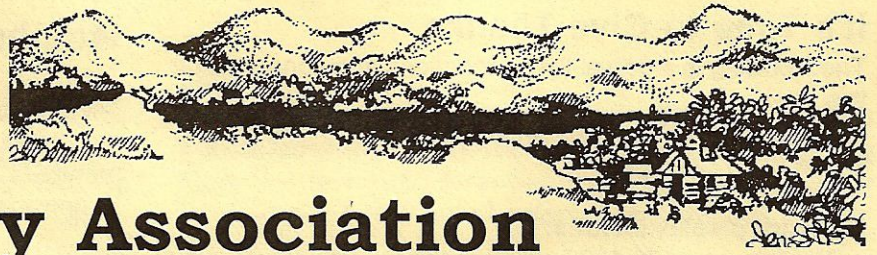


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Yancey History Association



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Preserving Our Appalachian Heritage

Summer 2008

President's Message

BIG CHANGES are underway!

My how time fly's! Can you believe the summer is almost over and we have just now gotten you this summer issue replacing the spring issue which honestly "just hant gona happen". Truly we do apologize for this foul up we are determined to have a great coming year.

We are going through more changes due to the very increasing budget expenses. The office will now only be open on Friday and Saturday beginning September 12th from 10 am to 4 pm. The reason is bittersweet; we have had to suspend the museum manager's position for an indefinite period.

The history association and Rush Wray Museum of Yancey County History will now be operated on an all-volunteer basis. We need your continued support now more than ever. We need volunteers as well as monetary support.

The parlor and post office room still is in need of hard wood floor restoration on about one forth of the



Parlor Restoration and Dedication

We had a wonderful turnout for the dedication we were sorry that Charlotte Derrough and Coleman Hyatt were not able to be with us, the house is open when they can come just call.

room. Those at the dedication have seen the wonderful progress and how fantastic the room looks as compared to when we started. The Cousins-Proffitt 1860's Log Cabin is being moved at this time, we are seeking funds to reconstruct the cabin into a usable living history home. The smoke house still needs the chinking completed mainly just through a hand full of volunteers and it could be done.

The board of directors and volunteers are working hard to accomplish a great deal over the coming year. Please step up and lend your support today!

Bob Wilson, President
Executive Board of Directors

Introducing those New Faces (NEW! Volunteers)

Branion Gillespie, grandson of Becky and Charles Gillespie who is visiting his grandparents and volunteered with us two days each week for the summer. He also assisted with the museum collections inventory which is going into it's second year.

Betty Parker lives in the Jacks Creek community and began volunteering this spring just in time to peel and cut up a bushel of apples for the apple butter-making day! She is now seeking sponsors for the cost of the newsletter through business card size ads plus doing PR!

Janet Ray helps with many of the special receptions including the Parlor/Post Office Dedication.

Jonathan and son Joey Selby have been doing many things from carpentry and repairs to video work for YHA. Jonathan has produced a Battle of Burnsville DVD presentation now available for \$10 in the gift shop, a 15 minute overview tour film of the museum will be available next year for visitors.

Give these folks a big hand!

WE NEED YOUR HELP - VOLUNTEER TODAY
2-6 hours per week. Please Help!

It's Time to Give Thanks

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

Monetary gifts received from:

- Charlotte Derrough
- Ray Vance Miller

Items for display include:

- Six Victorian 1870-1890, upholstered side chairs by Elaine Dellinger
- A large wheel Spinning Wheel by Shirley and Steve Bryant, Elaine Dellinger
- 6 Oil Lamps (Dixie Styles Antiques) by Stacy Laughrun
- 1 seed sower
- 1 Tobacco Market Basket by Lloyd Silvers
- A collection of old letters and children's articles
- Books for museum display by Anne Swan curator of the Carson House Museum in Marion
- Wooden farm mallet
- A colonial to late 1800's replica of a fireside screen was donated by Elaine & Charles Dellinger for the parlor.

The next issue will have more of the contributions received over the year.

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 we now give thanks!

Membership Meeting Schedule

The next quarterly meeting will be September 18, 2008 at 7 pm in the conference room of the Lloyd Bailey Annex all members are welcome there will be no program only a business meeting to discuss budget.

The annual meeting will be on Thursday October 2nd at 7 pm in the same conference room. Come early 6:30 for refreshments preceding the meeting.

Family History Buffs

If you are interested in attending the periodic genealogy meetings, or classes. Please contact Elaine Dellinger at the annex 678-9587 and leave a message for her to return your call with more information.

Calendar of Events Fall 2008



October 2nd Saturday 2 pm Annual YHA Meeting. Bylaws changes are indicating two board positions will be elected, the board is considering the nominees at this time.

Tentatively

Early November Tentative Tour of Historic Homes with an afternoon tea served at the museum. More information will be available by October 1st. Cost will be \$20 which includes the tea and tours of 4-6 homes in the west end of the county. A spring tour will cover another region of the county.

December 6th and 7th Traditional Candle Light Tours, with a special option of high tea on Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm. Candlelight tours will begin at 5 pm until 7:30 each day, admission fee \$5.00 for adults, children under 10 free. The cost of tea with the following menu: vanilla scone with strawberry jam and clotted cream, lemon curd tart, cucumber sandwich, tea cake, and a variety of tea both period and modern all for \$10 each. Call for more information or to volunteer. 678-9587 or 682-3671.



Proffitt-Cousins 1860's Log Cabin

Much progress has been made in the dismantling and moving of the cabin to the museum grounds. Thanks to Roger Ray for organizing men of the history association and others in this effort. Steve King and Curtis Allen have both added their knowledge of construction in helping to take the building down. We want to say thank you to each one who has donated their time, gas and labor for this project. Donations are coming in at this time for the re-construction phase. Including: \$500.00 given in memory of Capt. Logan Henry Dellinger who served under Gen. McElroy here in this house by his great great grandson Charles Dellinger. A plaque will be placed inside the cabin recognizing Capt. Logan Dellinger at the family's request.

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

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Proposed By-Laws Changes. We wish to add one sentence to follow the line listing the number of board members. To read 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". If you wish to discuss this contact Bob Wilson 682-2609.

Membership Renewal Past-Due Reminder

If your mailing label has **07** in the upper right hand corner, then your membership has expired and it is time to renew. If your label has an **08** then you are paid currently! Yeah! We truly count on the membership funds to help meet the cost of printing and postage, but it is not enough so we have begun in 2006 to have sponsors with their business card size ads at the cost of \$30 per issue or \$100 for a year. This helps meet the every increasing cost of bringing the newsletter to our or members.

Life Time Memberships issued by board approval then to Elaine and Charles Dellinger for her work and life changing contributions to the well excavation in 2004. Nancy Shaw is also a recipient of the Life Time Membership for her many years of service in the community with this and many other organizations and students.

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What's Been Happening...

April

Professional Photographer, Elizabeth Gibson spent a spring day at the museum photographing staff and board members in period dress both 1860's and Colonial eras. She will be donating one painting for display in the museum in the coming months. So Elizabeth! Many thanks for a delightful day.

Terry McKinney was the featured entertainment at the spring open Board meeting in April. Terry played a variety of country music songs well known from the early 1930-1990. Special guest star was our very own Colette Blankenship, a lady of many talents. We would like to thank him for his kindness in doing so.

May

The history association served as host/hostesses for the Chambers After Hours dinner in May, the menu was cold cuts, pasta salad and cheesecake. Again Terry McKinney provided the music for the event along with Colette.

Daniel Barrin, Regional Library Director has allowed James Byrd to work with us on getting our genealogy library books entered into the public library's Dewey Decimal System. This will allow for more visibility when folks check with the public library as to genealogy resources we have that the public library does not. James reports that there are very few books that overlap, which is great. The project is about 2/3rds done.

June

Board member and historian, Elaine Dellinger gave a presentation in the Ami-theatre at Mountain Air on The Early Settlement of Yancey County. Elaine was in working class clothing of colonial period dress.

July

We had the Veteran's exhibit that lingered until September 10th.

August

The Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser in the annex netted more than \$350 dollars.


The genealogical society had the first meeting of the year, plans for regular meetings are underway for the fall and winter with classes on basic research of your family names, a scrapbooking class is planned for March, watch the newspaper for details.

Poor Man's supper fundraiser specifically for the Battle of Burnsville in April 2009 netted \$464 dollars. During the supper which took place on the lawn of the museum a quilt and rocking chair were donated and auctioned by Janet & Phillip Ray. The money from the auction goes toward the parlor furniture.


September

Some new exhibits are coming! Come see them!

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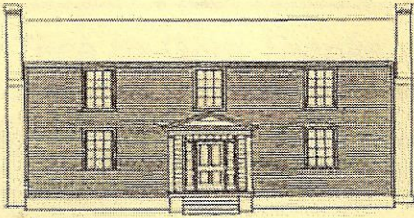
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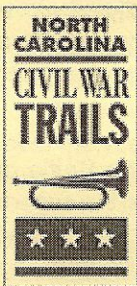
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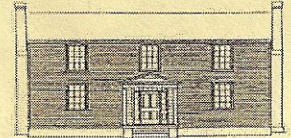
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